



2023 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 tax check off has continued through 2023. 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 2023, the third year these funds were appropriated.

2023 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 2,700 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 2,700 EFPs. As a result of HPNAP's longstanding relationship with the Regional Food Banks, HPNAP was designated by NYSDOH as the program to administer the grants to food banks through this fund.

1. For tax year 2023, New Yorkers donated \$262,088 to the Gifts for Food Banks Fund. HPNAP has allocated no funds (\$0) as gift tax contracts to NYS food banks in 2023. This funding has not been made available to the program to allow contracts to be executed, and the funds to be expended prior to the March 31, 2024, state fiscal year end date. HPNAP would establish contracts in 2024-25 for any funds made available that allows these monies to be spent by March 31, 2025.

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	2023-2024
Opening Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 319,266	\$ 399,950	\$162,257
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307	\$262,088
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307	\$262,088
Total Receipts with Transfers	\$ -	\$ 62,456	\$ 256,810	\$ 291,684	\$ 262,307	\$262,088
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	\$424,345