

2024 Capacity Building Grant

In 2009, the Governor and the Arkansas General Assembly awarded the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance \$188,827 to help build the capacity of local hunger relief organizations in Arkansas.

Funds are intended to help expand or improve a local hunger relief organization's facility, educational programs, or physical radius. *These funds cannot be used to pay salaries, operational expenses or food purchase.*

Local Hunger Relief Organizations (LHRO) are defined as food pantries, food rescue organizations, soup kitchens, shelters and other organizations that directly serve Arkansas families by providing food prepared on site (for example, a summer feeding site) or for personal use at home (for example, a food pantry). Organizations may apply for Capacity Building Grants of any amount. However, grant requests of \$5,000 and over are more difficult to fund.

The following information will be required to submit your application:

- **Current** member of the Alliance in good standing
- 501(C)(3) letter OR if a church ministry, proof of church affiliation
- List of board of directors
- The following financial information:
 - Current annual budget
 - Most recent year's complete financial statement
 - A detailed budget for the project, items or activities for which you are seeking funding. Requests that involve construction should include a bid
 - Signed funding agreement

GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN DECEMBER 1, 2023-JANUARY 5, 2024

Applications received after January 5th will not be considered.

FUNDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY FEBRUARY 16, 2024.

Reporting Requirements:

- **All monies must be spent between February 2024 & June 2024.**
 - *Each grant recipient will be required to document the use of the funds by sending copies of receipts, pictures of purchases or improvements, and by completing a short reporting form that will accompany the award letter.*
- **Grant reports are due July 1, 2024.**
 - *LHRO'S receiving grant funds that do not comply with reporting requirements may be subject to award cancellation, request for reimbursement of funds, or removal from future grant funding opportunities.*

Examples of Capacity Building items:

- Kitchen appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, etc.
- Storage items such as shelving, plastic tubs, cabinets, metal racks, etc.
- Meal preparation items such as coolers, thermal bags, steam tables, utensils, mixing bowls, etc.
- Office equipment such as computers, printers, phones, PPE, etc.
- Hunger garden supplies such as tools, gloves, tillers, irrigation drip line, fertilizer, plants, etc.
- Transportation items such as vans, trucks, trailers, etc.

APPLY ONLINE BEGINNING DECEMBER 1 AT

WWW.ARHUNGERALLIANCE.ORG/GRANTS