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Southeast Missouri Food Bank receives \$10,000 grant from First State Community Bank, FHLB Des Moines and through the Member Impact Fund

Grant program helps strengthen communities, expand opportunities & support local needs

SIKESTON, MO (Aug. 20, 2026) — Southeast Missouri Food Bank today announced \$10,000 has been awarded from First State Community Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines or Bank). The funding was made possible through the Member Impact Fund, a matching grant program designed to amplify the community engagement of FHLB Des Moines member institutions that support local housing, business, and economic needs.

In Missouri, 956 applications received funding through partnerships with 174 member institutions. FHLB Des Moines matched \$3 for every \$1 contributed by a member institution, resulting in \$6.5 million from members and \$19.4 million awarded by FHLB Des Moines.

The gift comes at an important time for Southeast Missouri Food Bank, where recent data shows food insecurity is increasing. More than 69,000 individuals across the Food Bank's 16-county service area experienced food insecurity in 2024, or about 1 in 5 people.

"First State Community Bank has a presence in communities throughout our 16-county service area, so their support reaches close to home," said Joey Keys, president and CEO of Southeast Missouri Food Bank. "We're grateful for their investment in our neighbors, especially at a time when more families are facing food insecurity. This grant will help us continue providing nutritious food to families, children and seniors across Southeast Missouri."

The grant will support Southeast Missouri Food Bank's efforts to provide nutritious food to neighbors facing hunger through its network of more than 140 partner agencies and direct-service programs across the region. The Food Bank serves 70,000 individuals each month.

“The Member Impact Fund is designed to help our members champion organizations like Southeast Missouri Food Bank that make a real difference in their communities,” said Kris Williams, president and CEO of FHLB Des Moines. “By partnering with our members, we’re able to multiply resources and support their vital work as they continue to strengthen opportunities for the people they serve.”

Since its launch in 2023, the Member Impact Fund has provided more than \$106 million in grants from FHLB Des Moines, generating over \$144 million in combined support for affordable housing and community development. Notably, every eligible application submitted to the program has received funding, reflecting the Bank’s strong commitment to partnership and impact.

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About Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is deeply committed to strengthening communities, serving 13 states and three U.S. Pacific territories as a member-owned cooperative. We work together with over 1,200 member institutions to support affordable housing, economic development and community improvement.

FHLB Des Moines is one of 11 regional Banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Members include community and commercial banks, credit unions, insurance companies, thrifts and community development financial institutions. FHLB Des Moines is wholly owned by its members and receives no taxpayer funding. For additional information about FHLB Des Moines, please visit www.fhlbdm.com.

About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build healthy communities. The food bank provides food to 140 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. These member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters. Southeast Missouri Food Bank also holds regular mobile food distributions and provides monthly boxes of food to 5,600 senior citizens and weekend backpacks of food during the school year to 1,100 students in area school districts. The food bank’s 16-county coverage area includes Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard and Wayne counties. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit semofoodbank.org for more information.