Governor Kate Brown announced in April that Oregon will provide $30 million to the Oregon Food Bank State Network, of which FFLC is a member, affording us much-needed resources to meet the increased demand of food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. This financial support comes just as the state of Oregon and FFLC will dramatically help in getting the needed food items that we would typically get through food drives, Food Bank Alliance and Food Resources of Eugene.

“In times of crisis, no Oregonian should need to wonder where they can find food for their family,” said Governor Brown. “I know many Oregonians, through no fault of their own, have lost their jobs and incomes due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Oregon Food Bank Network is in a critical resource for families across the state. “We’re seeing a dramatic increase in the demand for food,” said Kara. “At the same time we’re experiencing a significant decrease in people putting food on the table. This is impacting people from all walks of life and ages. This stimulus from the State of Oregon could not come at a better time.”

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More people in our community are struggling through these difficult times. Across the state, food pantries are reporting a dramatic increase in demand for food – between 175% and 200% depending on the area.

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The income guidelines for obtaining food assistance in Oregon have changed 50% with Governor Brown’s Budget Bill SB 500. This change allows greater flexibility to assist Oregon households that didn’t previously qualify.

FFLC Launches Mobile Pantries to Meet Increased Demand for Food

In Eugene/Springfield NAACP President Eric Richards contacted FFLC in March to offer his help. By the following week, FFLC’s first mobile pantry was up and running at NAACP headquarters, housed in the Historic Mims House in Eugene.

During the first nights of operation, NAACP and FFLC staff and volunteers served 87 families – 44 children – to a total of 121 people. Since opening, FFLC has served 84 families – 40 children – to a total of 124 people.

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Mission:
To reduce hunger by expanding our community to reduce hunger in Lane County, Oregon
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This public health crisis has disrupted our food supply ways. Many food and fund drives have been postponed or canceled. In addition, FFLC has suspended food pick-ups from grocery stores, inflicting an additional strain on emergency food hospitals. These sources provide variety and nutrition to our food supply. Food drive donors provide numerous tons of shelf-stable packaged food.

Since March, many people have generously donated food to help fill the gap. Thank you to everyone and our donors — and all those not listed here — for stepping up to make sure that people have food on their table. Safety getting food to those in need is a complex challenge in these circumstances. As the pandemic continues, FFLC is needed more than ever.

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HOW IS FFLC DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO THE COMMUNITY?

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FFLC continues the Meals on Wheels program in Eugene. Volunteers are delivering meals into home settings at particularly high risk during the pandemic. We have implemented a “no touch” delivery system that reduces direct contacts in the delivery process and handling of each meal. Clients or someone in the household receive the meal when possible. As well, we have started delivering lunches of frozen meals once a week to many seniors to reduce the frequency of contact.

EMERGENCY INITIATIVES

We are operating four mobile pantries one night a week in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Dunbarton. In addition, Lane County has contracted with FFLC to provide food at three local hospital sites.

At this time, the best way you can help is by making a financial donation to FFLC. Donate online at foodforlanecounty.org/COVID19Fund; call (541) 343-2822 or mail a check to FFLC, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. Your gift will provide food to those who need it most.