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Elgin Mayor Announces Emergency Loan to Food For Greater Elgin



Watch Now: Mayor Kaptain authorizes emergency loan to Food for Greater Elgin to ensure local food distribution.

The City of Elgin provides emergency loan to Food For Greater Elgin to support critical food distribution

Elgin, IL - Mayor David Kaptain today authorized an emergency loan to Food For Greater Elgin as part of the City's emergency response efforts and in accordance with his March 13th emergency proclamation.

"No one in our city should go hungry during this national health crisis," said Mayor David Kaptain. "So, the City of Elgin is doing what it can to make sure that a key organization that provides so much to those facing economic challenges."

Food For Greater Elgin, the local food bank in Elgin, regularly serves 1,600

households and 6,000 individuals—with just under half of its patrons being children or seniors.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, Food For Greater Elgin is experiencing a 20 percent increase in demand for food and this high demand is anticipated to continue for the next three months.

The increased demand for providing food has resulted in a significant depletion of its cash reserves, making Food For Greater Elgin unable to purchase food, pay rent, or meet payroll other expenses that are necessary for it to continue its operations without immediate assistance from the City.

"Immediate assistance from the City in the form of a \$150,000 loan will allow Food For Greater Elgin to continue the next three months of operations fully serving Elgin residents in need with food," said Mayor Kaptain.

The last emergency loans offered by the City of Elgin came in 2016 following the State of Illinois' budget impasse. Two human service agencies received emergency loans from the City to assist their cash flow to maintain operations absent payment from the state.

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