



# FOOD ACCESS ASSISTANCE FUND



## PROGRAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

United Way of North Central Ohio serving Crawford, Marion, and Wyandot Counties (UWNCO) fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our communities.

UWNCO has created a Food Access Assistance Fund (FAAF) to aid households in Crawford, Marion, & Wyandot Counties in times of food access emergencies by providing temporary funding to participating 501(c)(3) designated food pantries and other qualifying essential needs programs.

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- UWNCO will contribute an initial investment of \$15,000 to this fund to be dispersed across all three counties (Crawford, Marion, and Wyandot).
    - A list of participating agencies will be provided by United Way of North Central Ohio (UWNCO).
    - Each United Way office in Crawford, Marion, and Wyandot Counties - along with local public libraries - will have contact information for participating agencies.
  - Any additional funds can be donated by other entities and will be managed by UWNCO and the FAAF committee in each county.
  - The FAAF committee in each county will include representatives from at least three of the following organizations:
    - United Way of Crawford, Marion, or Wyandot County
    - Area Job and Family Services
    - Local Officials
    - Area Educational Institutions
    - Public Libraries
    - Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission or other similar organization
  - This fund was effected to assist with food access problems as a result of the federal government shutdown and will be reassessed based on community need at the end of the first quarter (April 2019).
  - Participating agencies can apply for this funding in increments up to \$500 so that they may purchase additional food to meet the increasing need.
    - Funds must be used for the purchase of food only, or for the reimbursement of food purchases.
    - Itemized receipts must be submitted to United Way within 30 days of the purchase date.
  - The FAAF committee will review all applications and make all final decisions on the disbursement of unused funds.

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