

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION: Franklin County EOC, 120 County Way, Farmington

DATE AND TIME: September 15, 2026 @ 10:00 A.M.

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RECOGNITION:

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administrator's Report
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Western Maine Mountain Housing Presentation
5. Andre Cushing – MCCA Chair
6. TIF Scholarships
7. Department Presentation – Communications Center
8. Registry of Deeds – Third Floor Storage
9. Probate Courtroom - Carpeting
10. Franklin County Food Pantries – Review and Award

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Comment – Rules
2. Treasurer – Appointed vs. Elected - Discussion

**County Commissioner's Meeting
Agenda Discussion and Analysis
September 15, 2026**

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NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator's Report

- Carrie Castonguay has accepted the County Administrator position with Franklin County, a copy of her contract can be found in your flower folder for your signatures.
- Ciara Pelkey has accepted the part-time Corrections Officer position with the Franklin County Detention Center. Her first day was August 31, 2026.
- Brett Strickland resigned from the Franklin County Detention Center effective September 3, 2026.
- Leeanna Lavoie has resigned from the Opioid Settlement Committee effective immediately. How would the Commissioner's like to proceed forward with filling this position.
- Franklin County was formerly served with a Complaint in the matter of Jennifer McCoy vs Franklin County Commissioners regarding the abatement appeal decision imposed by the commissioners. We have been in contact with our attorney.
- The Federal LATCF grant, which was awarded in January 2022, has been completed and closed out.
- FY2026 year end fund balances are provided in your packet for review.
- We have received an LUPC Application from Saddleback Mountain, a copy of which can be found in the flower folder.

Recommendation: Motion to accept the Administrator's Report.

Motion to approve the hiring of Ciara Pelkey for the part-time Corrections Officer position with the Franklin County Detention Center.

Minutes: Provided to you prior to the Commissioner's Meeting

Recommendation: Motion to approve September 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Included in your packet.

Recommendation: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Western Maine Mountain Housing Presentation

Comments: Western Maine Housing, the ARPA Funded housing project, has requested to present their status to the Commissioners.

Recommendation: None at this time

Andre Cushing – MCCA Chair

Comments: Andre Cushing, Chair of the Maine County Commissioners Association (MCCA), will attend the Commissioners' Meeting to provide an update on ongoing and current matters affecting County Commissioners and county government throughout the State of Maine. Mr. Cushing will discuss issues of statewide importance, emerging matters impacting Maine's counties, and other topics currently being addressed by MCCA. This will also provide the Commissioners with an opportunity to discuss Franklin County's concerns and ask questions regarding matters affecting county government.

Recommendation: None at this time

TIF Scholarships

Comments: The TIF Committee has reviewed and made recommendations for the scholarships which can be found in your flower folder.

Recommendation: Award TIF Scholarships

Department Presentation – Communications Center

Comments: Kyle Ellis, Franklin County Regional Communications Center Director, will provide the Commissioners with a brief presentation highlighting the communication center's operations, core responsibilities, current initiatives, recent accomplishments, challenges, and upcoming priorities. This presentation is intended to provide the Board with a better understanding of the department's functions and ongoing efforts in support of Franklin County's mission.

Recommendation: None at this time.

Registry of Deeds – Third Floor Storage

Comments: Commissioner Carlton requested this matter be included on the agenda.

Recommendation: None at this time.

Probate Courtroom – Carpeting

Comments: Three quotes were received for the replacement of carpeting in the Probate Courtroom. The quotes received are as follows: New Beginnings Flooring, LLC – \$2,410.26; Northland Flooring Kitchen & Bath – \$3,515.50; and Pro-Flooring – \$2,688.27. Following review of the proposals, Brandon recommends awarding the project to Pro-Flooring at a cost of \$2,688.27. Although Pro-Flooring did not submit the lowest-priced

quote, Brandon believes it represents the preferred option for the project based on his review of the proposals. The quotes are being presented to the Commissioners for their review, consideration, and approval.

Recommendation: Motion to accept the quote from _____ in the amount of \$ _____, funds to be used out of the Probate Reserve Account.

Franklin County Food Pantries – Review and Award

Comments: Franklin County received six applications for funding from local food pantries. The applications are being presented to the Commissioners for their review and consideration. The applications provide information regarding each organization, the communities and residents they serve, the services they provide, and their requested level of financial assistance. The Commissioners are asked to review the six submissions and determine whether funding will be awarded and, if so, the amount to be allocated to each applicant. This funding provides an opportunity for the County to support local organizations working to address food insecurity and provide essential assistance to residents throughout Franklin County.

Recommendation: Approve Funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Comment – Rules

Comments: The Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Rules for Public Comment for review and consideration. As of the writing of this report, I have yet to receive any comments and/or revisions.

Recommendations: Motion to review and adopt the Rules for Public participation and comments.

Treasurer – Appointed vs. Elected – Discussion

Comments: Commissioner Saviello requested this matter be included on the agenda.

Recommendation: None at this time.

