

Supporting the Feeding America food banks and their affiliates serving lowa in their work to ensure that all communities have access to food.

## lowa Food Bank Association2026 State Legislative Agenda

The lowa Food Bank Association (IFBA) is comprised of six trusted Feeding America food banks that work together to:

- Ensure that lowans have enough to eat to stay healthy and productive
- Educate and advocate for policies that eliminate food insecurity
- Efficiently and effectively serve lowans facing hunger

## **Protect Access to SNAP**

Support education, access and funding to SNAP for eligible lowans:

- Educate on impacts of \$13M (FY 2027) and potential \$26M (FY 2028) federal to state SNAP cost shifts. Clarify any additional cuts to SNAP and impacts to shifting the burden onto food banks and pantries.
- Promote accountability and program integrity through partnership with the state

## **Choose Iowa**

Increase the current state appropriation for lowa food banks to purchase local and lowa-produced foods:

• Increase current standing appropriation of \$200,000 for food banks to purchase lowa-grown, produced or processed foods to distribute to lowans.

## **Double Up Food Bucks**

Increase funding for Double Up Food Bucks, a program that helps low-income lowans purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through SNAP:

 \$1 million annual appropriation to support Double Up Food Bucks, administered by Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative.

