

Food Crisis Fund - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Food Crisis Fund?

The Food Crisis Fund is a community initiative that provides financial support to local food pantries serving Monroe County residents in need.

2. Who is leading the Fund?

The Fund is co-developed and managed by Pocono Mountains United Way and the Community Foundation of Monroe County.

3. What is the goal of the Fund?

The goal is to raise \$100,000 to strengthen food access and support emergency response efforts in Monroe County.

4. How much is Pocono Mountains United Way contributing to start the Fund?

Pocono Mountains United Way will seed the Fund with an initial \$15,000 contribution.

5. Where will the funds go?

All funds will be distributed directly to the regional food pantries serving Monroe County residents.

6. Will any portion of donations be used for administrative costs?

No, 100% of all funds raised will be remitted to local food pantries.

7. Who will oversee the use of the funds?

A volunteer committee of community leaders will oversee the Fund and approve all distributions, with internal staff leadership to provide industry-specific counsel.

8. How will transparency be ensured?

All contributions and distributions will be publicly reported to ensure 100% transparency.

9. Can donors specify which pantry their donation supports?

All contributions will be pooled to ensure equitable distribution across the regional food pantries.

10. How can individuals or businesses donate?

Donations can be made online through Pocono Mountains United Way (select Food Crisis Fund) or via mail:

Pocono Mountains United Way
301 McConnell Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Attn: Food Crisis Fund

11. Will donations be tax-deductible?

Yes, all contributions are tax-deductible through Pocono Mountains United Way.

12. How often will funds be distributed?

Funds will be distributed based on need and committee review, through rolling distribution.

13. Can other organizations contribute matching funds or sponsorships?

Yes, matching gifts and sponsorships are encouraged to help the Fund reach its \$100,000 goal.

14. What is the long-term vision for the Fund?

While this Fund is designed to serve the immediate needs of the community, individuals and businesses that are interested in investing in a stronger food security system for Monroe County are also encouraged to work directly with the Community Foundation of Monroe County for endowment fundraising.

15. How can the public stay informed?

Updates will be shared on both organizations' websites and social media platforms.