Franklin County and Unorganized Territory
Summary of Changes in Fund Balance
FY2026 through June 30, 2026

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Other Financing</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
1 General Fund	\$ 1,043,345.49	\$ 8,102,233.71	\$ (7,694,832.49)	\$ (205,032.69)	\$ 1,245,714.02
10 Jail Fund	301,715.54	3,287,808.13	(3,530,323.15)	(122,873.30)	(63,672.78)
11 ARPA Fund	997,127.99	17,242.55	(710,125.36)	-	304,245.18
19 Inmate Benefits	41,065.94	8,869.35	(14,904.53)	-	35,030.76
20 BHS Grants	-	5,134.56	(5,134.56)	-	-
21 MRC Grant	-	72,008.79	(72,008.79)	-	-
23 Juve Fire Safety	97.77	-	-	-	97.77
24 Drug Forfeit	9,312.97	460.00	(2,100.00)	-	7,672.97
25 Homeland Sec	-	35,040.83	(35,040.83)	-	-
26 LEPC	1,227.39	9,432.12	(10,529.86)	-	129.65
27 Stonegarden	-	74,908.10	(74,908.10)	-	-
28 MAT Fund	-	109,675.00	(232,548.30)	122,873.30	-
29 DPS Sufran	-	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-	-
30 Firearms Storage	-	22,264.64	(22,264.64)	-	-
34 MMA Grant	2,184.15	-	-	-	2,184.15
36 Hazard Mit	170.00	-	-	(170.00)	-
38 WW1 Monument	1,060.66	-	-	-	1,060.66
41 School Sfty	-	9,988.79	(9,988.79)	-	-
42 Ntrl Opioid	406,893.58	81,208.83	(89,186.25)	-	398,916.16
43 Internal Svc	8,999.71	2,500.00	(8,433.39)	-	3,066.32
44 Safety Bldg	-	15,557.12	(61,055.69)	45,498.57	-
45 COSSUP Grant	-	353,979.49	(353,979.49)	-	-
46 Sandy River	10,801.62	-	(8,385.78)	-	2,415.84
47 COPS Grant	-	69,548.92	(69,548.92)	-	-
70 Benefits	40,000.00	-	-	-	40,000.00
71 Facilities	169,594.25	-	(21,173.74)	21,628.27	170,048.78
72 Deeds Pres	188,190.42	32,719.87	(2,011.00)	-	218,899.29
73 Deeds Micro	1,175.00	-	-	-	1,175.00
74 Perambulate	10,261.00	-	-	-	10,261.00
75 Contingency	100,000.00	-	-	-	100,000.00
76 DA Capital	-	-	-	509.87	509.87
77 Probate Pres	43,255.02	3,958.37	-	-	47,213.39
78 EMA Capital	44,839.00	-	-	12,200.00	57,039.00
79 EMA In-Kind	8,755.20	-	(1,273.93)	-	7,481.27
80 SO Vehicle	282,900.51	2,375.12	(33,912.87)	29,550.00	280,912.96
81 Parking Lot	60,000.00	-	-	-	60,000.00
82 IT Capital	174,192.13	-	(46,321.65)	9,807.40	137,677.88
83 SO Capital	188,029.03	-	(100,938.76)	100,000.00	187,090.27
84 Unemployment	26,870.77	-	-	-	26,870.77
85 Dispatch Radio	374.18	-	-	-	374.18
86 Dispatch Equip	55,215.10	-	(16,694.34)	12,718.54	51,239.30
87 I Am Responding	2,978.00	-	(7,461.00)	7,500.00	3,017.00
88 Jail Capital	141,766.06	-	(128,720.00)	-	13,046.06
89 Jail Building	2,105.00	-	(2,105.00)	-	-
91 Clerical	1,610.50	-	(172.80)	-	1,437.70
92 Prob Equip	1,187.00	-	-	2,440.04	3,627.04
TOTAL COUNTY	\$ 4,367,300.98	\$ 12,366,914.29	\$ (13,416,083.81)	\$ 36,650.00	\$ 3,354,781.46

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15 UT General Fund	\$ 1,774,424.79	\$ 3,443,635.92	\$ (4,199,305.23)	\$ -	\$ 1,018,755.48
16 UT TIF Fund	<u>3,713,642.28</u>	<u>913,241.28</u>	<u>(435,377.06)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,191,506.50</u>
TOTAL UT	<u>\$ 5,488,067.07</u>	<u>\$ 4,356,877.20</u>	<u>\$ (4,634,682.29)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,210,261.98</u>

PAM PRODAN, TREASURER – Report Sept. 15, 2026, Franklin County Commissioners mtg.

Current cash and investment (CDARS) balances from trio-web.com Ledger Detail Report

General Fund Operating Cash \$1,627,125.06

General Fund Payroll Cash \$832,433.17

ARPA Fund Cash \$223,846.16

UT General Fund Cash \$1,505,404.04

UT TIF Fund Cash \$652,212.92

UT TIF CDARS: \$3,548,171.79

Interest rates

General Fund Operating Cash 3.25% as of 7/31/2026 invested w/Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings

ARPA Fund Cash 2.40% as of 7/31/2026 invested w/ Intrafi Cash Service at Franklin Savings

UT General Fund Cash 3.25% as of 7/31/2026 invested w/Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings

UT TIF Fund Cash 3.25% as of 7/31/2026 invested w/Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings

UT TIF CDARS 3.19845% maturity date of 8/27/2026 invested at Androscoggin Savings. New term of 26-weeks CDARS 3.51% APY directed to be placed Thursday 9/3/2026 at Androscoggin Savings.

