



# FOOD SECURITY WEEK 2024

STATUS OF HUNGER IN ALASKA: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH | 12:00PM



## FOOD ACCESS FOR ALL ALASKANS

Education | Advocacy | Collaboration



# WHAT IS FOOD SECURITY WEEK?







The Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) aims to **alleviate hunger, build healthy communities, and promote access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food**. By cultivating a strong anti-hunger network for Alaskans, the Alaska Food Coalition's mission is to **create systems change to end hunger in Alaska**.





# Food Bank of Alaska: Programs

## Agency Relations & Communications

- Distribution of food to partners statewide
- Developing and maintaining partnerships to strengthen the anti-hunger network in Alaska

## Senior Nutrition

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Senior Farmers Market Coupon Program
- Senior targeted grant programs

## Child Nutrition

- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Child targeted grant programs

## General Food Assistance

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Mobile Food Pantry Program
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations



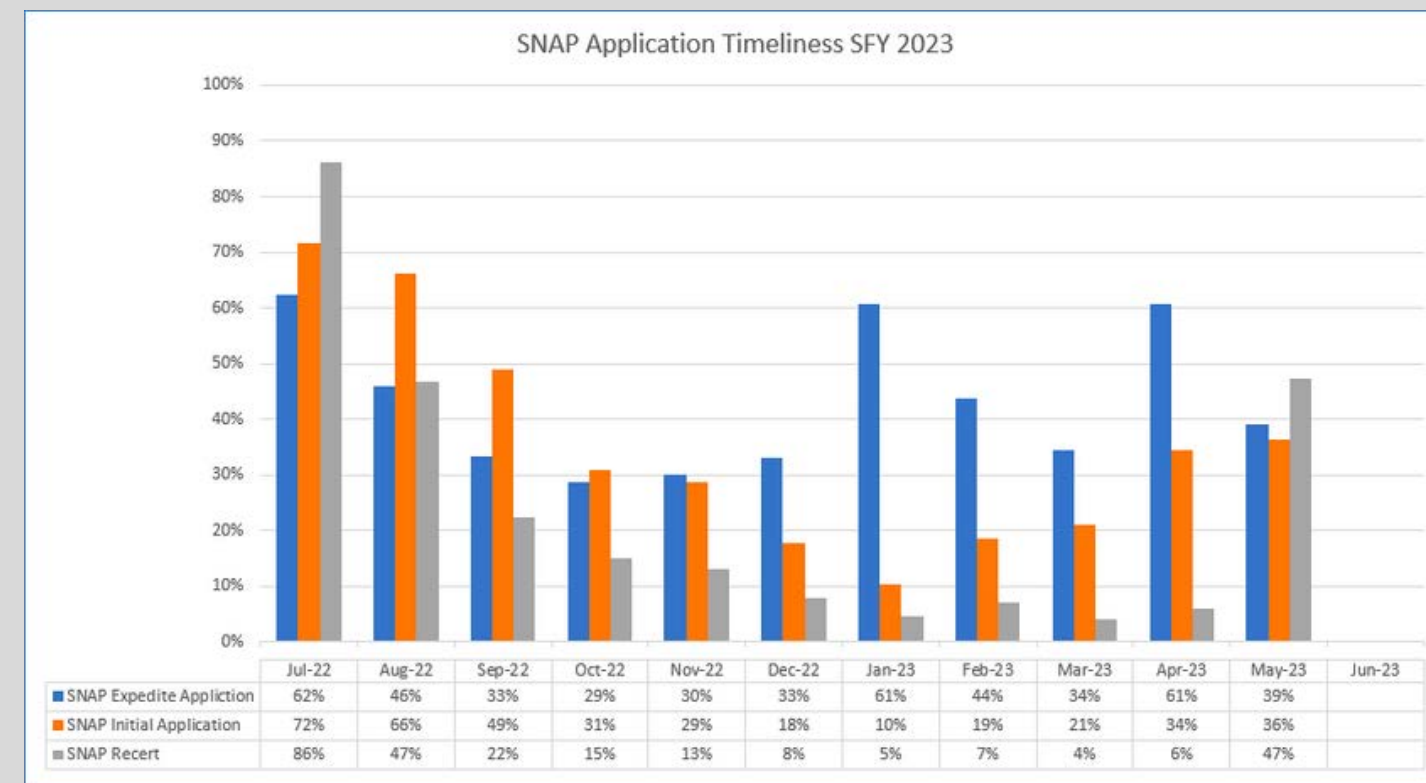


# **FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HELP PUT FOOD ON ALASKANS' TABLES**



# CURRENT CHALLENGES

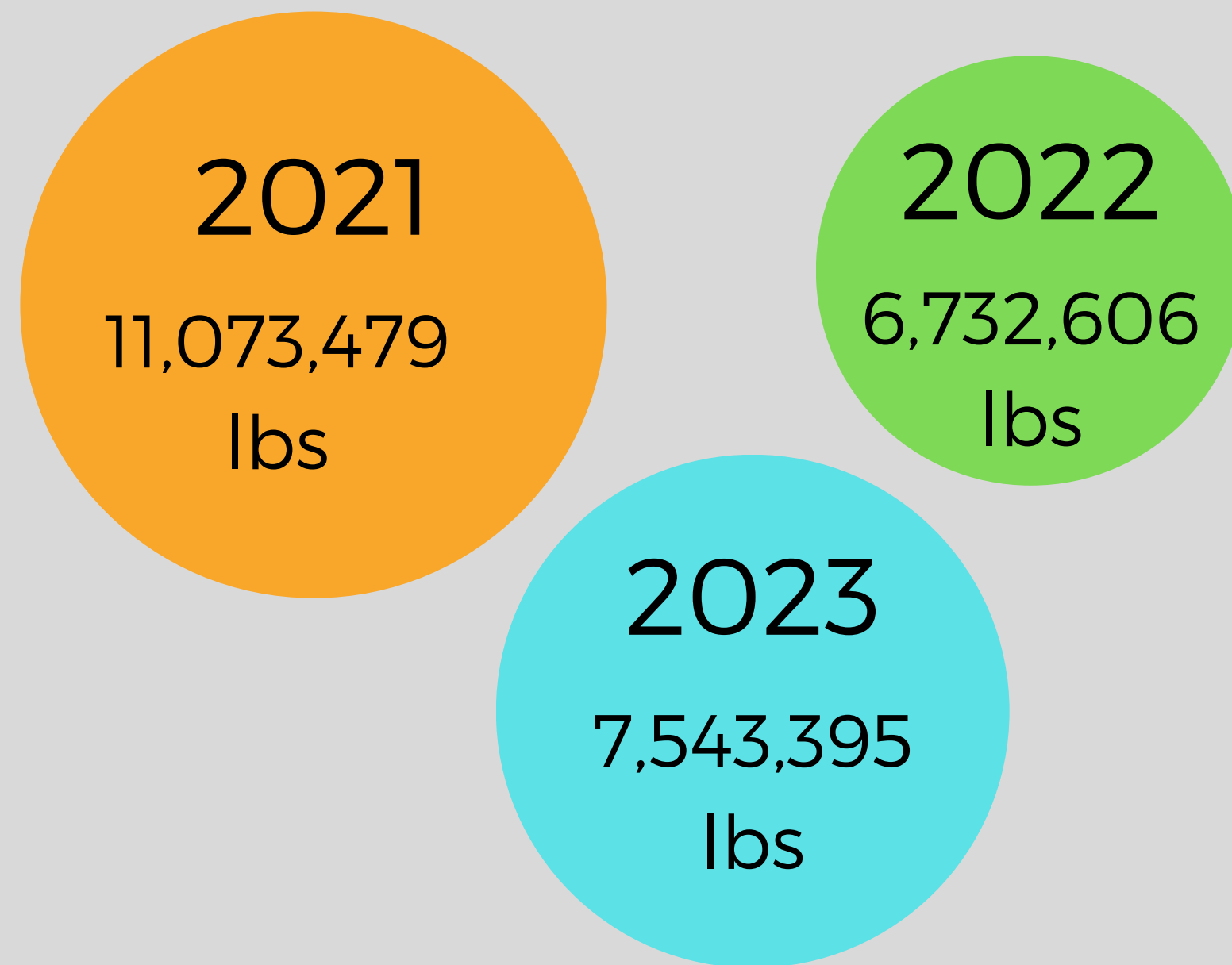
- Elevated levels of need and rising cost of food
- Backlog of SNAP applications
- Reduced corporate and individual donations
- Decline in food from federal programs



