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\$405,185 Granted to Regional Food Banks from One SC Fund for Emergency Food Response

Columbia, S.C. (November 25, 2025) – \$405,185 was granted to the four regional food banks from the One SC Fund for Emergency Food Response, which was activated in response to the delay of federal SNAP benefits threatening to impact more than 550,000 South Carolinians earlier this month. As the statewide philanthropic response to natural disasters and statewide emergencies, the One SC Fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation distributes contributions through grants to nonprofits serving local communities across South Carolina.

\$405,185 has been awarded in grants from the One SC Fund for Emergency Food Response through Feeding the Carolinas to the regional food banks serving all 46 counties:

- Golden Harvest Food Bank
 - Serving 6 counties (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, McCormick)
 - Amount granted: \$62,248
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
 - Serving 20 counties (Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Kershaw, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter)
 - Amount granted: \$140,835
- Lowcountry Food Bank
 - Serving 10 counties (Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Williamsburg)
 - Amount granted: \$111,631
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina
 - Serving 10 counties (Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Lancaster, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, York)
 - Amount granted: \$91,101

These grants supported statewide emergency food distribution during the SNAP benefit delay and helped food banks respond to increased demand in their communities. Each food bank applied the funding where it was needed most, including providing food at no cost to local distribution partners and purchasing higher-cost items such as meat, eggs, and fresh milk.

“South Carolinians stepped up quickly to care for their neighbors during a challenging time,” said Georgia Mjartan, President and CEO of Central Carolina Community Foundation. “The generosity of hundreds of donors and the readiness of nonprofit partners made it possible to get food where it was needed most. We are grateful for everyone who contributed to this effort and for the organizations that meet the needs of our community during crises and throughout the year.”

After activating on October 28, 2025, more than \$400,000 was contributed to the One SC Fund for Emergency Food Response by 695 individuals, corporations, and foundations across South Carolina and the country. In addition to generous individuals and families who gave more than

\$170,000, the following corporations and foundations contributed to the One SC Fund for Emergency Food Response:

- AARP South Carolina
- BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina
- Duke Energy Foundation
- Woodmen Life Outreach Foundation

Since its creation in 2015, the One SC Fund has helped South Carolina respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including the Thousand-Year Flood, Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, and Helene, the COVID-19 response, and the 2025 Emergency Food Response. Through contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporate partners, the Fund has provided more than \$14 million in support to local organizations serving communities across South Carolina.

Although the Emergency Food Response activation is no longer accepting contributions, gifts to the One SC Fund will support the next activation when future disasters occur. To help strengthen statewide preparedness and response, donations can be made at [OneSCFund.org](https://www.oneSCfund.org).

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About the One SC Fund

The One SC Fund was established in 2015 to serve as South Carolina's coordinated philanthropic response to disasters. The fund was established with support from Governor Nikki Haley and is activated in partnership with the Governor of South Carolina and the SC Office of Resilience. Past activations of the fund have been in response to the Thousand Year Flood, Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, and Helene, and the COVID-19 Pandemic. The fund is administered by Central Carolina Community Foundation.

99% of all money donated to the One SC Fund is granted to nonprofits providing local assistance in South Carolina. The remaining 1% is directed to outreach, research, reporting, and the administration and oversight of grant contracts.

About Central Carolina Community Foundation

Central Carolina Community Foundation connects local citizens with high-impact philanthropy. With more than \$275 million in assets and over 500 charitable funds, the Foundation serves 11 counties in the Midlands through grants and scholarships, promotes giving to nonprofits through Midlands Gives, and provides support to statewide philanthropic initiatives including the One SC Fund.