

Partner Agency Blast: June 2023

July 4th Closure

IMPORTANT REMINDER- The Food Bank will close on Independence Day, July 4th. This means all regularly scheduled pick-ups and deliveries are cancelled during this time. Below are the modifications being made to the ordering schedule as a result of this closure:

If your organization will be in need of a rescheduled pick-up during this closure, please reach out to agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org or your CTFB Relationship Manager to see what may be possible. Reschedule spots will be limited and are available first-come, first-served.

If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:	Your ordering window opens on:	At:	Your order is due on:	At:
Wed., July 5	Thu., June 29	10:15 a.m.	Fri., June 30	9:00 a.m.
Thu., July 6	Fri., June 30	10:15 a.m.	Mon., July 3	9:00 a.m.
Fri., July 7	Mon., July 3	10:15 a.m.	Wed., July 5	9:00 a.m.

For the most up-to-date closure information, please refer to the [2023 Holiday Guide](#) and the [agencies web page](#).

Wholesale Food Club

As we continue to experience the new reality of a more scarce donated food supply, compounded by an increased need, many of you have expressed interest in purchasing food. While this is not a long-term sustainable solution for any of us, the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) can assist with reducing costs of food purchases by leveraging our purchasing power and economies of scale.

To help support our network and those we serve, CTFB is happy to share that it's launching the CTFB Wholesale Food Club (WFC)! As such, we'd like to gauge existing or renewed interest in this opportunity.

The purpose of the WFC is to:

- Reduce the cost of food you're already purchasing for your neighbors and your programs (this includes backpacks, school pantries, senior boxes, etc.).
- Assist with logistics by storing and delivering your order.

We will work with our network of national food wholesalers to secure the best pricing possible on bulk orders. To ensure the success of the program, CTFB will purchase this product by the truckload. This will require those participating in WFC to commit to purchasing and receiving their committed quantities of the WFC items; CTFB will deliver the food directly to you!

We are working hard to optimize every possible avenue to deal with ongoing supply chain issues and gaps in government commodities, both in the short term and for the long run, as well as sourcing substantial quantities of fresh produce, which is more easily accessible in today's national food supply and meets our goals to provide healthy food options, based on feedback we've received directly from those we collectively serve.

If you're interested, please complete the survey at the link below, and our Network Standards team will follow up with additional questions and a shopping list. Please ensure your agency's primary contact has received this message.

Please complete by Noon on Friday, June 23rd : Wholesale Club interest form.



Please Order within your Ordering Window

Agency Express has been experiencing several glitches to the ordering system that may allow Agencies to order ahead of their designated ordering window. Please do not order outside of your assigned ordering window; items placed on your order will be removed.

2023-2024 TEFAP Intake Forms Now Available

2023-2024 Intake Forms are now available with the updated income guidelines in English and Spanish. Please start using the new forms by July 1st, 2023. They are available for download on CTFB's Resource Center under 'Agency Documents'. Other languages may be available upon request. Email agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org, if you are in need of intake forms in additional languages.

Service Insights Technology Funds Available

As a part of our Service Insights Initiative, we are excited to offer Technology Grant Funds to Partner Agencies. You can apply to receive up to \$3,000* per distribution site for items like tablets, laptops, barcode scanners, Wi-Fi extenders, signature pads, etc. that will enable you to collect data more efficiently. If you have received technology funds in the past but are in need of additional funds to help with electronic intake, please submit a new application. All applications must be submitted by August 4, 2023.

*We will be looking at applications on a case-by-case basis and the actual amount we award may vary based on total demand.

Please apply and find additional information here. If you have questions about what to apply for, please email us at research@centraltexasfoodbank.org and you can find our [Recommended Oasis Devices sheet here](#).

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