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Eos Foundation Makes \$1M in Emergency Grants Available to Help Ensure Nutritional Safety Net
Support Focused on School Districts and Nonprofits on the Front Line of Fighting Hunger across MA

HARWICH PORT — March 25, 2020 — Today, the Eos Foundation announced \$1 million in emergency grant funding to support school districts and nonprofits across Massachusetts who are on the front lines of fighting hunger due to the coronavirus crisis. A small number of nonprofits have already received \$400,000, and the remaining \$600,000 is available to school districts that set up emergency meal sites which leverage new [COVID-19 USDA child nutrition programming](#).

“In these unprecedented times, we are committed to doing what we can to support the nutritional safety net for citizens across the Commonwealth,” said Andrea Silbert, President of the Eos Foundation. “I spent last week visiting emergency meal sites at a handful of schools and was amazed by how efficiently and effectively they were preparing and distributing thousands of healthy meals while maintaining a safe social distance.” The USDA’s COVID-19 response allows any school district in Massachusetts to open a meal site and provide two meals each day (generally a breakfast and lunch) to [any child aged 0-18, and in some cases ages 0-21, regardless of residency](#). Parents/guardians can pick up meals at these sites on behalf of their children, and on Fridays six meals are available for pick-up to carry children through the weekend. For a full list of sites across the state, visit Project Bread’s site at: <https://meals4kids.org/summer>. To see how sites operate, refer to videos captured last week in [Dennis/Yarmouth](#) and [Barnstable](#).

The **Eos Foundation’s Community-Wide Children’s Meals Program Grant Fund** has set aside \$600,000 from which it will make emergency grants of up to \$10,000 per school district. Monies may be used for equipment and supplies necessary to increase the numbers of meals served, including mobile and delivered meal solutions to children 0-18 or 0-21. Please direct inquiries to Andrea Silbert at silbert@eosfoundation.org or 508-221-8130.

The organizations receiving grants include: Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Community Servings, Elder Services of Cape Cod, Falmouth Service Center, Family Pantry of Cape Cod, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Greater Boston Food Bank, Lawyers for Civil Rights, Lower Cape Outreach Council, Mass Home Care, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Project Bread, Worcester County Food Bank, and YMCA Boston. This includes five organizations across Cape Cod which will receive a total of \$70,000 in emergency funding to support anti-hunger efforts. “With our office headquartered on Cape Cod, it is very important to support our local community,” said Silbert.

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