



2022 Policy Agenda

The Capital Area Food Bank is deeply invested in helping the people we serve gain access to the food they need today while also empowering them to build paths out of food insecurity in the long term. Advocating for programs and policies that reduce hunger and poverty is an essential part of that work. Our 2022 policy agenda outlines the proposals we will advance in each jurisdiction this year to have the greatest positive impact for our clients.

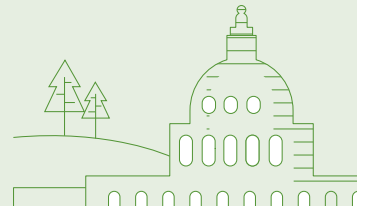
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL

- Increase inter-programmatic utilization of the social safety net
- Incorporate food security metrics into agency, county, and comprehensive planning
- Expand or create the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Enhance SNAP
- Emphasize use of local agriculture in food security efforts

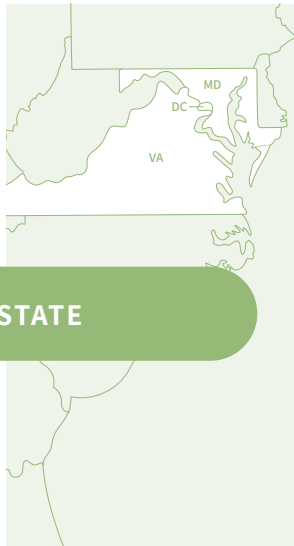


FEDERAL

- Modernize SNAP eligibility standards
- Expand WIC eligibility to age six
- Improve client, agency, and food bank experience through TEFAP
- Permanently enact the Child Tax Credit



STATE



DC

- Increase grocery store access in Wards 5, 7, and 8
- Give SNAP a raise
- Pass the No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021



MARYLAND

- Enact the Farm to Food Security Act (HB 147 / SB0121)
- Increase the minimum SNAP benefit and lower the age threshold to reach more seniors
- Create a Maryland Health Equity Fund

VIRGINIA

- Increase the minimum SNAP benefit
- Pass Dillon legislation to allow localities in Commonwealth to create local EITC
- Amend the EITC to ensure refundability
- Continue funding the Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program

LOCAL

PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD

- Establish Stand-up and Deliver program for long-term
- Create a county-level Earned Income Tax Credit

MONTGOMERY, MD

- Create a workload or full-time position dedicated to leveraging federal social safety net benefits
- Make permanent the Working Families Income Supplement Expansion to ITIN Filers

ARLINGTON, VA

- Request Dillon legislation to allow localities in Commonwealth to create local Earned Income Tax Credit

ALEXANDRIA, VA

- Create a workload or full-time position dedicated to leveraging federal social safety net benefits

FAIRFAX, VA

- Standardize and incorporate food insecurity metrics into strategic planning

PRINCE WILLIAM, VA

- Implement 'Health in All Policies' approach to governance

