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## **Food Bank of Alaska Launches Statewide Initiative to Improve Nutrition Access and Public Health Through Produce Incentives and Food Is Medicine Programs**

Anchorage, AK — Food Bank of Alaska is proud to announce the launch of a statewide initiative to strengthen nutrition security and public health outcomes. This initiative catalyzes a decade-long effort to bring more produce and medically tailored nutrition interventions to Alaskans across the state.

Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) will coordinate a diverse coalition of healthcare providers, Tribal health organizations, public agencies, farmers, food access groups, and those with lived experiences to expand the understanding, reach, impact of produce incentive and Food is Medicine (FIM) programs. These programs are designed to support individuals at risk of or living with chronic health conditions by providing fruits and vegetable access through vouchers and produce prescriptions.

“This is a transformational opportunity to better understand and offer access to nutritious foods across the state,” said Rachael Miller, Chief Advocacy Officer at Food Bank of Alaska and project lead. “We are especially committed to ensuring that this work reflects the needs, traditions, and voices of rural and medically underserved communities.”

Key activities to improve access to and affordability of fruits and vegetables and other healthy foods include a comprehensive statewide landscape assessment of existing produce and Food is Medicine programs, the formation of a statewide coalition, and the development of Alaska-specific training materials and technical support resources. This initiative is in partnership with the Alaska Department of Health and builds on Food Bank of Alaska’s decades of experience managing statewide food access programs. In partnership with 150 agencies, FBA has worked to end hunger in Alaska since 1979 and is a member of the Feeding America network.

To learn more about the project or get involved, please visit [foodbankofalaska.org](http://foodbankofalaska.org) or contact Rachael Miller at [rmiller@foodbankofalaska.org](mailto:rmiller@foodbankofalaska.org).

### **About Food Bank of Alaska**

Food Bank of Alaska is a registered 501(c)(3) working to end hunger statewide. Since 1979, we’ve distributed food through a network of 150+ partner agencies and nutrition programs, reaching nearly 20,000 Alaskans each week. Headquartered in Anchorage, the Food Bank serves the entire state of Alaska. For more information on the Food Bank and its programs, visit [foodbankofalaska.org](http://foodbankofalaska.org), find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [X](#).