Town Tax Payments

The first payment, fifty percent (50%), of each municipality's county tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, was due on or before September 1, 2026. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 892-A, interest begins November 1, 2026, at 7.00% per annum. As of this report, 9 of 21 municipalities have made their first payments, totaling \$1,320,145.50. See next page for payments.

Warrants

Warrants for signatures 9/15/2026 not all finalized at the time of this writing (9/11/2026)

AP County Warrant \$209,410.12

AP UT Warrant \$3,000.81

AP UT TIF Warrant \$50,000.00

Payroll Warrant \$242,145.06 ck. date 9/03/2026

County Taxes 1st Half FY 27 paid as of 09-11-2026 by municipalities of Franklin County:

AVON	\$50,150.50	8/10/2026
CARRABASSETT VALLEY	\$1,097,204.50	
CARTHAGE	\$72,665.50	8/26/2026
CHESTERVILLE	\$141,964.00	
COPLIN PLANTATION	\$54,429.00	8/31/2026
DALLAS PLANTATION	\$191,833.50	8/24/2026
EUSTIS	\$223,432.00	8/10/2026
FARMINGTON	\$671,102.50	
INDUSTRY	\$124,078.00	8/20/2026
JAY	\$367,850.50	
KINGFIELD	\$164,549.00	7/27/2026
NEW SHARON	\$143,752.50	
NEW VINEYARD	\$105,526.00	8/31/2026
PHILLIPS	\$103,737.50	
RANGELEY	\$727,916.00	
RANGELEY PLANTATION	\$260,816.50	
SANDY RIVER PLANTATION	\$197,339.50	
STRONG	\$113,206.50	
TEMPLE	\$50,431.00	
WELD	\$141,403.00	
WILTON	\$333,482.00	8/17/2026

TOTAL DUE FIRST PMT. \$5,336,869.50

UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS \$639,609

WMMH Update

From mgreen@whcwmm.org <mgreen@whcwmm.org>

Date Fri 8/21/2026 7:04 AM

To Sue Pratt <SPratt@franklincountymaine.gov>

Cc Bob Carlton <BCarlton@franklincountymaine.gov>

 2 attachments (1 MB)

Architectural Drawings 080326.jpeg; Concept Plan Screenshot 080326.jpg;

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Sue,

Hoping all is well and that you are having a good summer. Could you please share the following email and attachments with the Commissioners? The County was instrumental in getting this effort started almost four years ago now. I would be happy to attend a meeting to update them if they would like. Appreciated. Mark

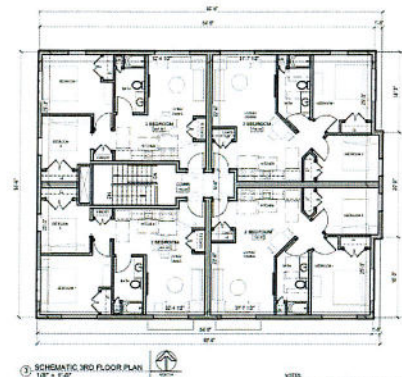
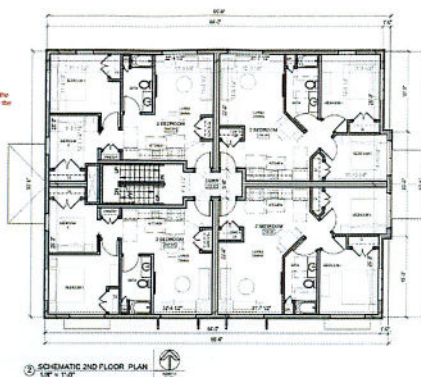
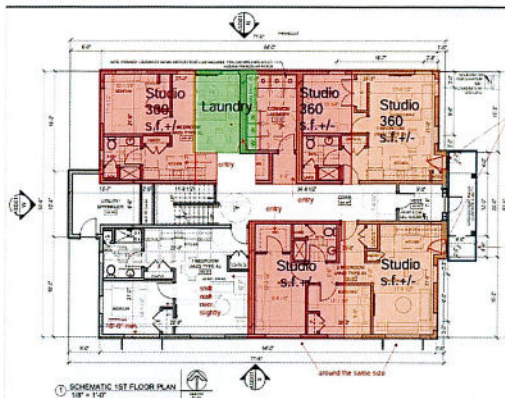
Commissioners,

We are excited to let you know that on August 13th we received our final Planning Board approvals from the Town of Carrabassett Valley for the construction of 54 units of workforce housing. We plan to begin construction of the road and sewer as early as this fall. We received a \$1M Northern Border Regional Commission grant to help with this portion of the work.

