

More Cudahy and Saint Francis residents now qualify for USDA foods at Project Concern Food Pantry

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June 11, 2020: Cudahy, Wisconsin... Beginning this month, Project Concern of Cudahy/St Francis is able to offer more Cudahy and Saint Francis households the Grade-A foods provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Project Concern is an authorized food distributor in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and can now provide no-cost groceries for households that have incomes up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL). People who have lost jobs or income may obtain a monthly share of American-grown meat, vegetables, fruit, juice, and more from a TEFAP food pantry. Before June 1, 2020, TEFAP's qualifying income threshold was 185% FPL.

Enrollment is confidential and simple. Project Concern food pantry is located at 3672 E Plankinton Ave (lower level) – Cudahy, WI 53110, and is open Monday 9am-12pm & 3pm-6pm, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-12pm, and the first Saturday of each month from 9am-11am. The Pantry will provide food on the day of application, and once each month as long as the household's income qualifies them to participate. Proof of address and identification are required; proof of income is not.

Household participating in other food programs (such as Food Share, WIC or school nutrition) may also participate in TEFAP without affecting their ability to qualify for those programs.

Wisconsin's pantry volunteers are providing "no contact" food distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are enrolling households and distributing groceries outdoors to minimize health risks. In many locations, TEFAP applicants and participants remain in their cars for service.

In 2019, Wisconsin's 265 charitable TEFAP pantries made more than 800,000 monthly food distributions to households in need of food.