



Supporting the Feeding America food banks and their affiliates serving Iowa in their work to ensure that all communities have access to food.

Iowa Food Bank Association

2027 State Legislative Agenda

The Iowa Food Bank Association (IFBA) is comprised of six trusted Feeding America food banks that work together to:

- Ensure that Iowans have enough to eat to stay healthy and productive
- Educate and advocate for policies that eliminate food insecurity
- Efficiently and effectively serve Iowans facing hunger

Choose Iowa

Increase the current state appropriation for Iowa food banks to purchase local and Iowa-produced foods:

- Increase current standing appropriation to \$500,000 for food banks to purchase Iowa-grown, produced or processed foods to distribute to Iowans.
- Reduce red tape for locally produced foods by modernizing framework to increase market access for local producers.

SNAP Hotline

New appropriation to IFBA to fund the state's SNAP hotline to ensure Iowans have access to application assistance:

- \$170,000 appropriation to the Iowa Food Bank Association to continue operating the DHHS SNAP hotline. IFBA receives no reimbursement for handling the approximately 80% of calls referred by DHHS and faces a funding gap due to H.R. 1 changes.

Protect Access to Public Assistance Programs

Support policies that protect and strengthen access to public assistance programs.

- Maintain equitable eligibility requirements for public assistance programs such as: TEFAP, SNAP, WIC.



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