



College Food Access Grants: Request for Applications

The mission of the Central Texas Food Bank is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger. We recognize that specialized support and investment is essential to meeting the specific needs of college students in the city of Austin. To that end, we are pleased to announce our **College Food Access Grants**.

In addition to taking classes, today's college student may be working one or multiple jobs, raising children, caring for relatives, or struggling with their own mental or physical health. For many students, the transition to college can bring new and uncomfortable unpredictability, including where they will find their next meal, which negatively impacts their ability to achieve their greatest academic potential. According to some studies, up to 48% of college students may be food insecure.

The purpose of these investments is to provide necessary resources to college students through projects that best meet the specific needs of each individual campus. These projects should focus on advancing equitable access to food resources on campus by targeting the gaps in current services offered, with an ultimate goal of building campus food systems that allow all students to participate and thrive. Proposals for establishing a campus pantry with a food rescue component are encouraged. Campus pantries will receive the long-term support and technical assistance of the CTFB.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Groups from the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Community College campuses within the City of Austin, Huston-Tillotson University, St. Edward's University and Concordia University may apply
- Student groups, student government organizations, and/or campus-based student support or emergency services departments are eligible to apply
- Proposals must have clearly defined metrics
- Total of \$50,000 available
- CTFB reserves the right to award partial funding for any project selected
- Mid-grant and end-of-grant period reporting
- Awardees must expend all funds by the end of the grant period

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria

- Analysis of answers to RFA questions and budget
- Focus on campus food equity and centering of student needs and ideas

Timeline:

- Technical Assistance Calls: Monday, August 1st from 2:00pm-3:00pm and Friday, September 9th from 10:00am-11:00am. To register to attend a technical assistance call complete this [brief sign-up](#) and the zoom link will be shared with you ahead of the call.
- Grant Application Closes: September 30, 2022
- Awards Announced: November 1, 2022
- Grant Period: November 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

For Additional Information:

Visit <http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/collegefoodaccessgrant> or email gsansoucie@centraltexasfoodbank.org with the subject line 'College Food Access Grants'