

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FOOD RESPONSE PLAN Follow Up Survey – Funds & Measureable Supports

This survey is to be completed by organizations that have offered/continue to offer measureable emergency food support during the COVID-19 pandemic (March – December 2020). Qualitative data was collected during the fall of 2020, which focused on forms of support offered, and challenges and successes around such offerings. The following survey is collecting important follow up information that pertains specifically to funding and measureable numbers on food support distributed. This is intended to paint a more detailed picture of the collective food response in our community during the pandemic. This information will:

- Support the EFR plan development process, as well as future emergency planning at the level of individual organizations, the municipality, and provincial and federal governments
- Encourage transparency and collaboration among organizations during future crises
- Offer the most comprehensive look at emergency funding and food related outcomes in our City during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Shed light on where gaps still remain and how they can be filled in the future, while avoiding duplication or misallocation of funds/resources
- Provide concrete data to leverage the necessary amount of emergency funds for our community/region in the future

The information shared in this survey as it relates to your specific organization will be confidential. Only the project team, housed at the Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy, will review the raw data and this data will be securely stored. The findings, which will compile the data shared across all organizations, will be shared back with participants and the broader community with no individual organization identifiers.

1. What is the name of your organization? *

Funding

In this section, we are looking to collect information about the funding your organization has accessed for food supports, both before and during COVID. This information will help paint a picture of where emergency food dollars were spent in our community and what the food support infrastructure looked like before the pandemic. We realize the funding for food supports also includes indirect costs, like staff and operations, that must also be taken into account. We recognize this can be complicated to report on, so please share information to the best of your ability at this moment!

2. In non-emergency times, does your organization have access to non-restricted funds or funds that can be easily reallocated to food related costs in an emergency situation? * Yes/No
3. In **2019**, how much of your organization's funding was designated for direct food supports? (ie. food hampers/boxes/packages, meals, gift cards, etc.)

4. In **2019**, how was your food support budget spent in order to provide food supports? Please break down the amounts if you are able to.

Type of Food Support	Amount
Food	
Packaging	
Staff	
Operational Costs	
Transportation	
Other	

5. Between March – December 2020, how much of your organization’s funding was designated for food supports? (ie. food hampers/boxes/packages, meals, gift cards, etc.)

6. From **March – December 2020**, how was your food support budget spent in order to provide food supports? Please break down the amounts if you are able to.

Type of Food Support	Amount
Food	
Packaging	
Staff	
Operational Costs	
Transportation	
PPE	
Other	

7. We know that funding allocation is messy and the above questions may not best capture the situation in your organization. Use this space to share any other information that would help paint the picture of how funds were used internally in order to provide the food supports you offered.

8. Did _____ your organization give funds to other local organizations or groups in order for them to provide food supports? * Yes/No

Additional/Emergency Food Funding

In this section, we are looking to build a broader understanding of the funding resources that are being tapped into within the community. This will help us to understand the opportunities that exist and how we can collectively leverage funding sources in future emergencies.

9. Did your organization access additional or emergency funding to offer food supports during March – December 2020? If you select no, skip ahead to the next section. *
Yes/No
10. Please list the funding sources your organization directly received additional/emergency food funding from. Being as specific as possible helps us collect the strongest information!
(ie. Thunder Bay Community Foundation, United Way, DSSAB, a federal or provincial government department or fund, granters, a First Nation community, corporate donations, national organizations, etc.)
11. What was challenging about accessing additional funding from Mar – Dec 2020?
(This can include experiences with funding overall, not just food support funds)
12. What made it easier to access additional funding during March – December 2020?
(ie. designated staff, relationship with a funder, knowing where to look, etc. This can include experiences with funding overall, not just food support funds)

Sharing Stats on Food Supports

In this section, we want to build a comprehensive overview of community-wide data on the total measureable food supports that were offered in the City of Thunder Bay during March – December 2020. We are also interested in building an understanding of how food support shifted in the face of a crisis, using data from 2019 to help us better understand what the food support infrastructure looked like pre-COVID. We recognize that not everyone will have numbers for all of these columns; if this is the case, leave that spot blank.

IMPORTANT: *If you received hampers or food directly from other food organizations (ie. RFDA, Roots to Harvest, Good Food Box) please do not record those numbers in your total, as they are being captured by those organizations. Essentially, if you didn't directly purchase the support, don't report it!*

13. In **2019**, how many of the following measurable supports were given out by your organization?

Measurable Food Supports	# given out
Food Boxes/Hampers	
Meals	
Gift Cards	
Other measurable supports (ie. produce from a garden, etc.)	

14. From **March – December 2020**, how many of the following measurable supports were given out by your organization?

Measurable Food Supports	# given out
Food Boxes/Hampers	
Meals	
Gift Cards	
Other measurable supports (ie. produce from a garden, etc.)	

15. We recognize that the way stats on food supports are recorded can be messy and the above table may not best capture the situation in your organization. Use this space to share any other information that would help paint the picture of what quantifiable direct food support your organization was able to offer in 2019 and in 2020.

16. If there is anything else you would like to share with the project team, please comment below!