



## Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies and Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions

### Joint Funded Grant Program

Program Name: Farm & Fairs Hunger-Relief Grant

Award Amounts: \$500 - \$750

Application Deadline: April 1st, 2024

*Awardees will be notified via email by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

Program Description: Farm & Fairs Hunger-Relief Grant is a collective effort between MFBFoC and MAFE to promote agricultural organizations' involvement in childhood hunger-alleviating efforts throughout Michigan. According to Feeding America, 282,320 children in Michigan had inadequate access to food throughout 2021, and 8/10 of the most food-insecure counties in Michigan are comprised of rural. Fairs and festivals are a platform that bring together farms, families, and food in communities all throughout Michigan. They function as a perfect opportunity to raise awareness about food insecurity and put food into the hands of those who need it.

This grant provides funding to programs at fairs and festivals aimed at increasing the supply of food throughout Michigan's food bank and pantry network. Some examples of the types of activities that this grant could provide support for are:

- Donating agricultural commodities to a food bank, pantry, or hunger-relief agency
- Donating non-perishable food products to a food bank, pantry, or hunger-relief agency
- Donating money to a food bank, pantry, or hunger-relief agency
- Hosting a fundraising event alongside a food bank, pantry, or hunger-relief agency

Application Requirements: In one page or less, please describe how your fair or festival plans to make an impact on childhood hunger in your community, addressing each of the below-listed items in your response.

- Program Name
- Beneficiary Organization Name
- Type of Donation (ex: food, monetary, fundraising event)
- Program Timeline
- Program Budget
- Other Community Partners Involved
- Anticipated Community Impact

Priority is given to applicants and programs that:

- Partner with a County Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Agent/Agency, FFA, 4-H club(s), and/or a school
- Are responding to a disproportionate community need
- Intend to reach a high number of food-insecure children
- Advance agriculture
- Pledge outside financial commitment

Reporting Requirements:

- Final dollars or pounds donated

Reporting Deadline: November 1st, 2024

*Please email/upload all applications to [mifairs@gmail.com](mailto:mifairs@gmail.com) by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*