

AIRS / INFO LINE Taxonomy of Human Services Hierarchy Report

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B Basic Needs

Programs that furnish survival level resources including food, housing, material goods, transportation and temporary financial assistance for individuals with low or fixed incomes, people who are homeless, older adults and/or people with disabilities who are otherwise unable to adequately provide for themselves and their families. Also included are related services that are available to the community at large.

BD Food

Programs that seek to meet the basic nutritional needs of the community by providing access to free or low cost food products.

See also: *Food Dispenser Units (TH-170.160-40)*
Food Donation Programs (TI-180.200)
Food Preparation/Delivery Volunteer Opportunities (PX-240)
Grocery Delivery (PH-330.250)
Hunger/Poverty Action Groups (TD-160.320)
Mobile Kitchen Units (TH-170.160-53)
Nutrition Related Public Assistance Programs (NL-600)

BD-150 Community Wide Food Storage Facilities

Programs that provide access to community freezers, meat lockers or other storage facilities for individuals who do not have access to refrigerators, freezers or other private means of storage or who do not have enough space at home to store food purchased in bulk.

BD-180 Emergency Food

Programs that provide a limited amount of food for individuals or families during times of personal crisis, or for people who have no food or cannot afford to purchase food at retail costs.

See also: *Christmas Baskets (TF-300.150-12)*
Emergency Food Clearinghouses (BD-185)
Federal Food ESF (TH-150.180-23)
Federal Mass Care ESF (TH-150.180-50)
Food Collection Volunteer Opportunities (PX-240.200)
Food Sorting/Packing Volunteer Opportunities (PX-240.230)
Post Disaster Food Services (TH-260.645)
Soup Kitchens (BD-500.830)
Thanksgiving Baskets (TF-300.850-85)

BD-180.100 Brown Bag Programs

Programs offered by senior centers or other community organizations outside the food pantry network that pack shopping bags with a supply of nutritional donated and surplus food for distribution to low-income individuals or families or older adults to supplement their meals at home.

BD-180.190 Food Lines

Food programs that provide a limited number of boxes or bags of food on a first come, first served basis for eligible people who line up on a designated date at a specified time to receive service.

See also: *Food Pantries (BD-180.200)*

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Programs that acquire food products through donations, canned food drives, food bank programs or direct purchase and distribute the food to people who are in emergency situations.

See also: *Food Lines (BD-180.190)*

BD-180.200-62 Occasional Emergency Food Assistance

Food pantries that provide a box or bag of groceries on a one-time only or other limited basis for people who are unable to provide food for themselves or their families. Included are programs that provide enough food for an entire balanced meal or series of meals and those that provide a supplemental supply of groceries.

BD-180.200-64 Ongoing Emergency Food Assistance

Programs that provide an ongoing supply of groceries, usually once a month, for people whose income is not sufficient to meet their needs. Included are programs that provide enough food for an entire balanced meal or series of meals and those that provide a supplemental supply of groceries.

BD-180.225 Food Vouchers

Programs that supply people who are in emergency situations with food coupons which can be exchanged in designated grocery stores and supermarkets for food products.

See also: *Temporary Financial Aid (BR)*

BD-180.250 Government Surplus Food Distribution Sites

Organizations that are authorized, on a periodic basis, to acquire targeted surplus commodities stockpiled by the federal government and distribute them to people who qualify for this service on the basis of income. Also available may be a distribution schedule and a listing of available commodities and distribution site locations. The program is managed in the United States by the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) which acquires commodities through price support programs, surplus removal and direct purchases from national markets and distribute them to states and sometimes directly to programs that provide food to people in need.

BD-180.800 Sack Lunches/Dinners

Programs that provide lunch or dinner in a small bag for people who would not otherwise have a meal. The program may target homeless or low-income people or other specific groups.

