



Capital Food
Access Alliance

**A Collaborative Model for
SB 1383 Success**



SACRAMENTO COUNTY



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Introductions & Background



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Agenda

- SB 1383 Requirements
- Regional Program Development and Purpose
- Results and Challenges
- Future Plans and Moving Forward
- Q&A



SB 1383 Requirements

Problem:

- 3 billion pounds of potentially-donatable food is landfilled each year
- Organic waste in landfills contributes to 20% of the State's methane emissions
- Redirected edible food waste could help feed millions of the 1 in 5 Californians without enough to eat

California State Mandate (effective January 1, 2022):

- Reduce organic waste destined for landfills by 75%
- Recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfill



SB 1383 Requirements, cont.

Sets requirements for Tier 1 & Tier 2 food generators:

- Fines and penalties for non-compliance

Specific Compliance Criteria:

- Written contracts with food recovery service or organization
- Donation Logs



Purpose, Reason, & Plan





2016

- California Senate Bill 1383 (Lara)

2021

- Edible Food Recovery Working Group (EFRWG) formed. The Department of Waste Management and Recycling serves as the lead for Sacramento County.

2023

- Public Health takes over as project lead, including fiscal and contracting responsibilities.
- Jurisdictions formalize their partnership by establishing a Regional Agreement, an MOU outlining financial commitments, responsibilities, & decision-making processes.



2024

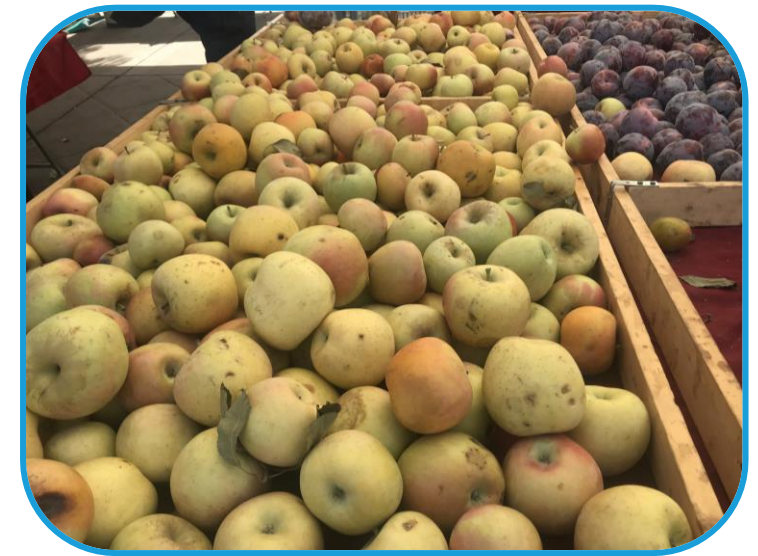
- Abound Food Care begins work as the EFR Consultant on January 1.
- The EFRWG re-brands as the Capital Food Access Alliance (CFAA).
- CFAA launches its website and Microgrant Application in June.

2025

- CFAA launches equipment grant and expansion grant programs.

2026

- CFAA launches supplemental award grant program.



Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Population	% of Total	# of Votes
Citrus Heights	85,554	6%	1
Elk Grove	178,679	11%	1
Folsom	88,023	5%	1
Galt	25,785	2%	1
Rancho Cordova	82,109	5%	1
Sacramento	520,407	33%	2
Unincorporated Sacramento County	597,614	38%	2
TOTAL	1,548,634	100%	9



CFAA Financial Structure

- Jurisdictional investments based on population size
- Initial funding:
 - \$3.475 million for 2-year project (FY23-24 & FY24-25)
- Now in year 4 using carryover funds
- Investments ranged from ~\$51,000 to \$1.2+ million



How We Funded Our Work

- Commercial hauling franchise fees
- General funds
- Some OWR grant funds (only for consultant costs)



Sustainability

- Staff Consensus:
 - Initial funds went further than expected, but work is not done
 - Would recommend additional jurisdictional investments
- BUT, staff are not the final decision makers
- Need to demonstrate project success and justify further investment
 - Developing report/toolkit to make the case
- Second round of funding likely sources:
 - commercial hauling fees