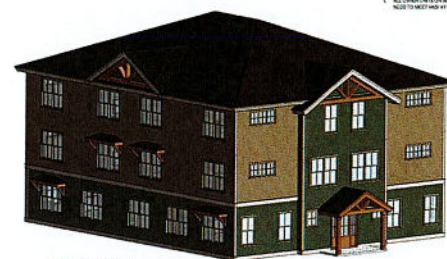
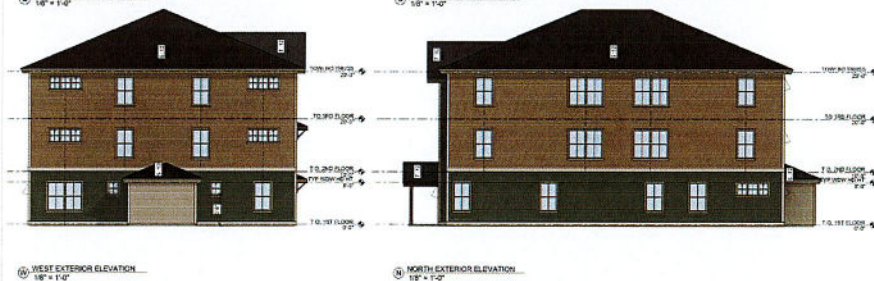
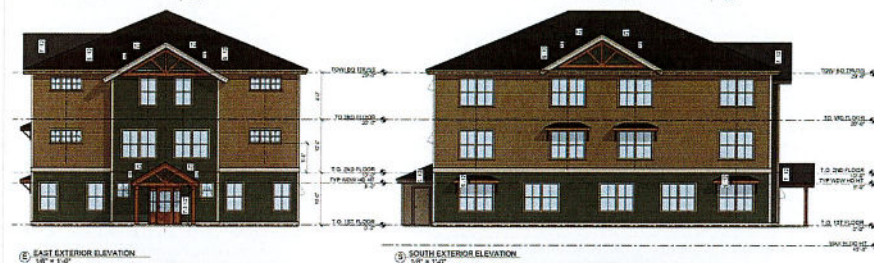
We recently hired Wright Ryan, a construction management company to oversee the construction of the first 14 unit apartment building which we hope to start in the spring of 2027. We are now gearing up for a fundraising campaign assisted by Demont Associates a Portland based fundraising consultant.

We appreciate all the support that has been provided by the Commisiioners. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or would like more information. Wishing you all the best. Mark

Mark Green
Executive Director
Western Maine Mountain Housing
PO Box 15
Kingfield, Maine 04947
207-265-6060



NOTES:
1. THE 12-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING TO BE SHOWN
MADE OF TWO FLOORPLANS SO THAT FRONT
PORCHES ARE FACING EACH OTHER.



1. 20% UNITS TO MEET APT 106 A ACCESSIBLE PROVISIONS IN FULL & STRONG
2. 20% UNITS TO MEET HEAVY IMPAIRED UNIT PROVISIONS
3. ALL OTHER UNITS 20% ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES

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APARTMENT BUILDING
3 STORIES, 12 UNITS.



GAWRON
TURGEON
DILLON
ARCHITECTS PC

New Beginnings Flooring LLC
390 Western Ave
Augusta, ME 04330
+12075128650
Sales@NewBeginningsFlooringLLC.
com

ADDRESS

Brandon
Franklin County Court House
140 Main Street
Farmington, ME

Estimate 2069

DATE 09/03/2026

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	To supply and Install Impulse 3 Make A Move carpet tile in the "Small Court Room" as measured. The price includes: Metal transition strip, adhesive, and rip-out/disposal of the existing carpet.			
	Impulse 3 Make a Move Carpet tile (square yard)	32	30.51	976.32
	Adhesive & metal transition			119.94
	Labor			1,064.00
	Shipping/Freight			250.00

Contact New Beginnings Flooring LLC to pay.
An Estimate is made to be an accurate representation of the project cost and scope of work. The Price is valid for 30days from the above date & is subject to change due to price increases, shipping increases, etc. An estimate is not a final invoice and is subject to change over the course of installation. If additional materials or labor is required you will be made aware of what is needed and the cost associated. You (the customer) are responsible for the additional cost with or without a written change order, a verbal authorization is to be considered an "official" agreement.

SUBTOTAL	2,410.26
TAX	0.00

TOTAL	\$2,410.26
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Accepted By

Accepted Date

Payment Policy: Materials are to be paid in full at time of order. A deposit of 50% of the labor charge is due at the time of scheduling. Payment of the remaining balance is due day of job completion. Late charges of 1.5% may be applied to the overdue balance. Please refer to our Policy guide and installation agreement for details.

Northland Flooring Kitchen & Bath

1060 Farmington Rd
Farmington, ME 04938
207-778-5501
Heidi@northlandme.com
www.NorthlandFlooringAmerica.com



Estimate

ADDRESS
Franklin County Courthouse
140 Main Street
Farmington, ME 04938

ESTIMATE 1151
DATE 08/06/2026

	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Registry of Deeds of Office			
Carpet Carpet Tile	Impulse III Make A Move Carpet Tiles, adhesive, and transition for the above listed area.	1	2,380.50	2,380.50
Installation Rip Up Disposal	Removal/Disposal of the existing carpet/ Installation of the above listed carpet tiles. Moving of large bench/desk.	1	1,135.00	1,135.00

We appreciate your consideration. Please find your estimate details here. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to proceed with the order.