BD-180.820 Specialty Food Providers

Programs that provide necessary food items that are not regularly or even typically available through most food pantries for people who are in emergency situations and unable to purchase the items at retail prices or are unable to locate those items in their local stores due to shortages precipitated by a fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, ice storm or other disaster.

BD-180.820-18 Drinking Water

Programs that provide bottled water or other sources of potable water for people who have no access to drinking water due to ruptured water mains, problems with water purification plants or other disruptions in the community water supply; or to vulnerable communities (especially people who are homeless) in periods of extreme heat as a protection against dehydration.

See also: *Disaster Relief Services (TH-260)*
Water Connection/Repair (BH-900.950)
Water Purification Bulletins (JR-800.640-95)
Water Quality Assurance (JD-650.950)
Water Well Construction/Maintenance/Abandonment Permits (DF-700.920)
Water Well Construction/Maintenance/Abandonment Regulation (JF-895)
Waterworks (JF-900)

BD-180.820-20 Food Supplements

Programs that provide liquid nutrition supplements for older adults and/or people with disabilities who, for medical reasons, are unable to derive sufficient nutrients from a regular diet. Also included are programs that provide high calorie liquid supplements needed by cancer patients and others who have difficulty swallowing, digesting or keeping solid foods down.

BD-180.820-25 Formula/Baby Food

Programs that supply infant formula and/or baby food, usually in addition to other groceries.

BD-180.820-33 Ice

Programs that supply ice during wide-spread power failures or other situations in which supplies are unavailable through ordinary means.

See also: *Disaster Relief Services (TH-260)*

BD-185 Emergency Food Clearinghouses

Programs that coordinate requests for emergency food assistance by screening individuals who apply using criteria established by the food pantries or other providers, maintaining lists of individuals who have been aided, and checking new applicants against the lists before referring them to a resource that can meet their needs. Emergency food clearinghouses help to avoid duplication of service and maximize the availability of food resources while relieving the agencies of the task of handling requests directly. Also included are programs that refer people needing food to an appropriate resource, but which are not the sole source for this information.

See also: *Emergency Food (BD-180)*
Specialized Information and Referral (TJ-300.800)

BD-200 Food Banks/Food Suppliers

Food clearinghouses that gather, sort, store and distribute to participating charitable agencies, surplus food products and edible but unmarketable food that has been acquired from grocery stores and other sources. Also included are the supermarket chains, food manufacturers, wholesalers, restaurant suppliers, agencies that organize food drives, government departments (e.g., the USDA or Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Canada) and other organizations that donate food on a regular basis to food banks and/or directly to food pantries, meal programs, homeless shelters and other human service agencies with food programs.

BD-220 Food Gleaning Programs

Programs that obtain donated, unharvested crops for use by food banks, brown bag programs and other charitable food distribution programs from farmers whose fields have been professionally picked.

See also: *U-Pick Programs (BD-240.900)*

BD-240 Food Outlets

Programs that supply consumers with food and other supermarket products, in many cases at lower than retail prices.

BD-240.150 Community Supported Agriculture

Cooperative partnerships between local farmers and consumers that create economically stable farming operations, reconnect local residents with their local agricultural base, provide a guaranteed market for growers and ensure availability to consumers of freshly picked produce at a reasonable price. At the beginning of the growing season, consumers purchase a "share" of the season's harvest. Revenue from the shares is used to purchase seeds and other supplies, pay for labor and equipment and cover other operating expenses. In return for their investment, each consumer receives a weekly supply, usually enough for a family of four, of fresh, often organic, fruits, vegetables and herbs. Flowers, meat, honey, eggs and dairy products may be available through some CSA programs.

See also: *Agricultural/Agribusiness Law (FT-020)*
Agricultural Economics (BD-260.030)

BD-240.200 Farm Trails

Organizations composed of farmers in specific growing areas that sponsor the publication of maps which indicate the local farms that sell directly to individuals or community organizations at farm or roadside stands.