Results & Challenges





Capital Food Access Alliance

Grant Programs

- To date, a total of \$2.2M was awarded to 29 non-profit organizations in 44 approved grant applications in Sacramento County
- 25% of funding went to smaller grants (capped at \$25,000)
- 75% of funding went to larger grants

<https://capfoodaccess.org/>



Volunteers with SSIP Food Closet

— Microgrant & Equipment Awardee & sub-applicant for Expansion Grant

CFAA Grant Programs

Goals of the grant programs:

- Increase the **capacity** of local organizations and businesses operating within the County of Sacramento to **recover and distribute** edible food.
- Collect **data** on the impact of funds awarded on increasing the amount of food safely recovered and/or distributed by food recovery organizations and services.



CFAA Grant Programs, cont.

Goals of the grant programs:

- Collect data on trends related to **food waste** and food recovery.
- Ensure **food safety** in food recovery and distribution.
- Improve the region's ability to respond to and **comply with SB 1383** mandates by increasing capacity, thereby enabling businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed.



2024 Micro Grants
2025 Equipment Grants
2025 Expansion Grants
(Newly launched) 2026 Supplemental Award Grants

Most Common Purchases

1. **Food Safety Equipment:** gloves, containers, bags, boxes, and thermometers
2. **Cold Storage:** Refrigerators and freezers
3. **Carts:** Pushcarts and hand trucks
4. **Storage:** Shelving units and tables
5. **Vehicles:** Box trucks, refrigerated vans, and refrigerated food trucks



New carts at Real Life Church in Galt
– Microgrant Awardee

Micro Grants

- \$5,000-\$25,000; 6-month grant term
- Low-barrier threshold, accessible application process to quickly distribute funding to organizations
- Assisted with applications and reports
- Conducted site visits

We learned there are many orgs that have never applied for a grant because they were intimidated and haven't had access to assistance in the past.



Manna Food Bank— Microgrant Awardee, Equipment Grant Awardee, Expansion Grant Awardee

2024 Microgrants

A total of \$345,422 was awarded to 20 food recovery organizations.

Equipment Grant

- \$25,000 funding cap; 6-month grant term
 - 15% of total budget request for staffing grant administration
- Abound Food Care helped identify quotes based on price, durability, sustainability, and compliance and checked the items with a third party to assess commercial-grade quality food equipment
- Hosted multiple meetings with applicants to select the best fit for the equipment

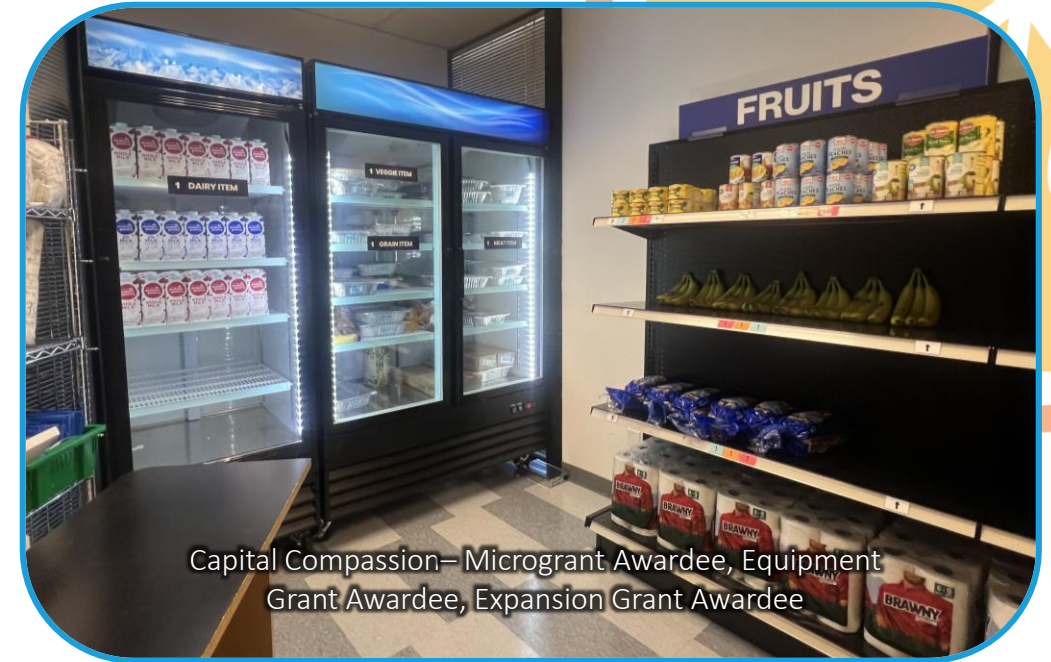
We learned there are a wide variety in needs for specs when it comes to cold storage – It's not as easy as saying, "pick one of these refrigerators."