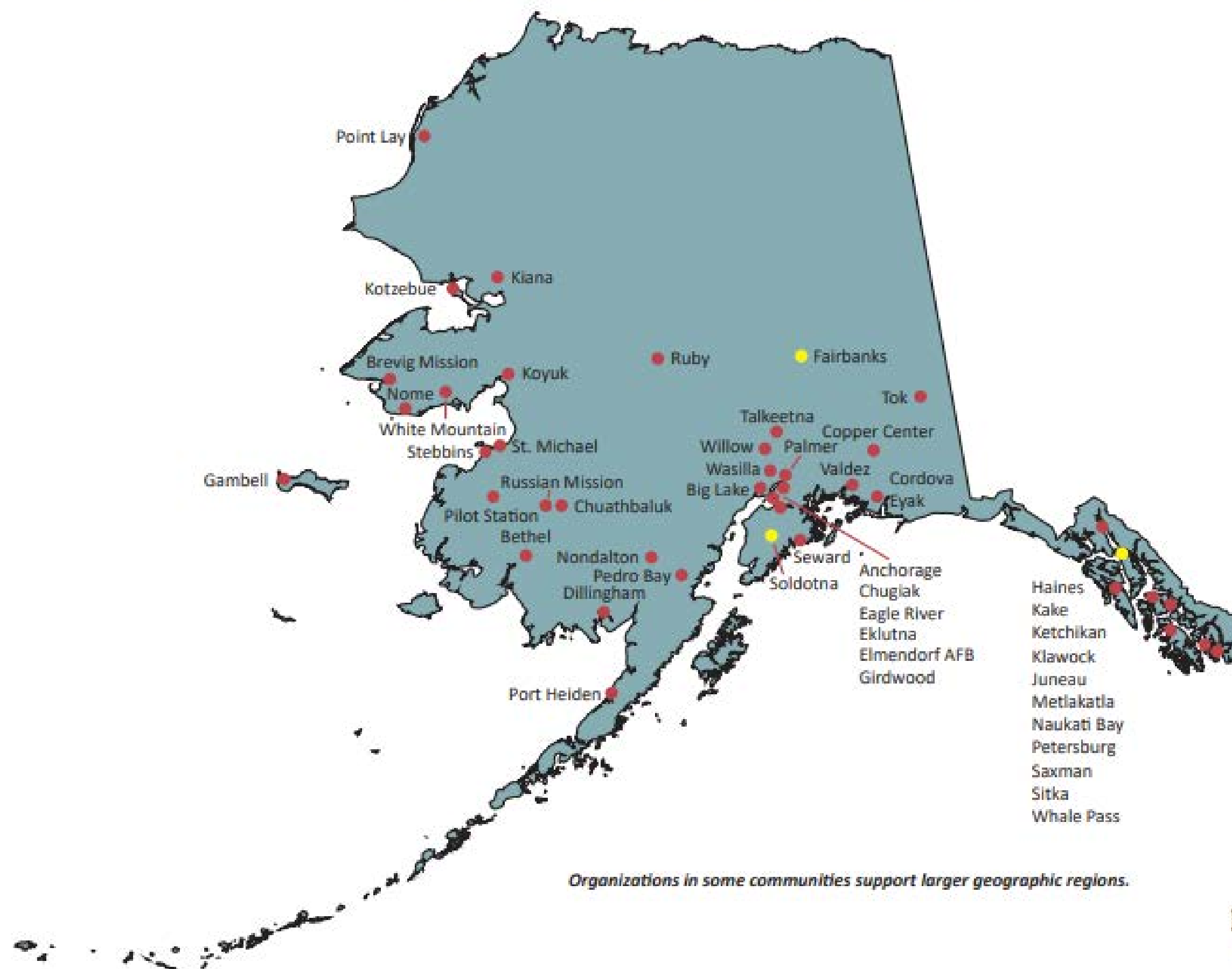


# POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY FBA 2021-2023

- Our partners in the network have seen increasingly elevated levels of need while having less food. The primary driver has been a decrease in federal programs and food donations, both government and private.
- The \$1.68 million allocation last year made a significant difference in our ability to serve.



# SAFE-D Grant Distribution



*Organizations in some communities support larger geographic regions.*



**FOOD BANK**  
of ALASKA



# DIRECT FOOD PURCHASE RECIPIENTS

- AHFC- Chugach Manor, Anchorage
- Alaska Family Services, Palmer
- Alaska Rural Health & Education, Whale Pass
- Anchorage Northside SDA Church, Anchorage
- Armed Services YMCA, Elmendorf AFB
- AWAIC, Anchorage
- Bean's Café, Anchorage
- Bethel Community Services Foundation, Bethel
- Big Lake Community Food Pantry, Big Lake
- Blood N Fire, Wasilla
- Brevig Mission, Brevig Mission
- Bristol Bay Regional Food Bank, Dillingham
- Catholic Social Services, Anchorage
- Chuathbaluk Traditional Council, Chuathbaluk
- Chugiak Eagle River Food Pantry, Chugiak/Eagle River
- Church of the Nations, Anchorage
- City of Pilot Station, Pilot Station
- City of Stebbins, Stebbins
- Copper River Native Association, Copper River
- Covenant House, Anchorage
- F.I.S.H., Anchorage
- Frontline Mission, Wasilla
- Girdwood Chapel, Girdwood
- Harvest Christian Fellowship, Eagle River
- Helping Hands Food Bank, Tok
- Iqugmiut Traditional Council, Russian Mission
- Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Soldotna
- Kiana Baptist Church, Kiana
- King's Chapel, Wasilla
- Kotzebue Church of God, Kotzebue
- Love in Action, Ketchikan
