

To: LPSD School Board
From: Christina Salmon
Subject: Iguigig School Lunch Funding
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Waqaa!

Sorry that I had such a poor connection during the meeting. I started it off with a Vegas joke because I know Council's get such flack for attending conferences there. But that being said, we have been attending the RES Conference in Vegas and it has been very helpful in securing funding for us. It was through this conference we learned about the Local Food Security Program through USDA that gave us \$320,000 to buy food for our community from local farms/people in Alaska.

Link Below:

<https://www.usda.gov/partner-portal/key-programs-catalog/programs-for-organizations/local-food-promotion-program>

Link for the RES Conference also below:

<https://www.ncaied.org/event/res-2025/>

Igiugig Village Council has switched to Self Governance and the annual OSG Conference is taking place in Arizona in April. Those sessions also have Food Security Tracks.

Link for OSG Conference:

tribalselfgov.org

We recently attended a conference put on by the Food Bank of Alaska. Here was the takeaway one our folks were able to share with us.

So at the conference I went to this TEFAP program seemed the most beneficial option for the village.

Here are the requirements:

So, basically, the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement food to low-income families. The food and shipping to our partner is covered through USDA. The partner is responsible for having clients fill out an application once a year, track inventory and submit monthly reports to FBA. The monthly report consists of an inventory of food and a list of clients that received food for that month.

To be eligible to receive TEFAP commodities for distribution, partners must:

- Be a public or nonprofit organization.
- Provide food to persons in need.
- Have read and signed the Alaska TEFAP Site Distribution Agreement.
- Obtain and maintain a food establishment permit.
- Register and maintain a profile with SAM.gov.
- Store food in a safe and secure location.
- At least one person must have a food safety certification.

Here is the direct contact for this program at the food bank:

Danielle Caldwell
Program Coordinator- TEFAP
Food Bank of Alaska
2192 Viking Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501
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FoodBankofAlaska.org

As soon as we heard the news about our lunch program being cut, IVC held a special Council meeting to appropriate \$35,000 from our ARPA, America Rescue Plan Act funding to at least get us through this year.

I understand these are all just ideas we quickly ran with and won't work for all of our communities, we are still meeting with our food security team to

look for more long term solutions. I hope this was a little bit helpful, we are always looking to team up with communities in our region to work through hard challenges together. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or solutions!

Take care and have a safe Fall/Winter.

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