



## Media Release

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### Ozarks Food Harvest grants \$86,000 to member food pantries

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**—Ozarks Food Harvest made a grant opportunity available for its nonprofit member pantries and announced awards this week, totaling \$86,000.

Nineteen southwest Missouri food pantries were awarded infrastructure grants from Ozarks Food Harvest, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Those awarded infrastructure funding included:

- Ash Grove Food Pantry
- Calvary Temple Love Center—Mountain Grove
- Community Baptist Church—Lebanon
- Crosslines—Lebanon
- Crosslines—Springfield
- Gods Storehouse—Hartville
- Heart of the Ozarks/Hand Extended—Springfield
- Helping Hands Community Food Pantry—Eagle Rock
- L-Life, Inc.—Lebanon
- Liberty Grace Mission—Granby
- Lifeway Center/Shepherd's Nook—Salem
- My Neighbor's Pantry dba CAM Food Pantry of Forsyth
- Ozark County Food Pantry—Gainesville
- Rock Springs Baptist Food Bank—Seligman
- St. Clair County Food Pantry
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church—Billings
- Southwest Missouri Indian Center—Springfield
- West Central Missouri Community Action Agency (WCMCAA)—St. Clair County
- WCMCAA—Hickory County

The Food Bank received funding late last year from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which benefited all six Feeding America® food banks in Missouri to provide support to low-income families through the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

According to Bart Brown, president/CEO at Ozarks Food Harvest, the grant awards will help each pantry purchase a refrigerator and or freezer. Some of the pantries will use the funding to help with food purchases or other existing feeding programs.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America® food bank for southwest Missouri, serving more than 300 hunger relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches 20,000 individuals weekly and distributes nine million pounds of food annually. Learn more at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org) and at [facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest](https://facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest).

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