

2023 funding available for food recovery organizations

The City of Carlsbad will be offering funding for equipment and staffing support to help community-based organizations expand the volume of food recovered from Carlsbad food-generating businesses.

Applications coming soon.

1. Long Term Equipment Agreement

Eligible equipment includes, but is not limited to:





Refrigerators, freezers, and refrigeration systems



Food preparation and cooking items such as ovens and ranges



Storage and collection infrastructure such as food crates and bins



Equipment to modernize production and handling (i.e., food scales, packagers)



Food safety supplies for temperature control

2. Staffing Resources

Support for existing or additional staff to assist organizations with day-to-day food rescue operations, including but not limited to:



Pay for drivers to conduct additional donor pickups



Pay for labor to turn end-of-life foods into value-added products



Pay for labor that increases meals served using additional rescued food



Pay for labor that results in an increase in the number of additional food generators



Eligible entities must be a business or non-profit organization located in, or servicing, the City of Carlsbad and be focused on rescuing edible food and distributing it to people in need. Entities must be able to demonstrate how the equipment or staff time will increase an organization's capacity to rescue edible food from the City of Carlsbad's Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators per SB 1383 requirements. Details and eligibility requirements of each funding opportunity will be provided soon.

