



Food Pantry Grant Overview

OVERVIEW

United Dairy Industry of Michigan is proud to partner with food pantries to provide dairy foods, equipment and resources supporting an increase in distribution of dairy foods to clients. Our goal is that all clients visiting Michigan's food pantries have access to nutrient-rich dairy foods.

GRANT CATEGORIES

Dairy Foods Grant

Food pantries are eligible to apply for up to \$500 in dairy match funding. If a food pantry purchases dairy foods from their food bank or a local retailer, they can receive matching funds to purchase additional dairy foods. Eligible dairy foods include milk, cheese, yogurt and cottage cheese.

Food Pantry Infrastructure Grant

Food pantries may apply for up to \$2500 in funds to improve pantry infrastructure to support the distribution of dairy foods. Applications must include an itemized budget of funds requested. Examples of infrastructure requests to support dairy include coolers, transportation, maintenance, etc. UDIM will purchase equipment equivalent through vendor partnerships. Any remaining equipment and/or infrastructure requests UDIM is not able to directly procure will be issued in a grant for the food pantry to directly purchase items.

Eligibility

- Only food pantry staff are eligible to complete grant application
- Food pantry must be located in the state of Michigan
- Food pantries submitting for dairy food grant must be able to procure, safely store and distribute dairy foods.
- Food pantries submitting for food pantry infrastructure grant must be able to procure, safely store and distribute dairy foods.
- Applications must be complete to be considered for funding.
- Pantries are eligible to receive one grant in each category per calendar year. Grant awards not to exceed \$2500 total per calendar year.
- All food pantries will be required to submit program evaluation. Food pantries who fail to complete evaluation will not be eligible for future funding.

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Timeline

- Applications are a rolling submission and reviewed monthly. Applicants can anticipate a response within 30 days of submission.
- Grant applications for the 2020 calendar year will be open until November 15, 2020.
- UDIM will issue payment within 30 days of receiving completed Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement.
- Dairy Foods Grant evaluation due six months post grant. Infrastructure grants due six months and one-year post grant. Reporting requirements include number of monthly clients and quantity of dairy distributed.

Letter of Agreement/Grant Terms

- Grant awardees will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement upon confirmation of grant approval.
- Milk Match funding recipient agrees to use funds provided to purchase dairy foods.
- Infrastructure Grant funding recipient agrees to use the equipment/materials as outlined in the approved application and supporting Letter of Agreement.
- Equipment/materials is not transferrable to another pantry, institution or individual without prior written approval from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.
- Equipment/materials will be used to help improve access to and consumption of dairy foods for pantry clients.
- Upon delivery, the food pantry will maintain full ownership of the equipment and shall have responsibility for care and maintenance for the granted equipment for their useful life.
- All information provided to the United Dairy Industry of Michigan in connection with the funding application, including all related communication, is true, correct and complete.
- UDIM is not responsible for any claims, liabilities, losses or damages resulting from the purchase and use of items outlined in the grant.
- All grant recipients agree to distribute nutrition education materials provided by UDIM to clients.
- Failure to meet grant requirements will result in loss of funding and exclusion from receiving funds in the future.