



Blue Ridge Area
FOOD BANK



Partner Capacity Grants

YOUR IMPACT REPORT

SEPTEMBER
2026



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“Support for these grants enables pantries to continue feeding people, strengthen our operations, and make our communities healthier.”

*- Justin Horn
Executive Director
Page One Food Pantry*

Fueling Growth: Partner Impact & Innovation Grants in Action

Partner Impact & Innovation (PII) grants connect generous donors to frontline partners. Through this annual program, all Food Bank partners have the opportunity to apply for critical support to better serve their guests. Some grants support participation in the Healthy Pantry Initiative, a movement that helps pantries implement health-focused and neighbor-centered practices.

Thanks to donor support, we've invested more than \$6.5 million since 2016 to build the capacity and resilience of the food distribution network. Together, we're building a more efficient, sustainable, and impactful hunger-relief network, able to withstand challenging times and surges in demand.

Examples of your generosity in action can be seen at Page One Food Pantry (Page County). PII grants provided the pantry with a large, walk-in cooler, as well as several upright freezers and refrigerators. In 2026, they received an additional \$14,320 to upgrade their food pantry building.

“These grants allows pantries to invest in infrastructure to expand their facilities, increase their capacity, and expand their reach to obtain and distribute food,” said Page One Executive Director Justin Horn.

The heartfelt gratitude of our partners—and the meaningful outcomes they achieve—continually renews our confidence in this initiative and strengthens our commitment. Your donation fuels these investments. **Thank you!**

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Serving your community through 1 of 4
distribution centers located in Charlottesville,
Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona (headquarters)



Partner Impact & Innovation Grants: Impact at a Glance

2026



97 awards



98% of applicants
received an award.



\$1,145,090
disbursed in value.



You're part of the success story

2026 Partner Impact & Innovation grant awards provided resources like these examples:

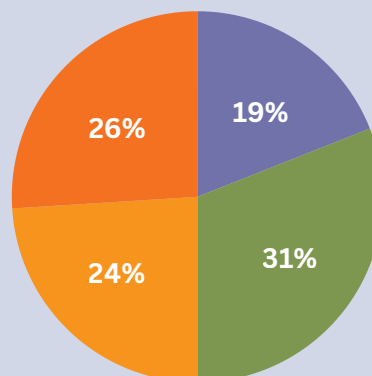
- 5 refrigerated vehicles
- 48 commercial-grade coolers and freezers to increase the availability of healthy, nutritious fresh and frozen foods to support the health of guests
- 52 awards of pantry equipment, including pallet jacks and various carts, different shelving units, and supplies for gardens and kitchens
- 33 pieces of technology and software to streamline pantry guest registration, support pantry operations, and improve processes (this includes some translation devices)
- 19 major capital improvement projects, including parking lot and building repairs, HVAC installation, and generators to ensure agency operations remain safe

"Your generosity is present in every distribution line, every home delivery, every training session, and every moment of dignity offered to someone in need."

- Summer Lindsay, Executive Director, Empowering Culpeper

Empowering Culpeper was granted a 2-door cooler and a new laptop to help streamline operations.

Awards disbursed by region



Eastern Region Western Region Northern Region Southern Region

Healthy Pantry Initiative: Building Capacity and Improving the Health and Well-Being of Guests

Food pantries are invited to participate in the Healthy Pantry Initiative (HPI). Sixty-three pantries received a PII grant to support their HPI work.

Thank you for your support!

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