

# GNAP 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is GNAP?**

Georgia General Assembly and Department of Human Services offer grant funding to Georgia food banks to provide food assistance to eligible families with children.

**2. Why are there changes to GNAP?**

Due to changes to federal regulations on TANF programs that would require organizations to collect the social security numbers of neighbors and submit them to the federal Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) to verify their eligibility, DHS asked the federal Health & Human Services' office of Administration for Children & Families for "prescriptive guidance" on the rules of TANF and our program. In the meantime, we have worked with DHS on a new contract to run through a four-month period ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, allowing for TANF funded GNAP products to be distributed during this period. Our expectation is HHS/ACF will give final guidance on the TANF rules, which will affect our GNAP contracts going forward.

**3. What is the benefit of GNAP to my agency/community?**

GNAP benefits your agency and community by providing high quality foods for your agency to distribute to families with children 17 years old or under.

**4. How do I know if my agency is eligible for the program?**

Any agency that has had a successful compliance visit and distributes to a majority of families with children 17 years old or under is qualified to participate in the GNAP program.

**5. How do I determine if I have eligible neighbors?**

There are several different categories that can make a family eligible for GNAP. Please see your Compliance Specialist for more information.

**6. Do neighbors have to fill out a separate form?**

NO, neighbors will not have to fill out a separate form to determine eligibility for GNAP.

**7. How do I order GNAP food?**

Once eligible, an agency will order GNAP products on eHarvest. The item description will list the items as GNAP.

**8. What kind of food can I order through GNAP?**

Using available GNAP funding, the Food Bank purchases many high value grocery items to be made available through the GNAP program.

**9. How do I track how much GNAP food I am distributing?**

To make the transition as easy as possible we will only ask you to fill out a new report once per month. You will only need to provide the weight of GNAP product that you have remaining in your inventory at the end of each month.

**10. What happens if I cannot distribute all the GNAP products?**

If you cannot distribute all GNAP food before the end of the four-month GNAP distribution period, we ask that you notify the Food Bank so that we can take appropriate steps to have the food distributed by the end of the GNAP distribution period.

**11. Do I have to get recertified every year?**

Partner agencies will only have to recertify for the GNAP program each time we have a new contract with the GA Department of Human Services. The current contract will be for 2 years.

**12. Will there be a limit on how much GNAP an agency can order each month?**

There will not be limits placed on agency orders for GNAP product. Each agency should be ordering based on what they can distribute each month. If you are not sure of how much you should order, please contact your County Relationship Manager.

**13. Will there be a cutoff for ordering in the last month?**

We currently do not have a cutoff planned. We do ask that as the end of the distribution period approaches you only order what you can distribute by the end of the four-month period.

**14. Will there be a large inventory of GNAP products to order from?**

We believe that there will be approximately 2 million pounds of GNAP food available over the entire four-month period.