

NAPA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOOD RECOVERY CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

AGENCY: Feeding It Forward**PROGRAM:** Feeding It Forward: Van Refrigeration Build/Expanding Food Recovery and Distribution**AGREEMENT NUMBER:** 250278D**Reporting Period:** FINAL REPORT 7/27/26**Summary of Activities Pertaining to the Contract (Narrative):**

Thank you for supporting our work with Napa County Public Works Food Recovery Capacity Building funding.

In September 2025 our new website went live, and in December 2025 the refrigeration build-out of our electric van was completed. Once we had a pick-up date for our newly refrigerated van, we got to work moving forward with new food recovery opportunities, and we began to utilize the van over the holidays. Now that the grant period has come to a close, I'm happy to share that we surpassed our goal of increasing our food recovery and distribution by 25%, and as of the end of June 2026 have increased food recovery runs by 29% and total pounds of recovered and distributed food by 30%.

Although we are still working on raising the funding to adequately staff the full potential of the van's capacity, we were able to meet our goals with a combination of utilizing the van with a second driver, expanding current staff hours, as well as with the help of volunteers. While not a long-term solution to assure we can remain nimble for on-call and expanded recovery opportunities, the temporary solution allowed us to continue growth, impact, and meet the goals of the grant.

Our Board is actively working on funding solutions that would be more consistent, especially for staffing which remains the primary need and the most challenging to fund. Funders are interested in one-time equipment or supply funding rather than supporting the staff required to utilize said equipment or supplies.

We are very proud of how we have been able to continue increasing food recoveries and distributions despite these challenges. The funding for this grant not only helped us achieve this but has set us up so that when we do find the funding for additional staffing hours and related expansion costs, we are ready to go.

Activities/Outputs	TARGET	Actual
Complete refrigeration build out of new second electric van	Complete by January 31, 2026	Completed 12/12/25
Outreach and scheduling of additional food deliveries and distributions utilizing new refrigerated van as soon as it is completed	Start by January 31, 2026	Started 12/3/25
Begin additional food recovery and distribution by month three	Start by March 1, 2026	Started 12/22/25
Subscribe to digital tracking software and continue use	Start by February 28, 2026	Started 1/1/26
Design new website and outreach materials	Start by February 1, 2026	Started 2/24/2025
Purchase and begin use of program supplies	Start by February 1, 2026	Started 11/21/2025

Targeted Outcomes	Total
25% increase in pick up and/or distribution runs	29% increase in food recovery pick up runs
Increase recovery of edible food by approximately 36,000 lbs	Increased by 42,158 pounds or 30%

BUDGET REPORT

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES as of 6/30/2026:

Description	Expenditures not covered by this agreement	Expenditures covered by this agreement
Van Build		
<i>Electric Van</i>	\$55,000.00	
<i>Refrigeration Build-out</i>		\$29,711.33
<i>Logo/Branding</i>		\$795.95
Total Van Build	\$55,000.00	\$30,507.28
Personnel		
<i>Director of Programs & Operations</i>	\$5,040.00	
<i>Program Coordinator/Driver</i>	\$10,816.00	
<i>Driver</i>	\$1,296.00	
Total Personnel	\$17,152.00	
Operating Expenses		
<i>Van Insurance</i>	\$9,000.00	
<i>Van Registration</i>	\$1,296.00	
<i>Electric Charging</i>		
<i>One-time cost of ChowMatch</i>		\$6,000.00
<i>Graphic Designer cost for outreach materials</i>		\$969.35
<i>One-time cost web designer cost for new website</i>		\$3696.98
Total Operating Expenses	\$10,296.00	\$10,666.33
Program Expenses		
<i>Tables (*)</i>		
<i>Compostable bags</i>		\$458.79
<i>(*) Compostable egg cartons, catering trays</i>		\$2,579.78
<i>Food safe gloves (*)</i>		
<i>Staff Volunteer shirts</i>		\$1,410.22
<i>Pop-up tent and cover</i>		\$2,407.03
<i>Portable Carts(*)</i>		\$167.85
<i>Reuseable Food Grade Bins(*)</i>		\$326.19
<i>Straps to secure bins in vehicle(*)</i>		
<i>Cleaning Supplies/van interior and bins (food safe) or possible commercial steamer</i>		\$1,476.53
Total Program Expenses		\$8,826.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$82,448.00	\$50,000.00

* Some or all expenses from (*) marked lines combined to one line, “(*) Compostable egg cartons” to represent one large order on one receipt.



