

Rhode Island Hunger Elimination Task Force

Quarter One Meeting • Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 2 - 3:30pm





HETF Goal:

**To reduce hunger and increase
access to healthy,
culturally-appropriate food
for all Rhode Island residents**

Today's Agenda

2024 Q1
Hunger
Elimination
Task Force
Meeting

- Key Challenges for Funding Food Delivery
- Panel: **Opportunities to Fund and Sustain Food Delivery**
- Q&A
- Introducing our Q1 Action Group!
- Looking Forward to 2024



The Need for Food Delivery

A 2023 [report](#) by the Urban Institute on home delivery found:

- Nearly all clients saved money
- Over $\frac{3}{4}$ participating clients have chronic health conditions/mobility challenges
- Less than half of clients received charitable food before home delivery was available
- Times savings lead to more time spent taking care of one's health



Challenges for Funding Food Delivery

Funding is the most cited barrier to maintaining and expanding home delivery:

- The end of pandemic-era funding is causing organizations to lose access to critical financial support for this work
- Food delivery on its own is not a desirable funding request
- Grant funding is not sustainable



Food Delivery in the Years Ahead

A 2023 [report](#) by the Urban Institute on home delivery found:

- Many hunger relief organizations reported community need for delivery outpaces organizational capacity
- Majority of hunger relief organizations reported they plan to continue offering home delivery, with the goal of expanding
- Sustained funding would enable these organization to strategically fit home delivery into their other services and broader mission



PANEL: Opportunities to Fund and Sustain Food Delivery



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Hunger Elimination Task Force Action Group



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Action Group #1

FOCUS:

Policy recommendations for State agencies to enable and promote food delivery

GETTING INVOLVED

- At least 5 people need to commit
- 3 one-hour meetings over the course of 2-3 months
- Present these recommendations at the Q2 Inter-Agency Food and Nutrition Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

PLANNING FOR 2030 & BEYOND



AN ACTIONABLE VISION FOR FOOD IN RHODE ISLAND



Who should we be engaging with in your community?



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Photos (left to right): Port Galilee fish processing, Chi Kitchen at RI Tabletop Food Show, Bami Farm African Alliance of RI

THANK YOU!

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