

CalFresh Fruit & Vegetable EBT Program

Making healthy food more affordable for CalFresh families

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The Opportunity

The CalFresh Fruit & Vegetable EBT Program provides low-income families with up to \$60 each month in matching dollars when they purchase fresh fruits and vegetables with their CalFresh benefits, making healthy food more affordable while also supporting California farmers and grocers.

92,000 households

representing roughly 154,000 people, earned benefits from the program in April 2026¹



92 retail locations

where CalFresh participants can earn fruit & vegetable supplemental benefits



\$4.8M per month

amount of supplemental benefits earned in April 2026, the latest month of available data



The Current State

This highly successful and efficient program restarted on November 17, 2025 thanks to a one-time, \$36 million allocation approved by the California Legislature and Governor for FY 2025–26.

We estimate that current funds will only keep the program active through June 2026.² Without sustained funding, the program's future remains at risk, leaving CalFresh families with fewer resources to put healthy food on the table.

The Need

With both hunger and food prices on the rise, the legislature must ensure the program remains available year round and expands to reach even more families.

A one-time, \$100 million allocation from the state's general fund would sustain the program for a full year and allow it to expand to additional retail locations to serve more CalFresh families in new regions of the state. At a minimum, \$65 million is needed to keep the program active for a full year without interruption.

¹ Data based on records from April 2026, the latest month of available program data.

² Fullwell estimates based on data provided by the California Department of Social Services and Office of Technology and Solutions Integration.



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