



Mission & Impact100 Grant Request

River City Food Bank's (RCFB) mission is to alleviate hunger in Sacramento County by providing consistent access to healthy, meaningful food for all. For the past 56 years, RCFB has continued to meet the growing need in our community. In 2023, RCFB distributed more than 3 million pounds of healthy food to 308,005 people facing hunger in Sacramento County—a 50% increase in service since the pandemic began.

In 2023, RCFB was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Impact100 to transform our Midtown location and enhance our services to the community. This funding is crucial in addressing the high rates of food insecurity in Sacramento.

Importance of the Project

The funding from Impact100 will build operational capacity and allow RCFB to:

- Move administration staff offsite, creating more space for food storage.
- Purchase a larger and more energy-efficient refrigerator to safely store a larger number of perishables (e.g. eggs, vegetables).
- Purchase, transport, and distribute healthy, culturally meaningful food to 7,000 people facing food insecurity.
- Purchase a pallet stacker to increase operational efficiency and storage.
- Renovate the Midtown building to create a safe, efficient and more functional space for staff and volunteers.

This project will serve as a springboard for future projects aimed at expanding our services sustainably. Additionally, RCFB leveraged critical funds from SMUD to help pay for the necessary equipment for this renovation, as well as upgraded energy-efficient lighting and HVAC units. Building this incredible partnership and addition to the renovation plan has contributed to some delays in obtaining permits and the start of construction, as several vendors and inspections were required. Now that the permits are submitted, the renovation project is on track and will be completed by the end of the year.

Progress to Date

1. City Permit Submission: Complete

All necessary permits have been submitted and are under review. We anticipate receiving final approval from the City of Sacramento by early August.

2. Administrative Move: In Progress

Instead of leasing a new building for administrative offices, we leveraged our construction partners to make small renovations and upgrades to our Arden distribution site, which we lease. Renovations will start on August 1, 2024, and staff will be able to move in by September 1, 2024. This solution is more financially sustainable and will allow us to fully renovate our Midtown distribution site as planned.

3. Additional Project Funding: Secured

We successfully leveraged the initial funding from Impact100 to secure additional funds from SMUD. These funds will support upgraded energy efficient lighting and HVAC equipment.

4. Construction: Scheduled

The construction phase is set to begin in September following final permit approval and equipment orders.

Project Timeline

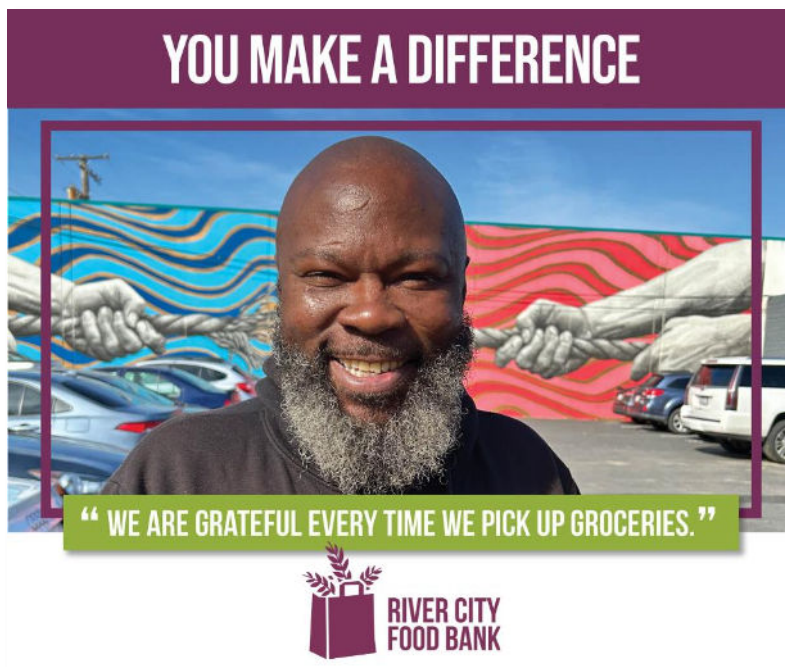
To date, RCFB has utilized grants funds to purchase healthy food for distribution, to prepare each site for renovation, and for the submission permits to start construction.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Completion</u>
City Permit Approval	Final review and approval by the City of Sacramento	Early 8/2024
Start of Renovations at Arden Site	Demolition, painting, flooring, and other preparatory work	8/1/2024
Administrative Move to Arden Site	Relocation of staff from Midtown to Arden location	9/1/2024
Equipment Purchase and Installation	Purchase and installation of energy-efficient refrigerator and upgraded lighting	9/15/2024
Construction Phase at Midtown Site	Interior demolition, asphalt work, door expansion, and installation of new equipment	9/1/2024 - 10/31/2024
Completion of Arden Site Renovations	Final touches to make the space fully operational	9/30/2024
Continued Food Distribution Support	Ongoing support for RCFB's Emergency Food Distribution	10/31/2024
Final Construction and Renovation at Midtown	Completion of all planned renovations and improvements	10/31/2024

Summary

River City Food Bank has made significant strides in transforming our Midtown location and enhancing our services to better meet the community's needs. With the generous support of Impact100, and the additional secured funding from SMUD, we are on track to create a more efficient and effective space to serve those in need. The upcoming months will see the culmination of our efforts with the completion of administrative moves, construction, and the implementation of upgraded equipment.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our mission to alleviate hunger in Sacramento County.



In their 24 years of marriage, Shaun and his wife have created a close-knit family of seven, residing near Midtown, Sacramento. With children ranging from nine to 26 years old, their household is vibrant and energetic.

For two years, they have turned to RCFB to navigate the challenges posed by rising food costs and balance their monthly budget.

They count on groceries from the food bank to create cherished family meals. Shaun highlights favorites

including street tacos, steak and potatoes, and hearty chicken dishes, which have become a source of joy and togetherness during uncertain times.

School lunches and breakfasts, coupled with CalFresh assistance and additional groceries from RCFB, contribute significantly to Shaun's ability to provide nutritious options while stretching his budget to cover essential expenses, including rent.

Despite the hurdles they face, Shaun remains steadfast and determined to provide for his family.

With your help, RCFB will be here for Shaun and any family experiencing food insecurity! **Thank you for making our work possible.**