

# San Francisco Warehouse Expansion



## COVID Crisis: Double the Need Requires More Food & More Space

Pre-pandemic, the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank was already a vital lifeline for over 141,000 people every week. Now, with thousands of people unemployed in the crisis, we are serving almost double the number of families. Our warehouse is at capacity, so we've erected a tent and rented space. Expanding our warehouse will provide a more permanent solution to meet the skyrocketing needs.

## Feed San Francisco: Today and Tomorrow

Before the pandemic, the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank was already a vital lifeline for over 140,000 people every week. Now, the Food Bank and our partners have risen to the challenge of growing food insecurity faced by those who have lost their jobs, hours, and wages. Those in need are our neighbors, our friends, our families, and our essential workers. If we are to meet the growing need in the coming decades, the Food Bank must undertake an expansion of our Pennsylvania Avenue warehouse. Currently, the Food Bank is forced to turn away food donations because of lack of storage space – our warehouse is bursting at the seams. As the Bay Area cost of living rises, the time has come to double down on our investment in addressing hunger and providing food for all.

## Expansion = More Food for More People in Need

The Food Bank has occupied its San Francisco Pennsylvania Avenue warehouse since 1997. This site was originally intended to support the distribution of 30 million pounds of food per year – we are now handling 48 million pounds annually. The addition will enlarge the site by approximately 32,000 square feet, extending into our current parking lot. This will allow us to grow our annual food distribution to 75 million pounds, serving up to 200,000 people per week.

## Increase Capacity While Minimizing Neighborhood Impacts

The proposed design reflects years of thinking and discussion with architects, community partners, and city planners about how to increase our capacity while minimizing neighborhood impact. Trucks will continue to enter on the north side of the building, farthest from residential neighbors, and our front-facing entry will serve as a pedestrian-friendly welcome center for our volunteers.



The Impact	Current	After Expansion
Lbs. of Food Distributed Annually	48 Million	75 Million
People Served Weekly	140,000	200,000
Community Partners	420	500
Daily Inbound Truckloads of Food	4–6	6–9
Daily Outbound Truckloads of Food	10–12	15–18

## Timeline for Construction

The Food Bank is working with our design team to secure building permits and refine project details. If all goes well, construction could begin in late 2020 or early 2021 and last roughly a year. We look forward to a grand reopening in late 2021 or early 2022. The Food Bank will continue to serve the community during construction.

For more information, go to [sfmfoodbank.org/sf-warehouse-expansion](https://sfmfoodbank.org/sf-warehouse-expansion) or contact us at [expansion@sfmfoodbank.org](mailto:expansion@sfmfoodbank.org)

Founded in 1987, the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank's mission is to end hunger in San Francisco and Marin Counties, where one in five people are at risk of hunger. A pioneer in the farm-to-family movement to rescue excess produce, 60% of what we provide our participants each week is fresh fruits and vegetables. We are a lifeline for countless families, seniors, and people with disabilities, and throughout our history we have distributed almost \$1 billion worth of food to our neighbors in need.