- Lutheran Social Services, Anchorage
- Mat-Su Food Bank, Wasilla
- Metlakatla Indian Community, Metlakatla
- MLK Foundation - Shiloh Mission, Anchorage
- Native Village of Eklutna, Eklutna
- Native Village of Elim, Elim
- Native Village of Eyak, Eyak
- Native Village of Gambell, Gambell
- Native Village of Koyuk, Koyuk
- Native Village of Marshall, Marshall
- Native Village of Point Hope, Point Hope
- Native Village of St. Michael, St Michael
- Naukati Bay Community Church, Naukati Bay
- New Hope Compassionate Ministries, Anchorage
- Nome Community Center, Nome
- Nondalton Tribal Council, Nondalton
- Open Door Mission, Anchorage
- Palmer Christian Food Pantry, Palmer
- Palmer Food Bank, Palmer
- Pedro Bay Village Council, Pedro Bay
- Point Lay Baptist Church, Point Lay
- Port Heiden Native Council, Port Heiden
- Revive Alaska Community Services, Anchorage
- Ruby Tribal Council, Ruby
- Salvation Army Cordova, Cordova
- Salvation Army Crooked Creek, Crooked Creek
- Salvation Army Family Emergency Services, Anchorage
- Salvation Army Haines, Haines
- Salvation Army Kake, Kake
- Salvation Army Mat-Su Palmer, Palmer
- Salvation Army Saxman, Saxman
- Salvation Army Sitka, Sitka
- Salvation Army Petersburg, Petersburg
- Seward Senior Center, Seward
- Sonrise Community Church, Anchorage
- St. Francis House, Anchorage
- Summit Worship, Wasilla
- Teller (Nome Community Center), Teller
- Upper Susitna Food Pantry, Talkeetna
- Valdez Food Bank, Valdez
- Willow Community Food Pantry, Willow
- Women In Safe Homes, Ketchikan
- Young Lives Alaska, Anchorage

# QUOTES FROM SAFE-D PROGRAM

“

The relief we received from the state through the SAFE-D program was very much needed. It helped with the high cost of getting food to our communities.

