



# The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

## TEFAP Program Overview: What is TEFAP?





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- A federal program administered by USDA that helps provide food to low-income Wisconsinites
- Administered at the state level by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)



# How It Works



USDA provides grant funding for administrative and food costs to Wisconsin DHS.

Wisconsin DHS grants funds to local recipient agencies (ERAs) to receive, store, and distribute USDA foods to food distribution sites.

Staff and volunteers allocate USDA foods to qualifying Wisconsin residents at TEFAP distribution sites including food pantries, meal sites, and shelters.

# Three Statewide TEFAP Partnerships





# ERA Requirements



Have a contract with Wisconsin Department of Health Services



Manage distribution sites for TEFAP program requirements



Receive, store, and distribute USDA foods to distribution sites



# A TEFAP Distribution Site Must:

Be a charitable organization with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status or a government entity.



Be willing to follow TEFAP regulations.



Apply and be reviewed for other programmatic considerations.



# A TEFAP Distribution Site Must Agree To:

Follow eligibility guidelines.

Train staff on and follow Civil Rights laws.

Correctly store USDA foods, maintain inventory, and keep documentation.



Participate in an optional knowledge check





