2022-2023 Food Security Capital and Innovation Fund

\$4 million

funding 2022/2023

Funded

7 formal & informal food providers to:

- · Improve system inefficiencies
- · Support food distribution demands



Investment in Other Infrastructure

46% 25% 29%

Investment in Operations





Investment in Capital Improvements





Year-Two Fund Outcomes:



1. Reduced
Barriers to
Food Access

(*increase 2021-2023)

Increased % of residents served*

78%

3.9_M lbs.

Food distributed during 2023

Brampton Food Hub served (Q4 /2023)

356,000 lbs. 15,000 residents



2. Increased
Sector-Wide
Capacity to
Collaborate

Foodbanks Mississauga warehouse expansion

44,000 sq. ft. & 3 times more chilled

storage

79 %

Increase sector wide storage space to accept large scale donations Expanded capacity to receive & distribute fresh & frozen food

40 %

increase in chilled storage sector wide



3. Improved Food Sector Capacity through the funding of:

Updated Infrastructure

- · Accessible ramps
- · HVAC/Electrical
- · Kitchen upgrades

Food Donation & Distribution

- · 4 Delivery trucks
- \cdot 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

\$16,257 annual average family food bill

· Food inflation rates of 5-7% are resulting in increased foodbank use



Increased Resident Needs **60-80%** increased foodbank visits, with **30% being first time users**.

- · Increased need for inflationary related services
- · Decreased post-pandemic volunteerism



Food Donations

- · Decreased community & large-scale donations
- · Foodbanks consistently report they are unable to provide the quantity of dry, fresh, dietary & culturally appropriate food required by residents.

