Food Security Capital and Innovation Fund

\$4 million

funding 2022/2023

Funded

formal & informal food insecurity providers to:

- Improve system inefficiencies
- Support food distribution demands



Investment in Other Infrastructure



Investment in Operations





Investment in Capital Improvements





Year-One Fund Outcomes:



1. Reduced
Barriers to
Food Access

(*increase 2021, 2022)

Increased % residents served

45%

Increased % families served

53%

Increased % first-time users served

49%



2. Increased
Sector-Wide
Capacity to
Collaborate
*two-year funding totals

\$1.2 M

Collaborative Food Warehouse, Brampton Food Hub \$1 M

Warehouse Expansion, Mississauga Foodbank \$400 K

Expanded Food Procurement Capacity, Regeneration



Improved Food Sector Capacity through the funding of:

Updated Infrastructure

- Accessible ramps
- HVAC/Electrical
- Kitchen upgrades

Food Donation & Distribution Equipment

- 4 Delivery trucks
- 4 Walk-in freezers
- 4 Walk-in fridges
- 5 Warehouse equipment

Staff and Volunteer Shortfalls

• 19 Staff positions, across 11 non-profits

Current Food Insecurity Trends in Peel



Inflation

11.4% increase in food prices

• Affordability has become a challenge for Peel residents

(*year over year, Statistics Canada)



Increased Resident Needs

- Increased foodbank use, specifically employed, families, single adults, and first-time users
- Increased foodbank referrals
- Increased need for inflationary related services
- Decreased post-pandemic volunteerism



Food Donations

- Decreased community & large-scale donations
- Decreased quality of food donations
- Increased food waste costs for non-profits
- Increased need for direct food purchases



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