

Sample email to Council Member/Mayor
Reinstate and Expand the CFC Budget

Note:

To locate your City Council Member

- Use the Map Widget <https://council.nyc.gov/map-widget/> to enter your address.
- Click on the District when it appears, and it will direct you to the City Council member's page.
- On the lower right side, there is a "Send Email" box.
- Click and cut and paste this email or write your own.

Email the Mayor here: <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact.page>

Dear Council Member (or Dear Mayor),

As you well know, the Community Food Connection (CFC) has been a lifeline to emergency food providers throughout the city who are on the frontlines serving the millions of New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet and suffering with food insecurity.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Community Food Connection program, which was \$57 million, will drop to **\$25 million** in FY 2025, and further decline to **\$21 million** in FY 2026. This is not just underfunding. These cuts turn the city's back on the three million NYC residents struggling to make ends meet and indicate that the city's anti-hunger efforts are not a priority.

These proposed budget cuts to the CFC budget will be devastating to our neighbors and communities across the city. Food banks and soup kitchens will have to limit the numbers of people they can assist and the amount of food they can provide; some may be forced to close.

Please restore and expand the CFC funding to \$60 million each year, so that those who are hungry can know where their next meal is coming from.

Sincerely,