



2022 Gifts to Food Banks Report

Introduction

In December 2018, the Governor signed legislation establishing a tax check-off allowing the public to make a direct donation to the Gifts to Food Banks fund from their personal tax return effective for tax year 2019. The Gifts to Food Banks Fund was established to provide financial support to the State's regional food banks.

Monies from this fund, after appropriation, are to be made available to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for grants to regional food banks. NYSDOH will ensure, to the extent possible, that all monies received during the fiscal year are expended prior to the end of that fiscal year. This report summarizes how the Gifts to Food Banks funding was utilized in State Fiscal Year 2022, the second year these funds were appropriated.

2022 Report Summary

The NYSDOH Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) provides emergency food relief and nutrition services to nutrition insecure populations in New York State. More than 400 million emergency meals are provided through a network of approximately 2,500 Emergency Feeding Programs (including food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters). Currently, HPNAP funds 45 contracts that include nine Regional Food Banks and 36 Direct Service providers that support the 2,500 EFPs. As a result of HPNAP's longstanding relationship with the Regional Food Banks, the HPNAP was designated by the NYSDOH as the program to administer the grants to food banks through this fund.

For tax year 2021, New Yorkers donated \$256,810 to the Gifts for Food Banks Fund. These funds are intended to be utilized to support each of the 10 New York State Food Banks in various capacities, including:

1. Food transportation expenses to pay shipping costs to deliver donated and/or purchased foods to Regional Food Banks for their network of Emergency Food Pantries. Food transportation costs have increased dramatically in recent years, particularly with high gas prices.
2. Infrastructure support for capital improvements or other infrastructure support enhancements in their warehouse facilities that would improve their ability to respond to disasters and/or provide food assistance services. Costs could include electrical transfer switch work that would allow emergency generators to be connected to regional food bank warehouses. Funds could also be used to purchase or repair warehouse equipment or improve warehouse operating space.

Below is the Summary Financial Plan which includes estimates of all receipts for the current fiscal years along with the actual results from the prior fiscal year.

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Opening Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 319,266	\$ 399,950
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307
Total Receipts with Transfers	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307
Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,000	\$ 500,000
Grants to Local Governments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,000	\$ 500,000
Total Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 319,266	\$ 399,950	\$ 162,257