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Resources and Funding Opportunities:

- ❑ **CAFB Curbside Groceries** –The Curbside Groceries truck is expanding food access in PG County and DC and has openings for new sites! The truck, operated by the Capital Area Food Bank, parks at residential and community sites for 1-3 hours and sells fresh produce, meat, and pantry items. It accepts cash, credit, debit and SNAP/EBT payments. You can learn more about what the truck sells and its current schedule at curbsidegroceries.org. If you or someone in your network might be interested in hosting the Curbside Groceries truck, the interest form is LIVE at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/fKG4cirT7C> – new sites will be selected starting in November. If you have any questions, please reach out to curbsidegroceries@capitalareafoodbank.org.
- ❑ **Fund WIC Social Media Toolkit** – <https://t.co/B4H1vybLDT>
- ❑ **David Harrington Food Justice Award** – The inaugural David Harrington Food Justice Award, dedicated to recognizing a true food justice champion in our very own Prince George's County. This award aims to honor an individual (aged 16 and above) who

has shown an exceptional commitment to advancing a healthier and more equitable food system within our community.

Nominations are currently being accepted, the deadline for submissions is: **February 1, 2024**. To submit your nomination, simply visit the following link: bit.ly/HarringtonFoodJustice

- **Project Insight Youth Development Program** – 10th and 11th grade students in DC and Prince George’s county can get paid (\$500!!) to learn about the intersection of health justice, community resilience, disaster preparedness, and more! Students will learn about community resilience, disability justice, food justice, racial justice, immigrant health, environmental justice, housing justice, mental health, harm reduction, violence prevention, and reproductive justice. Applications are due December 8th, 2023 at project-insight.org.
- **Community Partnership Grant (CPG)** – The Community Partnership Grant (CPG) program is the main discretionary grant initiative offered by the Office of the County Executive to qualified nonprofit organizations based upon a set of criteria, including the value added to the identified community, overall program costs, organizational stability and adequacy of other funding sources. This grant is due November 10th at 5 pm, for more details click [here](#).
- **Increased Fruit & Vegetable Benefits for WIC participants** – Additional fruit and vegetable benefits are now available on WIC (through November 30). To include: \$52 per month for most breastfeeding women, \$47 per month for most pregnant or postpartum women, and \$26 per month for children (1 to 5 years old). To increase buying power even further WIC participants can shop at participating Maryland Market Money locations. Check out participating markets [here](#).
- **Cold Storage Grant** – Nourish DC has launched the second round of the Keeping It Cool Grants. This grant round will continue to support cold storage equipment and infrastructure needs for

food-related businesses and nonprofit organizations. The Keeping it Cool grant and technical assistance webinar are generously supported by The Morningstar Foundation. Check the Nourish DC website for more information about the grant:

<https://www.capitalimpact.org/programs/nourish-dc-collaborative/>

- **Claiming your Food Program on FindHelp.org** – The FEC is working to add all food pantries listed on our [Prince George's County Community Program](#) on [Findhelp.org](#), a platform of social services listing. This will ensure residents in the county have a more comprehensive and centralized location to find resources and social services like housing, food, etc. All organizations should list AND claim their program/food distribution activities on findhelp.org. If you have any questions about how to do that, please email me at scarleth@pgcfec.org or schedule a time to meet [here](#).
- **DoE's Community Garden Mini-Grant** – The Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program supports the creation and need for community gardens that provide resources to the Prince George's County community while supporting the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until FY24 funds are exhausted. New and existing community gardens are eligible to apply. The RFA can be found [here](#), while the application portal can be accessed [here](#).
- **Wawa Grant** – Wawa has various grants to support non-profit organizations and schools. To find out more information and additional details click [here](#). The next grant cycle opens in October.
- **WSSC Water Partners with Promise** – WSSC Water is pleased to announce that we've partnered with Promise to offer affordable, flexible and interest-free payment plans to our customers. This **new financial assistance program allows residential and commercial customers with a past-due balance of \$50 or more**

to establish a payment plan. *By establishing a payment plan for past-due water and sewer bills and staying current with the plan, customers will avoid late fees and possible water service turnoffs.* Promise program flyers and social media posts for you to share with your list serves, newsletters and distribute in any way that works best: [Promise Pay social media toolkit](#). For additional information on the *Promise* program and to sign-up online, please visit: <https://wsscwater.promise-pay.com/>.

- **Brighter Bites webinar recordings** – BB hosted three 30-minute recordings this month. To check them out, click on the recording link for each webinar. Fill the Plate - [recording](#); Make it Great - [recording](#); Educate - [recording](#)
- **LAYC Summer 2023 Cookbook** – [This](#) cookbook was developed by the students at the Latin American Youth Center. These recipes were developed based on seasonal availability and cultural preference. Feel free to share with your networks!
- **Federal Nutrition Toolkit for Food Assistance Providers** – [This toolkit](#) was developed to help food assistance providers refer clients to benefit programs they may be eligible for. Please use this resource guide to direct clients to these programs to ensure residents have more sustainable resources to improve access to healthy food.
- **Farmers Market Outreach** – Farmers Market season is here again, and many Prince George's County markets accept SNAP, WIC, and FMNP benefits. Please feel free to share [this](#) listing of Farmers Markets in Prince George's County. On this listing you will also see which locations accept [Maryland Market Money](#). Outreach materials for the 2023 farmers market season can be found [here](#).
- **How to Distribute Culturally Appropriate Food** – [This guide](#) was developed based on our March Food Assistance Provider call and can be used as a resource to guide your organization in adopting practices that acknowledge your clients' cultures, religions, and diverse backgrounds.

- **Cultural Food Guide for Pantries** – [This guide](#) is intended to serve as a starting point for food pantries interested in offering more culturally responsive foods to their neighbors. This guide is not all-inclusive but is a good starting point as you're thinking of procuring tailored foods for your clients.
- **SNAP Application Assistance** – Maryland Hunger Solutions provides SNAP application assistance, state-wide—over the phone. If you know anyone in your communities interested in applying for SNAP and needing support, please feel free to share our toll-free hotline number with them. [1-866-821-5552](tel:1-866-821-5552). They also offer SNAP application training for other organizations or groups that are interested, please feel free to reach out to snapoutreach@mdhungersolutions.org, to schedule/ inquire further
- **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program ([LIHWAP](#))**. The program launched in early 2022 and **remains open until September 2023** to accept applications from residents in the state of Maryland, including WSSC Water customers, homeowners and tenants who are in need of assistance with paying their water/sewer bills.
- **Childcare P-EBT** —Childcare P-EBT benefits - issued automatically to non-school children (generally, children under six years of age) whose families receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Additional details can be found [here](#).

How to Write a Grant Proposal — Many of you have requested information on how to develop and write a grant proposal. Please find guidance on how to write a grant proposal [here](#).