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### **Shapiro Administration Announces New Grant Opportunities to Fight Hunger and Prevent Food Waste**

*Grants up to \$50,000 available for non-profit organizations through the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant Program*

**Harrisburg, PA** – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) **Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley** joined the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to announce new grant availability for non-profit organizations helping to fight hunger in Pennsylvania. Grants up to \$50,000 are available to non-profit organizations who partner with food retailers/wholesalers to recover safe and wholesome foods and then make that food available to the public are eligible for grants up to \$50,000 through the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant program.

“Preserving fresh food and preventing it from going landfills is vital to fighting hunger in Pennsylvania,” said **DEP Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley**, speaking at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. “The Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant helps put food where it belongs – in people, not in landfills.”

The Food Recovery Infrastructure Grants can be awarded to reimburse the cost of equipment like refrigerators, freezers, refrigerated and non-refrigerated vehicles, stoves, and microwaves to store, transport, or prepare the recovered safe, wholesome foods to ensure that the food can be redistributed to the public. Grants up to \$50,000 are available per applicant. Special consideration will be given to applicants with projects that [serve Environmental Justice areas](#).

“In addition to helping feed Pennsylvanians in need, keeping food waste out of landfills also helps fight climate change. Organic waste like food breaks down into methane, a potent greenhouse gas – so every potato, every stalk of broccoli, every apple, every tomato that doesn’t go to a landfill is helping to fight climate change in Pennsylvania,” said **Shirley**. Applications for the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant will be accepted beginning on October 12, 2024. Interested applicants must have a pre-application meeting with their [local DEP Regional Recycling Coordinator](#) prior to submitting their applications.

Grant applications must be submitted through the Electronic Single Application web site at <https://grants.pa.gov/>. Applications must be received by February 28, 2025 by 11:59PM, to be eligible for funding.

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