



Texas City Commissioners Community Grant Fund Application

**This grant application is to be completed and submitted to the Mayor by a member of the Texas City Commission.*

Thelma Bowie
Name of Sponsoring Commissioner

Commissioner At-Large
District

Galveston County Food Bank
Name of Benefitting Organization

20-0408375
Tax Exempt / 501c3 Nonprofit Status Number

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Date: 10/31/2025

Statement of Purpose and benefit to the Citizens of Texas City: Since 2003 The Galveston County Food Bank (GCFB) has provided free, easy access to nutritious foods so people struggling financially can focus their time, energy and resources on overcoming obstacles that keep them in poverty. GCFB is the only nonprofit in Galveston County operating a centralized food distribution system providing nutritional food to other charities and directly to individuals in need. Our role is vital to the receiving, warehousing, and distribution of food with the goal of reaching the more than 58,000 Galveston County residents living with food insecurity, according to the 2023 FeedingAmerica.org report.

In 2024 GCFB provided 87,143 points of service to 7,262 unduplicated Texas City residents. These residents received over 2.2 million pounds of food, equivalent to more than 1.8 million meals.

Other Sources of Funding This Organization is Currently Receiving: GCFB receives funding from over 30 private foundations including organizations such as United Way Galveston County Mainland and Valero’s Children’s Fund to name a few.

**Please note that the submission of this application does not guarantee an allocation of funds. The awarding of this grant is contingent upon several factors, including, but not limited to those it being a qualifying organization, funds availability, purpose of funds requested, and final commission approval.*



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October 31, 2025

Dedrick Johnson, Sr., Mayor
1801 9th Avenue North

Texas City, TX 77592

RE: Funding Request of \$5,000 towards Reducing Food Insecurity in Texas City.

Dear Mayor Johnson,

Please find enclosed a request for funding for our 2026 Fiscal Year. A grant will help towards our continued mission of "Leading the fight to end hunger in Galveston County".

The overall rate of food insecurity for Galveston County in 2023 was 16.4%, according to a feedingamerica.org report, unfortunately food insecurity has risen steadily since 2021 which was at 13.1%. Nationally from 2021 to 2024 food inflation has increased 21.9%, higher than the overall inflation rate of 19.7% for the same period. According to the USDA in 2023 Texas' food insecurity rate was at 16.9%, the second to highest in the nation and 4.7% higher than the National Average of 12.2%.

In 2024 GCFB reached 64% of the estimated 58,210 residents living with food insecurity in our county. It cost GCFB \$42.77 annually to feed 1-person 1x a month. On average each person receives a 25lb. bag of food each visit. This translates to an estimated 20 meals per visit and an estimated 240 meals per year. Your gift of \$5,000 will provide 28,000 meals to 117 Texas City residents in 2026.

Thank you for your time in reviewing and considering our request for funding and a huge thank you for the past support, because of the Texas City government GCFB has been able to continue reaching those families and individuals struggling with food insecurity not only in Texas City but in Galveston County as well. Should you need any clarification or more information I will be glad to provide it for you.

Respectfully,

Donnie VanAckeren

President/CEO

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"Leading the fight to end hunger in Galveston County"

2026 GCFB Funding Request

Mission: “Leading the fight to end hunger in Galveston County.”

Overview of GCFB services: Since 2003 The Galveston County Food Bank (GCFB) has provided free, easy access to nutritious foods so people struggling financially can focus their time, energy and resources on overcoming obstacles that keep them in poverty. GCFB is the only nonprofit in Galveston County operating a centralized food distribution system providing nutritional food to other charities and directly to individuals in need. Our role is vital to the receiving, warehousing, and distribution of food with the goal of reaching the more than 58,000 Galveston County residents living with food insecurity, according to the 2023 FeedingAmerica.org report.

In 2024 GCFB distributed over 10.6 million lbs. of food, equivalent to over 8.9 million meals, to 37,351 unduplicated individuals. Of these numbers, 20% or 7,262 were Texas City residents.

GCFB Programs:

1. Agency Services - GCFB delivers to pantries, soup kitchens and residential sites. Providing free food to our partner agencies allows them to focus their efforts and resources on support services. In 2024, 19,486 unduplicated individuals were served 4.2 million pounds of food.
2. Mobile Food Distributions - delivery of fresh produce at 32 host sites located where families need help. Many cannot afford healthy food options due to rising grocery prices or to being in a food desert. 6 days a week, GCFB trucks deliver large quantities of food (up to 40k lbs. per vehicle) to locations established strategically throughout the county. In 2024, 14,568 unduplicated individuals were served.
3. Homebound Nutritional Outreach - Homebound seniors 60 and older or people with disabilities can receive food delivered to their doors by volunteers. 2024, 655 unduplicated individuals were served.
4. Children's Nutritional Outreach - To ensure children receive nutritious food, GCFB distributes through 2 programs. During the school year, in 2024 15,947 Backpack Buddies were distributed, in 45 different schools, to 673 unduplicated students identified by school personnel as struggling with hunger over the weekends or holidays, while our Kidz Pacz program is available during the summer break, at 30 different sites. In 2024 15,649 packs were distributed to 1,969 unduplicated children.

GCFB programs are strengthened by a collaborative team approach. We are proud to work with over 100 partners, such as schools, churches, non-profit and community organizations throughout Galveston County.

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Employer Identification Number: 20-0408375
Person to Contact: MS SINGLETON
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Sep. 26, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in MAY 2004.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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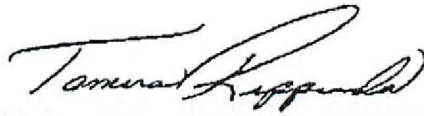
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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Tamera Ripperda
Director, Exempt Organizations