”

Bethel Community  
Services Foundation  
Food Pantry

“

“Blood N Fire has been averaging 40-50 new families a month. We provided food to 421 families in March up from around 350 families a month that we normally average.”

”

-Blood N Fire Food  
Pantry

“

SAFE-D made a tremendous impact keeping our shelves stocked at a time that we set a record in our 27 years history serving Juneau.

”

-Southeast Alaska Food Bank

“

This program was a huge blessing to folks across the Kenai Peninsula, acting as a lifeline for the communities we serve on and off the road system.

”

-Kenai Peninsula Food  
Bank

“

As the need kept rising and more families signed up for services, we were able ensure that there was no gap in services and families in our communities were fed.

”

-Upper Susitna Food  
Pantry



# MATSU FOOD BANK

Eddie Ezelle, Executive Director



## PANTRY PHYSICAL LOCATION

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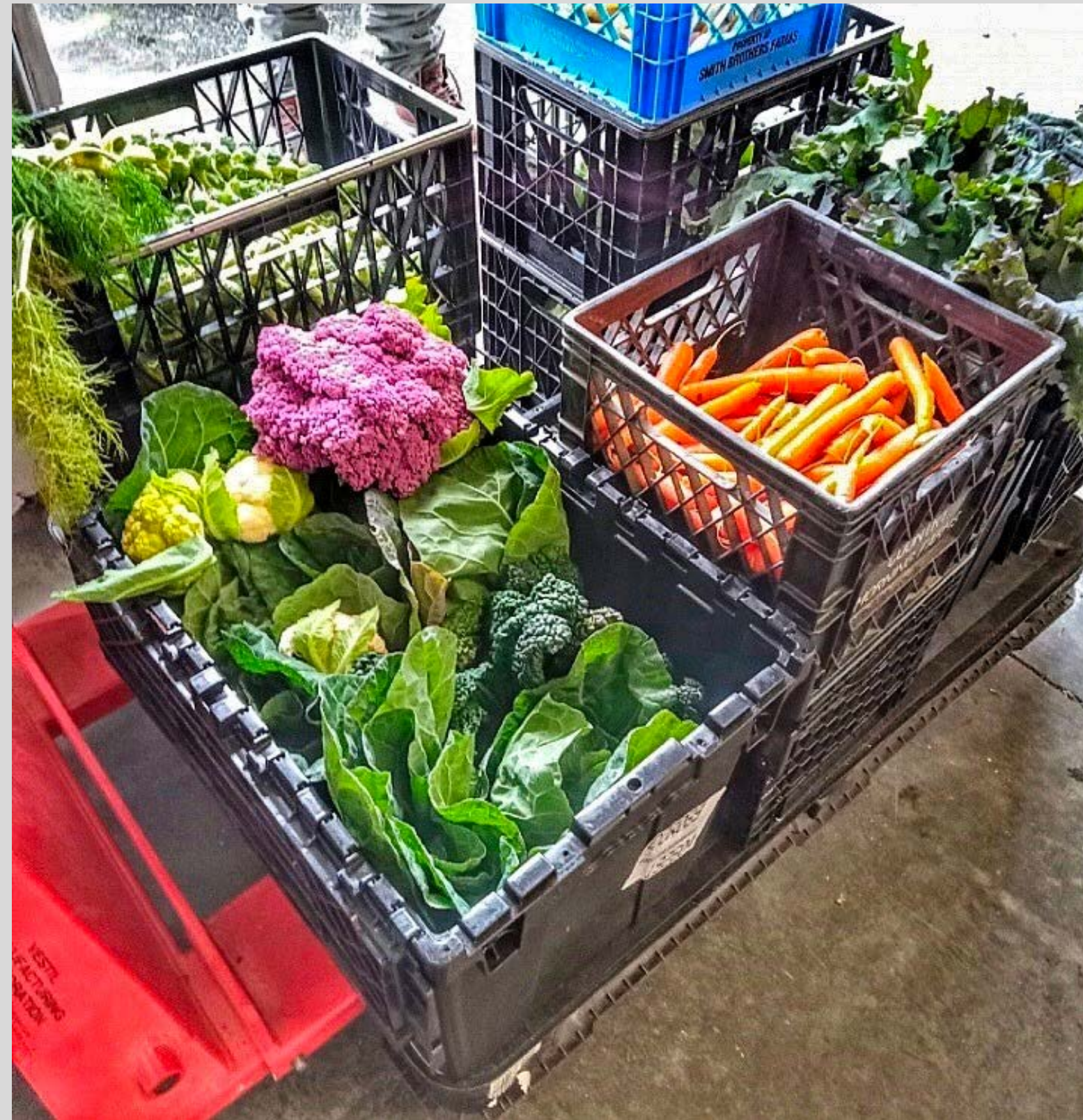
Monday - Friday

