

FY24 Manna Farm to Food Bank Collaborative Funding Program FAQs

Q: Do the invoices and receipts I submit in my report need to match the total amount that I was funded through this opportunity?

A: Yes, by the end of the program period (November 30th, 2025) you will need to have submitted invoices and receipts for purchases that total the original amount of funding you received.

This program offers funding up front that will be paid back at 80% of its value in the form of locally produced food donated to Farm to Food Bank (F2FB) over the program period.

Q: Am I receiving 25% more for the products that I offer as repayment through this program?

A: Yes, but the extra 25% in value is only for products that are offered through the priority repayment period that runs from September 1st, 2024 – October 31st, 2024.

Q: Am I to donate produce back at 80% of the price on the F2FB Price List, or to donate 80% of the value of the award back?

A: The expectation is to provide products throughout the selected repayment period at 80% or more of the value of the collaborative funding payment.

For example, if an applicant was awarded \$10,000, they would be expected to provide \$8,000 in products. Products will be valued at 1-1.25x the prices listed on the [FY24 Farm to Food Bank pricelist](#), depending on the period offered.

Q: Is chicken an eligible product for repayment?

A: Yes, we have added whole chickens to the [FY24 F2FB pricelist](#) for \$20/chicken. Please note that no repayment plan, regardless of the product, is guaranteed to be accepted. All applications will be reviewed and vetted based on the criteria mentioned in [the NOFO](#) and outlined in the [Scoring Rubric](#).

Q: Is ground beef an eligible product for repayment?

A: Yes, ground beef is on the pricelist for [FY24 F2FB pricelist](#) for \$7.25/lb. Please note that no repayment plan, regardless of the product, is guaranteed to be accepted. All applications will be reviewed and vetted based on the criteria mentioned in [the NOFO](#) and outlined in the [Scoring Rubric](#).

Q: If I submit a proposed repayment plan but have more of a given product to donate, is that okay?

A: Yes, because the repayment plan is just a proposal, we expect variations in what you proposed to donate versus what you are able donate.

Q: Is the purchase of used equipment eligible under this program?

A: Yes, purchasing used equipment is allowable, however, you should include the anticipated longevity, maintenance plans, etc. for that equipment in your application.

Q: Do the products offered for the repayment plan have to be grown with the items purchased with this funding?

A: No, you can offer any products in your repayment plan. They do not have to be grown with items purchased through this funding opportunity.

Q: Will this opportunity result in additional funds to purchase from selected farmers? Or is it more of a timing benefit or prepayment for purchasing similar quantities?

A: This opportunity provides farm partners with up-front payments to be used by the farmer for the approved purposes. 80% or more of the value of the funding payment is then expected to be repaid in the form of locally grown or produced table crops or food donated to the F2FB program over up to 18 months from the agreement date. There is the opportunity to offer products at 1.25x their value between Sept 1, 2024 and Oct 31, 2024.

In addition to receiving money up front for approved expenses, there's also the benefit of repaying 80% of the value received, and the opportunity to donate crops for 1.25x their value during the priority period.