

NORTH COUNTY FOOD BANK

North County Food Bank New Distribution Center

The Need. North County Food Bank (NCFB) is a critical component in addressing hunger in Tillamook County. Food insecurity in Tillamook County affects nearly 15 percent of all people and one in five children do not have enough to eat.

Project Description. NCFB was required to move after renting space in a decommissioned hospital for 33 years. This project will construct an approximately 1200-square-foot permanent home for the food bank. NCFB has purchased land and seeks funds for infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, electricity) for the site. The remainder of the project will be funded by grants, donations, and cash on hand. This project is ready to construct.

The Request. An investment of \$275,000 in capital funding for site infrastructure.

Project Readiness

This project is underway and ready for construction.

- Land purchased and cleared
- Initial permits obtained
- Architect and civil engineer engaged
- Preliminary site plan and design drawings completed
- General contractor selected

Leverages Local Investment

The State's \$275,000 contribution provides a permanent home for a critical part of rural Tillamook County's safety net.

- NCFB will provide funds for 77% of this project.
- The infrastructure improvements also enable future expansion to create a community services hub for north Tillamook County.

In 2025, NCFB logged 2907 visits, representing 6438 adults and 2966 children. Our distribution includes a 6-to-7-day supply of client-selected food, hygiene items, and pet food. We also provide Thanksgiving meals and supply food to the Neahkahnie School District's Friday Food Bag program and Little Free Pantries.

NCFB is a volunteer-driven (375 hours per month) organization with only contracted professional services for bookkeeping and stocking. Our monthly food budget of approximately \$17,000 is met through local financial support and small grants. Our partnerships with Oregon Food Bank, local businesses, community gardens, and other nonprofits and food donors ensure that donated dollars can be leveraged for maximum effect.

NCFB's 33 years of uninterrupted service in North Tillamook County position it as a stable, trusted partner. This targeted state infrastructure investment will preserve and strengthen our capacity amid increasing uncertainty in the rural food security landscape.

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