10am - 1pm





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# NOME COMMUNITY CENTER

Raeshawndra Jett, Board Member





# NOME COMMUNITY CENTER

**Some of our programs include:**

- Family Services
- Youth Court
- Boys & Girls Club
- Food Bank
- XYZ Senior Center
- Nome Emergency Shelter Team
- Housing and Homelessness Prevention





# NOME COMMUNITY CENTER





# SOUTHEAST ALASKA FOOD BANK

Chris Schapp, Executive Director





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AFMA Food Access Programs

# LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING ASSISTANCE (LFPA) & SNAP MARKET MATCH

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# INTRODUCTIONS

Who is the Alaska Farmers  
Market Association?





## OUR MISSION...

is to support and promote vibrant and sustainable farmers markets throughout Alaska.

We have expanded our support and promotion to farm stands, CSAs, food hubs, and remote specialty crop markets.





# WE HAVE A VISION FOR ALASKA

**AFMA is helping to build resilient communities through:**

- strong local food economies
- growing, training, and empowering new local food leaders
- nurturing connection & trust
- fill the gaps with support services and opportunities
- advocating for a fair and equitable food system
- working with partners to increase access to local foods and improve food security

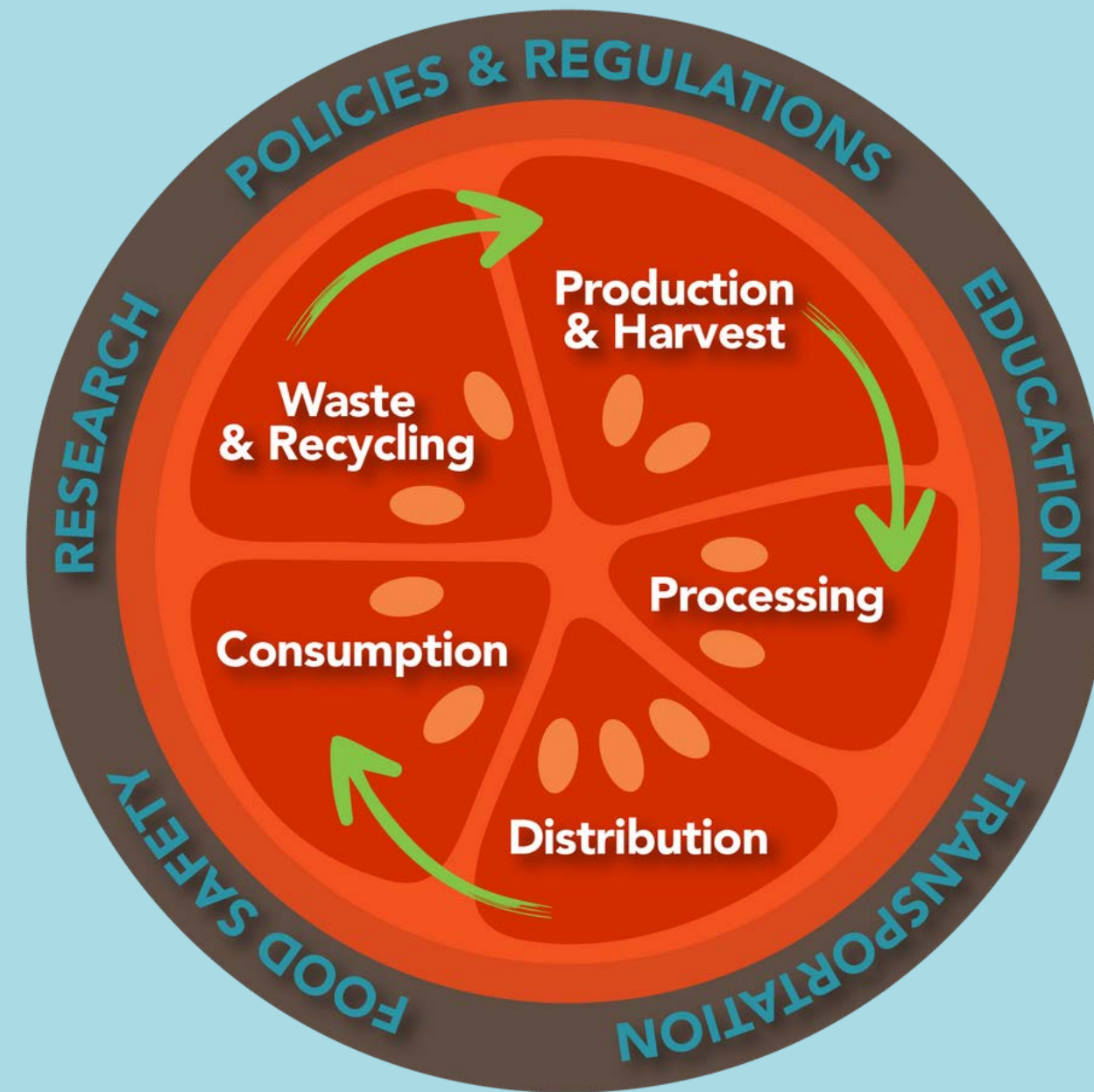


# OUR FOOD, OUR PEOPLE, OUR FUTURE

Imagine a healthy, nourished,  
food-secure Alaska.  
That's our vision.



We are the Alaska Food Policy Council. Our goal is to create a healthier, more secure, and more self-reliant Alaska by improving our food system.









# AFMA MEMBERS

- 64 Farmers Markets & Food Hubs
- 7 Farm Stands
- 4 CSA's
- 1 Agritourism operation



