



WASTE-FREE

Ventura County

Eliminate Hunger. Recover Food. Reduce Waste.

Application Questions

Section 1: Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name (Required):

Jane Rancher

2. Organization Name (Required):

Coast Growers Food Hub

3. Tax ID Number (Required):

XX-XXX-XXXX

4. Applicant Email (Required):

Jane@coastgrowerFH@gmail.com

5. Applicant Phone (Required):

(805)234-1234

6. Street Address (Required):

123 Ventura Way
Ventura, CA 93001

7. How many locations do you have in Ventura County? (Required)

Two locations:

- o 123 Ventura Way Ventura, CA 93001
- o 456 Los Posas Rd, Camarillo, CA 93003

8. Are all required business license(s) valid and up to date? (Required)

Yes

9. Are all required permits valid and up to date? (Required)

Yes

10. Which areas do you serve? (Please select all that apply and estimate the percentage this project will serve each jurisdiction selected):

Camarillo - 20%

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Moorpark Click or tap here to enter text.

Ojai Click or tap here to enter text.

Oxnard - 5%

Port Hueneme Click or tap here to enter text.

Ventura - 70 %

Santa Paula Click or tap here to enter text.

Simi Valley Click or tap here to enter text.

Thousand Oaks Click or tap here to enter text.

Unincorporated Ventura – 5%

11. Briefly describe your organization and mission (Required):

Coast Growers Food Hub is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving vulnerable communities across Ventura County and Southern California since 2010. Our mission is to uplift and empower individuals by providing essential resources and support. Through our Charitable Aid Department, we offer emergency food assistance, job placement services, home essential aid, and cultural awareness programs. We operate a Food Hub Collective in Ventura at 123 Ventura Way, and a warehouse in Camarillo at 456 Las Posas Rd. As of January 2025, we are serving an average of 4,000 families monthly, reflecting our commitment to alleviating food insecurity and fostering resilience within the communities we serve.

Section 2: Capacity Questions

1. Do you physically collect food donations directly from businesses, or do you receive recovered food through another organization or entity? Please explain. (Required):

Yes – we recover from 2 grocery stores twice per week.

2. Estimated number of pounds of edible food collected monthly (Required):

180,000

3. Estimated number of pounds of edible food distributed monthly (Required):

180,000

4. Estimated number of meals served monthly (Required):

15,000

5. Estimated number of individuals served monthly (Required):

16,000

6. Does your organization use scales to weigh incoming food donations? (Required)

Yes

7. Does your organization track inedible food waste? If yes, briefly describe the method your organization uses to quantify inedible food waste (Required):

Yes – Our organization quantifies inedible food waste by visually inspecting donations during intake and separating spoiled or inedible items. These items are logged separately and either weighed using our warehouse scale or estimated based on standard volume-to-weight conversion charts. Staff and trained volunteers record this data in a shared tracking spreadsheet to ensure consistent monitoring and reporting.

8. Does your organization use any software to track food donations or keep track of records? (Required)

Yes

9. Do staff members and volunteers maintain appropriate food handler or food safety manager certifications as necessary or required by state or local mandates? If applicable, please attach Food Safety Certificate along with other supporting documentation.

Two personnel have food handler certification: Debora Wickstrom and Jame Berry. Please see attached certificate.

10. Is your organization interested in learning more about the WFVC Tier Two pilot program to increase food donations?

Yes!

11. What businesses do you currently recover food from? Please indicate your recovery schedule, including partners and locations.

Partner Name	Location	Frequency (day & time if available):
Grocery Outlet	9372 Telephone Rd, Ventura, CA 93004	Twice a week (Monday and Wednesday 8 AM)
Sprouts Farmers Markert	4870 Telephone Rd, Ventura, CA 93003	Once a week (Thursday 10 AM)
Ralphs	1776 S Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93003	Once a week (Monday 9:30 AM)
Trader Joes	1795 S Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93003	Once a week (Friday 7:30 AM)

12. What is your current distribution schedule, including number of days, hours, and locations.

Location	Day	Time	Frequency
123 Ventura Way, Ventura CA	Sunday	10 AM – 1PM	Two times a month (1 st and 3 rd of the month)
456 Los Posas Rd, Camarillo, CA 93003	Wednesday and Friday	3 PM – 5PM	One per month (2 nd and 4 th of the month)

Section 3: Proposal Information

1. Briefly describe your current program or project you plan to support using this funding. Please include a description of your collaboration with any other organizations, entities, or businesses as it relates to your project plan:

We plan to expand and enhance Coast Growers Food Hub’s food recovery and distribution capacity by acquiring commercial-grade refrigeration and storage equipment for our Camarillo warehouse. This equipment will allow us to safely store and preserve perishable recovered food, increase volume intake from donor partners, and reduce food waste. We are actively collaborating with local partners including XX College, and XX Church to host consistent distributions. Additionally, we maintain partnerships with food donors such as XX Food Bank, Amazon, and local grocery stores. This project will allow us to receive larger and more diverse food donations and distribute them more effectively through our county-wide network.

2. Briefly describe how this funding will benefit your organization in increasing your capacity to accept more food donations and/ or distribute more food:

This funding will directly increase our capacity to accept, store, and distribute greater quantities of food—especially perishable items that require cold storage. By acquiring commercial refrigeration and shelving equipment for our Camarillo warehouse, we will be able to accept larger and more frequent donations from partners like XX Food Bank, Amazon, and local grocers. Improved storage infrastructure will reduce spoilage, extend shelf life, and allow for better sorting and staging for our mobile distributions across Ventura County. As a result, we anticipate a significant increase in the volume and nutritional quality of food we provide to the 4,000 families we currently serve each month.

3. Attach Completed Budget Table



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4. Attach Obtained Quote(s)
5. Attach W9

Section 4: Proposal Submission

Please check boxes to confirm your commitment to completing the following activities during your grant period.

- Funds will solely benefit Ventura County and affiliated cities.
- Use current scales, or purchase scales with funds requested, to weigh food donations.
- Track distribution data.
- Provide reports upon request (to be detailed in your agreement).
- Complete Food Safety Requirements.
- Attending at least one progress update meeting with Abound Food Care.

To submit your proposal, please include all required supporting documentation:

- Completed application form
- W-9

- Completed budget table
- Quotes for any requested capital purchases

All materials should be emailed to WasteFreeVC@venturacounty.gov

Submissions must be received by 11:59 PM on **May 22, 2026**. Please ensure that all documents are complete, as incomplete submissions may not be considered for funding.