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## City of Bowie Continues Emergency Food Assistance Program for COVID-19 Relief

Bowie, MD - As part of the City of Bowie's CDBG-CV-funded relief programs, the City will be distributing emergency food aid to city residents at the Kenhill Center on Saturdays in August. Non-perishable groceries will be distributed via four drive-through events, which will take place on the following dates:

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Saturday, August 28, 2021

All distribution events will take place at the **Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Dr. Bowie, MD 20715**

Food will be distributed from 10 am until 2 pm (or until all food is gone.) All food will be non-perishable and include ingredients for a selection of meals. Volunteers using masks and gloves will load food into vehicles and staff will gather information from residents in their cars; residents will not exit their vehicles.

**Only City of Bowie residents are eligible for this program. Residents will be required to provide ID or a piece of mail with a Bowie address on it to qualify for assistance.** Please check to make sure your address is within City of Bowie limits at <https://gis-cityofbowie.hub.arcgis.com/app/7df1a42cf2264319b718fefba3dfac8a>

This program is administered by the City's Office of Grant Development and Administration (OGDA). For more information, please visit the City's website at [cityofbowie.org/cobcares](https://cityofbowie.org/cobcares) or contact Program Coordinator Kay Starr at 301-809-3009 or email [cobcares@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cobcares@cityofbowie.org)

**Volunteers are needed to sort and pack food at the Kenhill Center on the afternoons of Wednesday, August 4 and Thursday, August 5, 2021, as well as Wednesday, August 11 and Thursday, August 12, 2021, as well as distribution events each Saturday from 9 am until 3 pm. Interested volunteers should email [cobcares@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cobcares@cityofbowie.org) or go to <https://bowie.fyi/BowieFoodVolunteers2021> to sign up.**

The March 27, 2020 passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, provides \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As an entitlement community, the City of Bowie received Community Development Block Grant funding from HUD as part of Phase 3 of the CARES Act. This funding will be used to facilitate assistance to persons and entities impacted by COVID-19. Eligible CDBG activities will include assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance, increasing access to food through local nonprofit service providers, and acquisition of PPE and other supplies for homeless and housing outreach services and assistance.