2025 Equipment Grant
A total of \$160,046 was awarded to 12 food recovery organizations.

Expansion Grant

- \$150,000 per project area; 9-month grant term
- LOI process to explore project scope
- Four project areas:
 - Transportation
 - Repurposing Kitchens
 - Tier 2 Food Recovery
 - Innovative Projects



Capital Compassion— Microgrant Awardee, Equipment Grant Awardee, Expansion Grant Awardee

2025 Expansion Project Grants

A total of \$1,653,024 was approved to be awarded to 12 expansion grants, including 19 food recovery organizations and establishments.

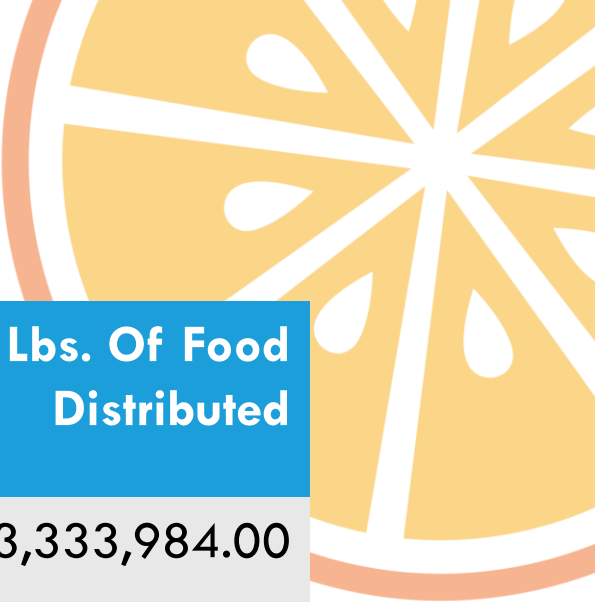
Expansion Grant, cont.

- Ongoing meetings with the Sacramento County Environmental Management Division to review public health and food safety standards
- Multiple workshops to score applications, ask follow-up questions, and vote on awards

We learned that larger, more complex grant programs require longer grant and reporting periods as well as more administrative input.



Grant Results to Date



Grant Tract	No. Of Orgs Awarded	Lbs. of Food Recovered	Lbs. Of Food Distributed
2024 Micro Grant	19	3,870,334.55	3,333,984.00
2025 Equipment Grant*	11	2,560,063	2,820,255
2025 Expansion Grant*	10	3,922,230	4,215,231

*2 out of 11 Equipment grants have received extensions. Final results pending.

*5 out of 10 Expansion grants have received extensions. Final results pending.

Supplemental Award Grant (SAG)

- **Eligibility:** Any non-profit organization, business, or entity operating within *Sacramento County* who *has previously applied for a past CFAA grant opportunity*.
- Quick turnaround time for reporting
- **Funding Request:** up to \$25,000
- **Prioritization:** Collaborative and Tier 2 projects
- **Total Funds Available:** \$125,000.00

Accepting Applications Now!



Capacity Expansion Project Case Study – Todo Un Poco

CFAA Expansion Project Grant recipient Todo Un Poco, located in Elk Grove, launched repurposing efforts with **\$149,999** in grant funding. Utilizing food ingredients received from Rancho Cordova Food Hub, Todo Un Poco transformed edible food waste into ready-to-eat meals.