In 2023, markets generated an estimated \$7 million in sales statewide, and supported 95 Young and Beginning Farmers.



# AFMA MARKET MATCH

Market Match is possible through 2022 State Designated Legislative Grant Program funding.





# MARKET MATCH

SNAP-authorized markets can participate in AFMA's Market Match program. This program provides markets with resources and funds to double the SNAP EBT dollars of Families and individuals enrolled.

**In 2023, farmers markets and farmers doubled \$12,000 in SNAP purchases.**

Market Match also provides WIC FMNP customers with a \$15 boost to their vouchers. This boosted WIC FMNP redemption rates by \$23,000!







### These Markets Double SNAP with AFMA Market Match!

- Tanana Valley Farmers Market
- South Side Community Farmers Market
- Matanuska Community Farmers Market
- E&A Produce Market
- Grow North Farm
- Homer Farmers Market
- Kodiak Bounty Farm
- Haines Farmers Market





# **LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING ASSISTANCE (LFPA) PROGRAM**

AFMA is a sub-recipient of USDA funding through the Division of Agriculture's LFPA.



# LFPA

Purpose of program: to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

Ten anti-hunger organizations around the state received local foods through this program.



**In 2023, AFMA facilitated  
the procurement and  
distribution of over  
\$80,000 in local foods**





# CONTACT US

Stay in touch and get involved! Our organization is led by a 100% volunteer board of directors and three dedicated part-time staff. We would love your help!

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Thank you to the



for joining us today,  
and for the important  
work you do!



# QUESTIONS?



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