SUBTOTAL	3,515.50
TAX	0.00

Have a great day!
Northland Custom Flooring Kitchen & Bath

TOTAL	\$3,515.50
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Accepted By

Accepted Date

Please review the estimate to accept or reject

Reject Estimate

Accept Estimate

*Brandon's Recommended Choice***ESTIMATE**

Pro-Flooring
(207) 707-1511
25 Parkview Ave
Livermore Falls, ME, 04254
US
<https://www.proflooringmaine.com>

Billed to

Brandon Gray
(207) 578-0444
bgray@franklincountymaine.com
123 County Way
Farmington, ME 04938

Estimate No

EST-6

Issue Date

September 9, 2026

Expiry Date

September 23, 2026

ITEM NAME	SUBTOTAL
materials \$1,573.99 x 1 To provide 5 cartons of impulse III - make a move, to provide adhesive and transitions	\$1,573.99
Labor \$914.28 x 1 To remove and dispose existing carpet, to install new carpet	\$914.28
freight \$200.00 x 1	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$2,688.27
Amount Due (USD)	\$2,688.27

Terms & Notes:

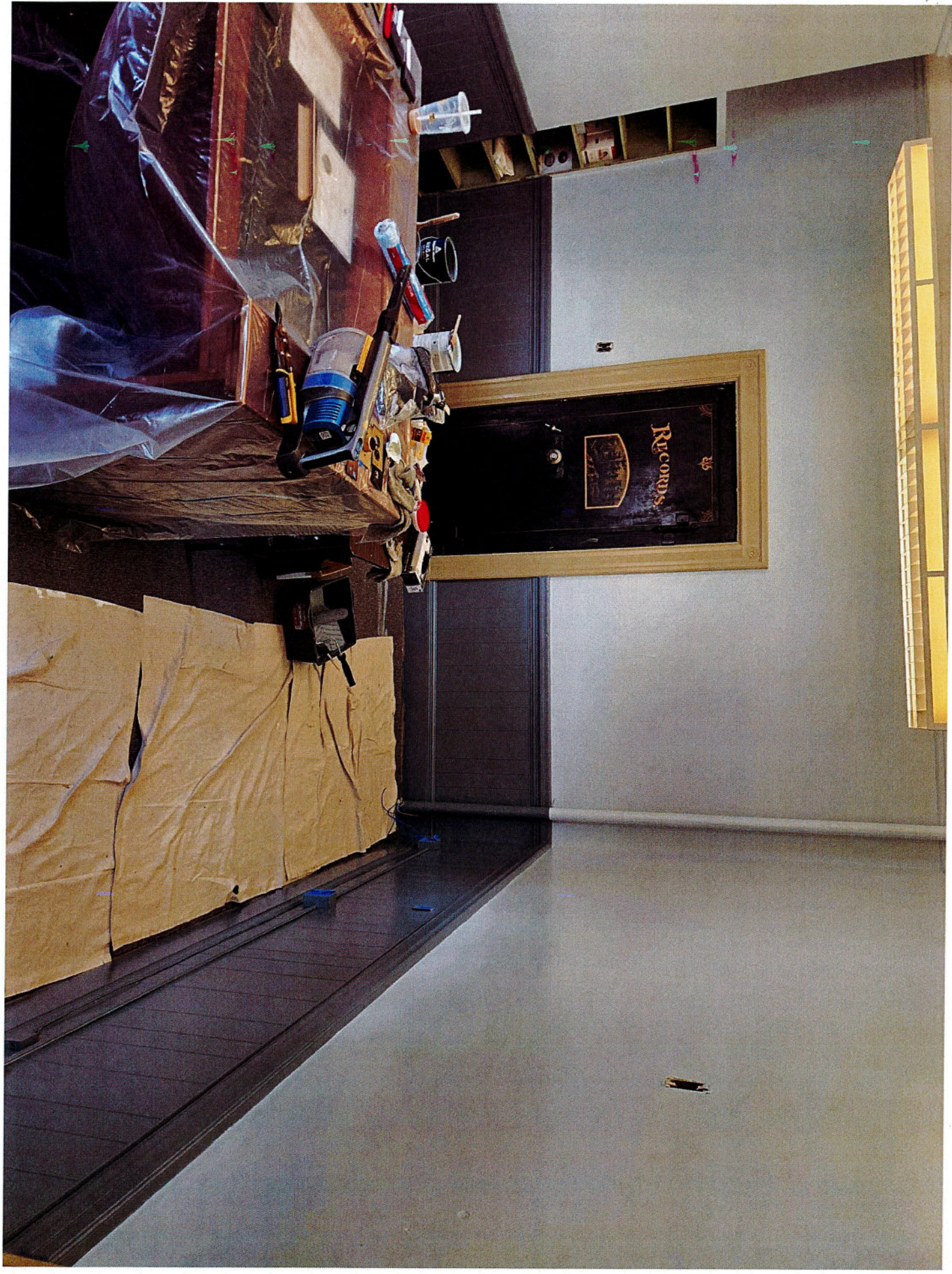
This quote is based off room size 14'7x18 with a 10% waste for cuts, making it so you will need 5 cartons of carpet tile. Any left over carpet tile will be left for your use.

