GNAP

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is GNAP?

Georgia General Assembly and Department of Human Services (DHS) offer grant funding to Georgia food banks to provide food assistance to eligible families with children 17 years old or younger residing in the household.

2. Why are GNAP Foods only available for 4 months? GNAP funding is derived from federal TANF funding allocated to the state of GA. Due to changes to federal regulations on TANF, programs that require TANF funded GNAP products are to be distributed for 4 months per year.

3. What is the benefit of GNAP to my agency/community? GNAP benefits your agency and community by providing high quality foods for your agency to distribute to families with 17 y/o or younger residing in the household.

4. How do I know if my agency is eligible for the program?

Any agency that has had a successful compliance visit and distributes to a majority of families with children 17 y/o or under is qualified to participate in the GNAP program.

5. How do I determine if I have eligible clients?

There are several different categories that can make a family eligible for GNAP. Please use the GNAP eligibility forms provided and GNAP intake instructions for more information.

6. Do neighbors have to fill out a separate form?

Yes, neighbors will have to fill out the GNAP eligibility form to determine eligibility for GNAP foods.

7. How do I order GNAP food?

Once eligible, an agency will order GNAP products on eHarvest. The item description will list the items as GNAP. If you have questions about how much to order, please contact your <u>County Relationship Manager</u> to discuss ordering strategies.

8. What kind of food can I order through GNAP?

Using available GNAP funding, the Food Bank purchases many high value grocery items to be made available through the GNAP program.

9. How do I track how much GNAP food I am distributing?

Partners are not required to track how much GNAP food is distributed but are required to report how many lbs. of GNAP products remain on hand at the end of each month.

10. What happens if I cannot distribute all the GNAP products?

If you cannot distribute all GNAP food before the end of the four-month GNAP distribution period, we ask that you notify the Food Bank so that we can take appropriate steps to have the food distributed by the end of the GNAP distribution period.

11. Do I have to get recertified every year?

Partner agencies will only have to recertify for the GNAP program each time we have a new contract with the GA DHS. We anticipate a new contract with GA DHS for 2026.

12. Will there be a limit on how much GNAP an agency can order each month? There will not be limits placed on agency orders for GNAP product. Each agency should be ordering their needs based on what they can distribute each month. If you are not sure of how much you should order, please contact your County Relationship Manager to discuss.

13. Will there be a cutoff for ordering in the last month?

We currently do not have a cutoff planned. We do ask that as the end of the distribution period approaches, you only order what you can distribute by the end of the four-month period.

14. Will there be a large inventory of GNAP products to order from? We anticipate that there will be approximately 2 million pounds of GNAP food available over the entire 4-month period.