Todo Un Poco has emerged as a successful example of how edible food recovery can extend beyond traditional food distribution through surplus ingredients and maximizing ingredients' utilization.



Capacity Expansion Project Case Study – Todo Un Poco, cont.



From November 2025 to June 2026 Todo Un Poco produced approximately **15,000 meals** for distribution. Creating significant community impact across Sacramento County, while advancing California's edible food recovery objectives under SB 1383:

- ✓ Reducing food waste
- ✓ Increasing access to nutritious meals
- ✓ Supporting seniors, families, individuals experiencing homelessness, and others facing barriers to accessing nutritious meals

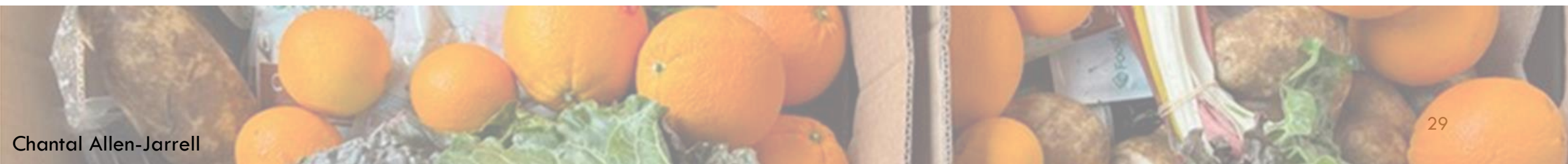
Future & Plan Moving Forward



Trends

Trends from the completed microgrants:

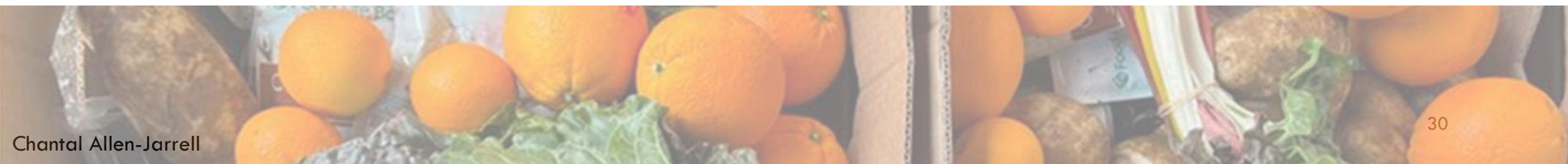
- Increased Recovery and Distribution
- Reduced Waste
- Expanded Storage Capacity
- Increased Service Reach
- Improved Operational Efficiency
- Reduced Physical Demands
- Enhanced Client Experience
- Strengthened Safety Practices
- Promoted Community Building
- Empowered FROs to Seek Future Funding



Trends, cont.

High trends in requests to support food access in the following areas, not directly related to SB 1383 capacity building:

- Connection to agriculture
- Gleaning
- Workforce Development
- Staff time
- Purchase of food



Next Steps for the Future

Supplemental Award Grant Program – FY 2027

- Identify and pursue additional funding opportunities to support food recovery organizations.
- Explore partnerships that may be able to fund both 1383 recovery and food access initiatives.
- Promote recovery organizations and a more holistic view of their needs to support capacity expansion and garner further support.



Next Steps for the Future, cont.

Supplemental Award Grant Program – FY 2027

- Evaluate the Tier 2 and collaborative logistics pilots for sustainability and scalability; and identify associated ongoing costs.
- Reassess capacity expansion needs and opportunities to enhance the regional programs.



Connecting to Food Access

Sacramento Safety Net Alliance

Food Security Workgroup

Collaborative effort bringing together local government, healthcare providers, non-profits, and faith-based organizations

Opportunity to engage food recovery and community-based organizations in ways that are outside parameters of SB 1383 and CFAA



Penelope Lary, Director of the Food Recovery Program at Potter's House Church

Connecting to Food Access, cont.

Sacramento Safety Net Alliance

Food Security Workgroup

Allows opportunity to view edible food recovery as a climate action and hunger relief strategy

Uplifts that food recovery and waste reduction are a strategy within the broader food system



Question & Answer



Thank You!

