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Trump Administration Awards \$500,000 Community Facility Disaster Grant to Vermont Foodbank

Investment to Build Efficiencies, Upgrade Equipment and Keep Workers Safe During Pandemic and Beyond

BARRE, VT, August 11, 2020 – The Trump Administration today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded the Vermont Foodbank a \$500,000 grant to upgrade its Barre, Vt. facility with new equipment and infrastructure, and increased broadband capability to better manage its satellite locations and collaborate with partners.

Trump Administration Official & Vermont State Director Anthony Linardos recently announced the project, citing its essential role in the age of Covid-19. “Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA has helped rural Vermont in building strong, healthy communities before and during the Coronavirus pandemic,” he said. “The Vermont Foodbank is more important than ever because food insecurity is now a bigger challenge than it’s ever been. This disaster-relief investment will help workers and staff accommodate the ever-growing demand for safe and efficient food distribution to our low-income rural neighbors.”

Funds will be used to upgrade Vermont Foodbank facilities and purchase new operational assets, including a forklift, pickup truck, expanded storage racking, teleconferencing equipment, and a loading-dock canopy to provide all-season weather protection for vehicles, staff and drivers. USDA Rural Development awarded the grant through its Community Facilities Disaster Relief program.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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