BD-240.225 Farmers Markets

Programs that enable farmers to gather in empty parking areas or similar spaces and sell freshly picked produce directly to consumers at lower than retail but higher than wholesale prices.

BD-240.250 Food Cooperatives

Programs that allow groups of consumers to pool their grocery orders and purchase food in bulk directly from wholesalers at lower than retail prices. Also included are programs that allow people to volunteer a few hours of community service in exchange for discounts on groceries through designated food outlets, including cooperating markets, and programs that enable people to purchase a share of farm crops and receive produce during the growing season. Some programs in the U.S. may accept food stamps.

See also: *General Buying Clubs (BM-170.250)*

BD-240.260 Grocery Stores

Retail markets that sell food and household merchandise. Some establishments may specialize in a particular type of product, e.g., fruits and vegetables or fish.

BD-240.490 Markets Accepting EBT Cards

Supermarkets, grocery stores and other food outlets that are equipped to handle electronic benefits transfer (EBT) "debit" cards issued by the Food Stamps program.

See also: *Disaster Food Stamps (TH-260.645-17)*
Food Stamps (NL-600.200)
Public Assistance Clearances (DF-700.701)
Vendor Certification (DF-450.900)

BD-240.500 Mini Markets

Programs, often operated in conjunction with senior centers, that make nutritious food and produce available to elderly or low-income individuals and families at lower than retail prices.

BD-240.700 Rent A Tree

Grower-sponsored programs that allow customers to pay a specified sum at the beginning of the season to reserve a fruit-bearing or syrup-producing tree. The grower cares for the tree through the season and notifies the customer when it is time to harvest the fruit or tap the sugar maple for syrup.

BD-240.900 U-Pick Programs

Programs organized by growers that allow customers to come into their fields and pick or harvest the produce they want to purchase. Prices are lower than retail, and picking baskets and ladders are often provided.

See also: *Food Gleaning Programs (BD-220)*

BD-260 Food Production

Programs that provide assistance for people who want to grow their own food or maintain their own gardens on a private basis; or which offer information, technical assistance and support for individuals who have commercial establishments that are engaged in the production of crops, plants, vines or trees; raising livestock, poultry or other small farm animals; beekeeping; aquaculture projects; fishing; or other similar food production ventures.

See also: *Agricultural/Agribusiness Law (FT-020)*
Agricultural Museums (TA-550.030)
Farm Equipment (BM-950.200)
Farmland Preservation (JD-150.450-18)
International Agricultural Development (TL-330.345)

BD-260.030 Agricultural Economics

Programs that are responsible for assuring the economic viability of establishments in the agricultural sector. Services may include agricultural loans and loan guarantees, financial assistance in times of drought or other disasters affecting agricultural income, and agricultural policy setting and regulatory assistance to assure a steady, stable market for agricultural products.

See also: *Community Supported Agriculture (BD-240.150)*
Farm Associations (TN-200)

BD-260.030-03 Agricultural Loans

Programs that provide venture capital, loans or grants or other forms of financial support for individuals or groups who want to establish or expand a farming or ranching enterprise, upgrade equipment or purchase supplies.

See also: *Business Loans (TB-100)*
Drought Advisories (TH-210.950-16)
Drought Preparedness Information (TH-170.180-15)
Farmers Cooperative Purchasing/Marketing Programs (BD-260.030-20)

BD-260.030-06 Agricultural Marketing Information

Programs that provide price, demand, movement, volume and quality information regarding major agricultural commodities.

See also: *Financial Information Lines (TJ-320.200)*

BD-260.030-09 Agricultural Stabilization/Conservation

Programs that are responsible for ensuring that there is a steady market for farm products and stability in commodity prices and supplies. The objective of the program is to ensure that there is an adequate but not overabundant supply of wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans, crude pine gum, peanuts, rice, tobacco, milk, wool, mohair, tung nuts, barley, oats, sugar beets, sorghum, rye, honey and other