Any unforeseen complications that may arise after removing existing flooring would be an additional charge. At that time we would consult with you before moving forward.

















Food Pantry	Requested	# Clients		Annual Budget	clients locations
		Served			
					Kingfield, Farmington, Salem, Strong, Phillips, Wilton, Chesterville, Avon, Industry
Eve's Garden	\$ 3,600.00	350	\$ 150,000.00		
Care and Share	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 60,000.00		Franklin County
Rangeley Ecumenical Food Cupboard of Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls	\$ 3,000.00	20+ /month	\$ 11,000.00		Rangeley and surrounding Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls
	\$ 6,000.00	520	\$ 66,208.00		
The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies	\$ 2,000.00	21/weekly	\$ 175,000.00		FC
Beans Corner Baptist Church	\$ 3,000.00	20-30 moni	3500		Jay, Livermore, Wilton, Chesterville
Total	\$ 22,600.00				

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application 2026-27

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: Bean's Corner Baptist Church
- Mailing Address: 17 Chesterville Rd., Jay ME 04239
- Physical Address (if different): _____
- Primary Contact Person: Beth Hoyt
- Title/Role: Church Administrator
- Phone: 207-446-2730
- Email: church@beanscorner.org
- Website (if applicable): beanscorner.org
- EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: Tax Exempt Cert # E 20929
Fed ID # 01-6624218
- Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☒ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: Inside pantry Fridays 9-12
Blessings Cupboard - Always open
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: 20-30
- Service Area (towns/counties served): Jay, Livermore, Wilton, Chesterville
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?
 - ☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- Total Amount Requested: \$ 3,000

- Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for

(e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

The requested funds will be used primarily to purchase food and essential pantry items for individuals and families in our community. Funding will help us maintain a consistent supply of nutritious foods, supplement donated items and purchase high-need staples when our donations are insufficient. Our goal is to ensure that those that come to our pantry can receive a well-rounded selection of food.

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

Our food pantry currently relies heavily on food and monetary donations from our church fellowship. When those donations are insufficient, we purchase needed items from our church's general fund when we are able. Donations do not always keep pace with the needs of those we serve.

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

With greater food availability, we would be able to provide a more consistent variety of nutritious staple foods and better respond to periods of increased demand. We would also like to explore expanding our pantry availability to a second day, which would increase our capacity to serve additional families.

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your

organization: We do not have an accurate measure of

donated food items but our best estimate is
\$1,000 worth a year \$1,500 in monetary donations
1,000 from general fund
Total Annual funding\$ 3,500

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Beth Hoyt
Title: Church Administrator
Signature: Beth Hoyt
Date: 9/7/26

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application 2026-27

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: Eve's Garden
 - Mailing Address: PO Box 76, Kingfield, ME 04947
 - Physical Address (if different): 185 Main Street, Kingfield, ME 04947
 - Primary Contact Person: Kate Spardello
 - Title/Role: Founder/Administrator
 - Phone: 207-340-8215
 - Email: evesgardenmaine@gmail.com
 - Website (if applicable): evesgarden.company.site
 - EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: 83-2984023
 - Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☐ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____
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2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: 24/7
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: 350
- Service Area (towns/counties served): Farmington, Kingfield, Salem, Strong, Phillips, Wilton, Chesterville, Avon, Industry
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?
 - ☐ Yes



No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- \$3,600
- Total Amount Requested: \$ _____
 - Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for (e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

Each month, we provide free groceries to multiple food pantries in Franklin County, averaging \$4,800 each month. Some months, we are unable to meet the needs of those food pantries, despite our best efforts. Usually, we are only short a few hundred dollars a month. An infusion of \$2,400 would likely allow us to meet all of the needs of those food pantries for approximately one year.

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

We have been providing free groceries to Franklin County food pantries and residents for 9 years, and the need is definitely greater now than it was when we began, bolstered by the change in Good Shepherd's policy against supporting low barrier food pantries, which is where we now focus our efforts as those low barrier food pantries would likely be unsustainable without the support of Eve's Garden, which is community driven. The increased cost of groceries has added to the strain.

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

The funds requested will likely allow at least 100 more families facing food insecurity be able to access nutritious foods that they otherwise would not have access to.

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your

organization: 100 per cent of the funding at this time is earned by selling freeze-dried items at fairs and festivals across Maine, including in Franklin County, where we are based. By doing this, we ensure that Eve's Garden remains a community driven community support system for individuals and families in Franklin County facing food insecurity.

Total Annual funding\$ approximately \$150,000

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

One aspect of our organization that we would like to cultivate is a food pantry based in Kingfield, and to sponsor food cupboards in other small towns in Franklin County, either by way of "help yourself" cupboards at town offices or local libraries and schools.

