

Food Pantry Grant Overview

OVERVIEW

United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation are proud to work with Michigan's food pantries to provide equipment and resources supporting an increase in distribution of dairy and other nutrient-rich, fresh-food options to clients. Our goal is that all clients visiting these pantries have access to nutrient-rich dairy foods and, when possible, vegetables and fruit.

GRANT OUTLINE

Food pantries may apply for a refrigeration unit, valued up to \$7,000, to improve pantry infrastructure in support of the distribution of dairy foods and fresh produce and receive \$250 in dairy match funding to purchase additional dairy foods for their clients. Equipment will be selected based on criteria completed on the grant application and will be purchased by UDIM through approved vendors (available refrigeration units are listed on last page of Grant Overview).

ELIGIBILITY

- A food pantry staff member must complete the grant application.
- Previous Food Pantry Grant Infrastructure recipients are not eligible.
- Michigan food pantries only.
- Food pantries submitting for this grant agree to procure, safely store and distribute dairy foods.
- Only fully completed applications submitted will be considered.
- All application responses are to be those of the applicant and not AI generated.
- All food pantries awarded will be required to submit program evaluations. Food pantries who fail to complete evaluation will not be eligible for future funding.



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TIMELINE

- Application deadline: June 21, 2024.
- Applicants can anticipate a response within 90 days of the deadline.
- UDIM will purchase refrigeration equipment within 90 days of receiving a completed letter of agreement.
- Evaluation is required and due six months and one-year post refrigerator installation. Grantees not completing evaluation will not be eligible for future grants.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT/GRANT TERMS

- Grant awardees will be required to sign a letter of agreement upon confirmation of grant approval.
- Grant awardees agree to use \$250 in dairy match funds provided to purchase dairy foods. A check or ACH wire transfer will be issued to approved grantees towards the purchase of eligible dairy foods, including milk, cheese, yogurt and cottage cheese.
- Grant awardees agree to use the equipment/materials as outlined in the approved application and supporting letter of agreement.
- Equipment/materials are not transferable to another pantry, institution or individual without prior written approval from the UDIM.
- Equipment/materials will be used to help improve access to, and consumption of, dairy foods for pantry clients and, when possible, fresh produce.
- 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 UDIM 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.
- Failure to meet grant requirements will result in loss of funding and exclusion from receiving funds in the future.
- All grant recipients agree to distribute nutrition education materials provided by UDIM to clients.



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REFRIGERATION UNITS OFFERED

A reliable refrigeration unit is necessary when offering perishable foods, like dairy and produce, to ensure foods are kept in a safe, temperature-controlled environment. UDIM works with an approved vendor to procure a commercial-grade refrigeration unit to best serve your food pantry clients. Our vendor will coordinate delivery and installation of this unit with you directly. The recommended refrigeration units below are options that your pantry is eligible to receive. While some websites or other vendors may provide units that are lower in cost, our vendors provide shipping, installation, warranties, customization, customer service and industrial-grade equipment as part of their quote. UDIM reserves the right to change refrigeration models and brands, based on vendor availability.

RESOURCE:

[One Pager - All available refrigeration units with actual dimensions and shipping dimensions.](#)

AVAILABLE REFRIGERATION UNITS

Single Door Glass Unit

- Option 1 – Small, 24.2" W x 24" D x 63.2" H (or similar model)
- Option 2 – Large, 27" W x 33.6" D x 78" H (or similar model)

Double Door Glass Unit, 54.4" W x 31.5" D x 81.2" H (or similar model)

Double Door Steel Units, 54.5" W x 32" D x 83" H (or similar model)

