DHR DISTRIBUTION TO GRANTEES – 2015 Estimates

How much TEFAP food will Maryland receive in Federal Fiscal Year 2015? Maryland expects to receive $3.35 million of TEFAP food over the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, 2014. The Maryland Food Bank serves 22 jurisdictions and will receive 73% of available food and administrative funds. The Capital Area Food Bank serves 2 jurisdictions – Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties—and will receive 27% of available funds.

GRANTEE ALLOCATION ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS VALUE OF FOOD
Maryland Food Bank (MFB) 73% $547,407 $2,445,918
Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) 27% $202,466 $903,534
Total 100% $749,873 $3,349,452

- Due to the federal funding calendar, administrative funds and food commodity funds may increase over the course of the federal fiscal year. Regardless, the total allocation ratio between Maryland Food Bank (73%) and Capital Area Food Bank (27%) will remain the same.

- Individual jurisdiction allocation percentages were developed using a formula that accounts for jurisdiction population, poverty, and unemployment rates.

- As they order and receive food, MFB and CAFB distribute pounds of food in accordance with each jurisdiction’s specific allocation (ex., 100 pounds of food available, 2.59 pounds will go to Wicomico, 1.23 pounds will go to Worcester, and so forth). Since the value of each pound varies, this is an estimate of the value of the food that will be distributed to each jurisdiction during the 2015 federal fiscal year (October 2014 – September 2015).
TEFAP

For more information about TEFAP:
Visit the USDA’s website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/emergency-food-assistance-program-tefap
Contact the Capital Area Food Bank: http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/
Contact the Maryland Food Bank: https://www.mdfoodbank.org/

What is TEFAP?
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) was created through the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 and represents a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, farmers nationwide, and state governments across the country.

Who can receive TEFAP food?
This partnership provides funds and food commodities to each State to be distributed to eligible recipient agencies. These agencies must provide food assistance to relieve situations of emergency and distress to needy persons and families, including low-income and unemployed persons. They represent a vast network of programs, including food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, retirement homes, summer camps for children, and child nutrition programs providing food service and disaster relief programs.

What is DHR’s role in this federal program?
The Department of Human Resources is the TEFAP Administering Agency in Maryland. Funds and food commodities are allocated to every State, including Maryland, based on population, poverty and unemployment rates. Each of the 24 jurisdictions within Maryland receives an allocation of food commodities based on these same indicators. Amount and availability of food are based on USDA contracts with farmers.

Who is responsible for storing and transporting food to providers?
To increase access to and distribution of quality, healthy food to our most vulnerable populations, in November 2012, DHR entered into an agreement with the Maryland Food Bank and the Capital Area Food Bank to receive and store food available to Maryland from the USDA. These two grantees execute all aspects of the program including ordering, delivery and distribution.