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Kate Spardello

Title: Founder/Administrator

Signature: 

Date: 29 July 2026

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application-2026-27(draft)

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: Care and Share Food Bank
- Mailing Address: POB 38 W Farmington ME 04992
- Physical Address (if different): 508 Fairbanks Rd Farmington ME 04938
- Primary Contact Person: Susan French
- Title/Role: Director
- Phone: 778-0508 (office) 660-7490 (personal) Use this
- Email: careandsharefoodcloset.inc@outlook.com
- Website (if applicable): Careandsharefoodcloset.org
- EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: 81-4195468
- Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☐ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: M-F 12-2 T/Sat 8³⁰-11
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: _____
- Service Area (towns/counties served): Mostly Franklin County But have many from surrounding area
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?
 - ☒ Yes

Total Annual funding\$ Expenses - 75k
Income - 60k

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

I believe ~~we~~ are the largest Food Bank
in Franklin County, serving all towns + many
clients come from outside - Livermore, Belgrave
and as far away as Auburn.

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Susan French

Title: Director

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7/26/26

o No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- Total Amount Requested: \$ 5000
- Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for (e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

Funds will be used for daily operating - purchase of food, large electric bills, & rent of
whaul to pick up food

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

Our client numbers are steadily climbing - Jan 20
we served around 2000 a month - now in
June - we served over 2300. Supplies from
local stores are down. At one point we purchased food
locally to get through the week and the cost was \$2200!

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

- ① We need funds to rent whauls to pick up food at Sam's
club - one of our largest providers. ② Our electric
bills are \$600-\$1000 p/m. Without ~~driving~~ increased
funds, we will not be able to continue to meet
increased demands w/ possible costly shifts that
we are open

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your

organization: community donations, grants,
2 yearly fund raisers

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application 2026-27

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

Jamie Sullivan - Commissioner's Office

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: Bangaley Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Mailing Address: PO Box 1028
- Physical Address (if different): 2416 main st.
- Primary Contact Person: Heidi Ross
- Title/Role: Secretary
- Phone: 207 670 8522
- Email: bangaleyecufodpantry@gmail.com
- Website (if applicable): _____
- EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: 46-55-99-638
- Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☐ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 10am-12pm
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: 20+
- Service Area (towns/counties served): Bangaley & surrounding PLT
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?
 - ☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- Total Amount Requested: \$ 3,000
- Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for (e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

to purchase needed food and produce. Possibly
a new small freezer

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

due to Good Shepherd food bank having major cutbacks
(they are not partnering with new groups) we buy all our
meats, produce and other items for the pantry shelves. we are
quite rural and have had an uptick of clients. Food costs are
going up more so up here. Our funds don't go as far.

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

We would be able to purchase better/more food for
the pantry. A second freezer means ability to store
more. Hopefully not having to limit families
so much in their choices.

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your

organization: donations from community

Total Annual funding\$ 11,000

from donations made usually from individuals
or bequests

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

we are a small pantry run by ^{an} elder board
but we are passionate in what we do to feed
people who are food deprived.

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: ~~Heidi L. Ross~~ HEIDI L. ROSS

Title: Secretary

Signature: Heidi L. Ross

Date: 7/8/2026

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application 2026-27

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: Food Cupboard of JM, Livermore and Livermore Falls
- Mailing Address: PO Box 314 Livermore Falls ME 04254
- Physical Address (if different): 2 Church Street Jay ME 04239
- Primary Contact Person: Steven Coates
- Title/Role: President / Chairperson
- Phone: 207 320 0964
- Email: StevenCoates74@gmail.com
- Website (if applicable): FoodCupboardJLF.org
- EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: 08-2597401
- Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☐ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8
Wednesday 2-4
Thursday 2-4
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: 160 households (520 individuals)
- Service Area (towns/counties served): JM, Livermore and Livermore Falls
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- Total Amount Requested: \$ 6,000
- Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for (e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

- food purchases for community offering 3 day food surplus
- Thanksgiving baskets

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

- We are receiving less food from 6000 SHELTERED food Bank
- increase cost of food
- total food donations from churches / food drives / food surplus
have gone from 113,005 lbs donated in 2021 to 95,973 lbs
donated in 2025.

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

- maintain food purchases with meeting overhead cost
- continue with efforts toward ANNUAL Thanksgiving baskets

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your organization: Private donors

Grant applications

Total Annual funding\$ FY 2025 \$66,208

FY 2024 \$33,319 (deficit \$14,770), FY 2023 \$38,249

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

- Expenses for 2025 totaled \$50,000 (food, rental etc)
- Community donations totaled \$35,000. Though grants awarded we were able to meet yearly expenses AND rebuild a saving account

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Steven Cates

Title: President / Chairperson

Signature: [Signature]

Date: July 16, 2026

Franklin County Food Pantry Support Fund Application 2026-27

Application Deadline:

Submit completed applications to:

1. Organization Information

- Organization Name: The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies
- Mailing Address: 156 Main Street, Farmington, ME. 04938
- Physical Address (if different): 156 Main Street, Farmington, ME. 04938
- Primary Contact Person: Dr. Christina Bobrow
- Title/Role: General Manager
- Phone: 301-332-5315
- Email: christinabobrow@cesmaine.org
- Website (if applicable): www.cesmaine.org
- EIN / Tax-Exempt Status: 83-2097051. The center for Entrepreneurial Studies is a Maine nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.
- Type of Organization (check one):
 - ☒ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Municipality
 - ☐ Faith-based organization
 - ☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. Pantry Information