2024 Ford Transit – Grocery Recovery Vehicle

Reporting Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Program: CANV Food Bank – Grocery Recovery / SB 1383

Vehicle: 2024 Ford Transit

Overview

Community Action of Napa Valley (CANV) acquired a new **2024 Ford Transit** to strengthen its grocery recovery operations and increase the organization's ability to collect and redistribute surplus edible food from local grocery retailers and other food donors.

The vehicle has provided CANV with a dedicated and reliable resource for grocery recovery pickups, allowing the Food Bank to increase its collection capacity, maintain consistent donor service, and efficiently transport recovered food back to the Food Bank for distribution to individuals and families throughout Napa County.

During the reporting period, the 2024 Ford Transit was used exclusively for the grocery recovery pickups identified below, resulting in the recovery of **881,662 pounds of food** from **nine donor locations**.

Grocery Recovery Impact

Donor	Location	Pounds Recovered
Walmart Stores, Inc.	681 Lincoln Ave., Napa	115,371
Lucky California	2355 California Blvd., Napa	148,706
Lucky California	1312 Trancas St., Napa	134,583
Trader Joe's	3654 Bel Aire Plz., Napa	130,969
Safeway Stores, Inc.	103 American Canyon Rd., American Canyon	105,346
Grocery Outlet	3385 Solano Ave., Napa	36,976
Grocery Outlet	1491 W. Imola Ave., Napa	40,791

Whole Foods Market	3682 Bel Aire Plz., Napa	156,275
Amazon Services LLC	300 Boone Drive, American Canyon	12,645
Total		881,662 lbs.

Measurable Outcomes

The addition of the 2024 Ford Transit has directly supported CANV's ability to:

- **Recover 881,662 pounds of edible food** during the reporting period.
- Maintain grocery recovery services across **nine donor locations** in Napa and American Canyon.
- Increase transportation capacity dedicated specifically to grocery recovery.
- Provide more consistent and reliable pickup service to participating food donors.
- Transport larger volumes of recovered food efficiently and safely to CANV's Food Bank.
- Support the diversion of substantial quantities of edible food from the waste stream and redirect it to community members experiencing food insecurity.
- Strengthen CANV's capacity to respond to donor opportunities and expand its grocery recovery network.

Community Impact

The 881,662 pounds recovered represents a significant increase in CANV's ability to capture edible food before it enters the waste stream. Rather than being discarded, this recovered food is brought back to the CANV Food Bank and made available through CANV's food distribution programs and community partners.

The vehicle investment has therefore provided both an **operational benefit and a measurable environmental and community benefit**. By increasing transportation capacity, CANV is better positioned to respond to grocery recovery opportunities, maintain donor relationships, and ensure that more recovered food reaches Napa County residents who need it.

Grant Investment Impact

The 2024 Ford Transit has become an important component of CANV's grocery recovery infrastructure. The **881,662 pounds recovered exclusively**

through this vehicle demonstrates a substantial return on the investment in transportation capacity.

This investment supports the goals of grocery recovery by:

1. Increasing the amount of edible food CANV can collect.
2. Improving the reliability and consistency of donor pickups.
3. Expanding CANV's ability to serve multiple grocery retailers.
4. Reducing the amount of recoverable food entering the waste stream.
5. Increasing the supply of food available for distribution to the community.

Total food recovered using the 2024 Ford Transit: 881,662 pounds

This measurable outcome demonstrates that the vehicle has significantly strengthened CANV's grocery recovery operations and increased the organization's capacity to recover and redistribute surplus edible food throughout the community.

Final Project Status: ☒ Completed

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