



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

▶ STATE FUNDING FOR FOOD BANKS

Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, North Carolina food banks have experienced an increase in households requesting assistance.

We urge policymakers to increase the funding authorized in the annual state budget from \$3 million to \$9 million.

▶ SNAP

SNAP is proven to be one of the most effective anti-hunger programs in the United States.

We urge policymakers to protect and expand SNAP (FNS) to support individuals and families most at risk for being food insecure.

▶ SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

As 1 in 6 children in North Carolina is food insecure, healthy school meals for all can improve food security and school performance for those students.

We urge policymakers to provide school meals at no cost for all students in North Carolina schools.

▶ MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS

“Food is medicine” interventions, such as medically tailored meals, can effectively treat or prevent diet-related health conditions and reduce food insecurity.

We urge policymakers to expand access to medically tailored meals that are funded by public healthcare plans.

▶ MEDICAID EXPANSION

Medicaid expansion will directly improve the health and well-being of 600,000 North Carolinians. It will be transformative for access to health care in rural areas; for better mental health; and for veterans, working adults, and their families.

We applaud the efforts by the General Assembly to move this forward.

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