



FOOD SECURITY

Funding Allocated to Food Security and Related Programming 2022-2023

\$285,000

Allocated from the Homelessness Prevention Plan through Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Cochrane District Service Hub and Program Providers

- Anti-Hunger Coalition
- Better Hope for Tomorrow
- Cochrane District Social Planning Council - Kapuskasing Youth Wellness Hub
- Living Space
- South Porcupine Food Bank
- St. Matthews Cathedral
- United Way (Volunteer Coordinator position)
- Youth Wellness Hub

How Funds Are Accessed

Interested parties and organizations participated in engagement sessions prior to submitting their investment plan through the CDSSAB. The Investment Plan is then reviewed by the Housing Department Program Managers which, once approved, is then funded through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

NUMBER OF AGENCIES

8

POPULATION COVERED

80,000

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED



**COCHRANE DISTRICT
140,000KM²**

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- SENIORS
- FAMILIES
- HOMELESS
- UNDERREPRESENTED GOURPS
- STUDENTS
- WORKING POOR

Since October 2022, all of the food security agencies within the Cochrane District have been working in collaboration. Each unique agency identifies its role, including the catchment area, food items, and volunteers, to ensure clients access a centralized and wholesome service. These partnerships are critical for targeting food and economic aid in the community.

Food insecurity is a pervasive issue that often remains hidden beneath the surface, akin to a form of hidden homelessness. While homelessness is commonly associated with a lack of shelter, food insecurity underscores the unsettling reality that many individuals and families, including the working poor and students, do not have consistent access to an adequate and nutritious food supply. Essentially, it forces people to make agonizing choices between paying for housing, utilities, healthcare, or putting food on the table. This invisible struggle often unfolds behind closed doors, leaving countless individuals feeling the profound and distressing weight of uncertainty about their next meal.