- Days/Hours of Operation: CES currently operates for 20 scheduled program and retail hour per week, with additional youth mentoring, project work, and special activities offered as staffing and volunteer capacity allow. Current programming takes place Wednesday through Sunday and will be increasing in September of 2026
- Average Number of Households Served Per Month: Approximately 21 youth participate regularly (weekly). CES has served 193 individual youth in total since March of 2020
- Service Area (towns/counties served): Franklin County, with a primary focus on Farmington and surrounding rural communities.
- Is your pantry part of Good Shepherd or another food distribution network?
 - ☐ Yes



No

If yes, please specify:

3. Funding Request

- Total Amount Requested: \$ 2,000
- Briefly describe what the requested funds will be used for (e.g., food purchase, refrigeration/freezers, fuel for delivery, staffing support, infrastructure improvements):

CES respectfully requests four \$500 grocery gift cards, allocated as follows: \$500 Remy's gift card, \$500 Walmart gift card,

\$500 Hannaford gift card, \$500 Food City gift card. The gift cards will be used to purchase food, snacks, sandwich ingredients, beverages, and basic meal supplies for youth participating in CES programs. These purchases may include bread, sandwich

meat, tuna fish, cheese, peanut butter, fruit, granola bars, crackers, ramen noodles, chicken nuggets, yogurt, water packets, juice, and other practical foods that can be served quickly and safely.

4. Demonstration of Need

Please provide a short description of the challenges your pantry is currently facing (e.g., increased demand, supply shortages, rising food costs, transportation needs):

Food insecurity is a frequent and very real concern among the young people we serve. Youth often come to CES hungry after school, on weekends,

or during projects sessions. Some young people may not directly say that they are hungry, but staff and volunteers regularly observe the need and provide snacks or sandwiches so that no child must choose between being hungry and participating in a positive educational opportunity.

Providing food has become an almost daily responsibility. CES currently absorbs this expense through limited organizational funds, store revenue donations, and personal contributions from staff and volunteers. This is not sustainable.

5. Impact of Funding

How will these funds strengthen your ability to provide food assistance?

(Include expected outcomes, increased capacity, or program improvements.)

This funding will allow CES to provide consistent, dignified access to food for youth participating in our programs throughout the 2026-2027

funding period. A young person who is hungry cannot fully concentrate on learning how to operate equipment, develop a business plan,

complete a product, resolve conflict, or build workplace skills. Meeting this basic need allows CES to do its educational work more effectively.

The requested grocery cards will provide snacks and simple meals for hungry youth attending CES programs, and improve concentration, participation, behavior, and overall well-being among youth.

6. Budget Breakdown

Please list all regular funding sources of your

organization: Retail store and youth-created product revenue, Federal, state, county, and regional grants, foundation grants,

charitable donations, business sponsorships, community fundraising, volunteer labor.

Total Annual funding\$ \$175,000

7. Additional Information (optional)

You may provide any additional details the committee should consider:

The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies was founded in 2018 with the motto, "Created by Students, for Students." Our mission is to empower youth to thrive as entrepreneurs and community leaders through business education, skills development, mentorship, and hands-on workforce preparation. Young people ages 10 through 24 have participated in more than 21,000 hours of programming engagement. A sandwich and a welcoming place to sit can lead to a conversation, a mentoring relationship, a business idea, a job skill, or a young person realizing that someone cares whether they succeed.

8. Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Bonita Tompkins

Title: Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Signature: Bonita Tompkins

Date: _____

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Rules for Public Comment

Any person wishing to address the Board of Commissioners will be given an opportunity to do so using the following procedures:

Procedure:

- No person shall be permitted to address the Board of Commissioners on an agenda item during the Board of Commissioners' deliberations.
- Persons wishing to address the Board of Commissioners on an agenda item shall signify their desire to speak by raising their hands when the Chair announces consideration of such item by members of the public.
- After being recognized to speak by the Chair, such persons will preface their comments by giving their names and City or town of residence.
- All questions and answers will be directed through the Chair.

Time Limit

- Persons addressing the Board of Commissioners on an agenda item shall be permitted to speak only once per item and shall limit their remarks to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- Persons addressing the Board of Commissioners during the public comment period shall limit their remarks to non-agenda items and shall limit their remarks to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- Persons addressing the Board of Commissioners during a public hearing shall limit their remarks to a maximum of three (3) minutes and may be allowed to speak more than once only at the discretion of the Chair. It shall always be at the discretion of the Chair to extend or limit the time a person may speak when addressing the Board of Commissioners.

Decorum

- Persons present at Board meetings are responsible for maintaining proper decorum and are requested not to applaud or otherwise express approval or disapproval of any statements made or action taken at such meeting.
- Citizens will strive to be accurate in their statements, avoid personal attacks, and conduct themselves in the courteous manner expected of all meeting participants.
- The Chair may limit or cut off any commentary that is not germane or that violates lawful principles of confidentiality and privacy, is scurrilous, abusive or not in accordance with good order and decorum.

Violation.

- Any person who shall continue to violate these rules, after warning by the Chair, shall be ejected for the remainder of the meeting then in progress.

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