



COMMUNITY
Food WAREHOUSE

OF MERCER COUNTY



STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM

The State Food Purchase Program provides funds to county governments, regional food banks or emergency food providers for the purchase, transportation, storage and distribution of food to those needy individuals who qualify as Program participants.

The Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County has been designated by the Mercer County Commissioners as the lead agency for this program.

The CFWMC has formed a Board to assist in administering this program. This Board consists of a cross-section of individuals from local community groups. Representation is from the following:

Dept of Welfare
Shenango Valley Urban League
Salvation Army
Community Action Partnership
Mercer County Agency on Aging
Mercer County Commissioners Rep
Senior Citizen

United Way of Mercer County
Community Food Warehouse
American Red Cross
Catholic Charities
Primary Health Network

The percentage of purchased food and/or funds that each agency will receive will be determined by the Board previously

described. Each eligible agency makes application for a portion of funds according to their individual programs. Previous grant periods have dispersed the state funds throughout Mercer County in a fair and equitable way by the Board. Once the applications are completed by the agencies, the Board reviews each one and votes on the award amount, taking into consideration, past performance, compliance and each geographic location.

The CFWMC utilizes the food bank/food pantry distribution system. Each food pantry has equal access to food products that are available each week. The Warehouse provides each agency an inventory listing of foods that are available. Agencies can order as much and as often as they deem appropriate for their individual programs.