



Senate Improving Access to Healthy Foods and Ending Food Deserts Study Committee

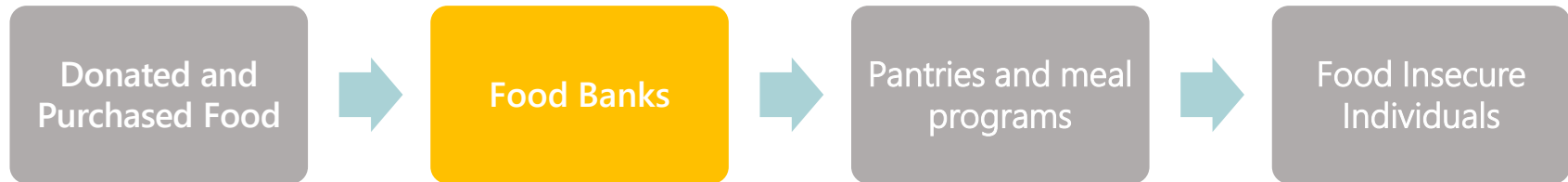
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Role of Food Banks in Reducing Food Insecurity

200+ Feeding America food banks and network of **60,000** food pantries and meal programs reduce food insecurity through distribution of food



In 2020, food banks provided nearly **5.2 billion meals** to food insecure individuals, including over **1.8 billion pounds** of fresh produce

Atlanta Community Food Bank Background

Challenges

- Old campus consisted of ~200k SF split between two sites with no room for expansion
- Over 20% of food inventory was being stored off-site
- Limited freezer/cooler space, requiring us to decline donations if room was not available
- 4-5 usable dock doors for all truck receiving/distribution



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New Facility Overview

- New 345,000 SF state-of-the-art warehouse and HQ on 64-acre site
- 256k SF of warehouse space with 70k SF of cooler (5x increase) & freezer (1.5x increase) space
- Total of 34 dock doors, including 3 cool docks which reduces perishable inventory loss
- NMTC supported: Acquisition, Construction, and Furniture, Fleet & Equipment
- \$47.1 million total project budget
- NMTC Allocation: \$46MM total from Rural Development Partners, Reinvestment Fund, Kroger, and PNC



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Key Impacts by 2025

- Double overall food distribution to 145MM lbs. annually
- Quadruple fresh produce distribution to 50MM lbs. annually
- Strengthen relationships with partners, including local farmers and agency network
- Retain 160 jobs and create up to 60 new jobs that pay a minimum of \$15/hr. with good benefits



Q & A



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