



Help San Franciscans Keep Their CalFresh Benefits Through Workfare

Learn how your nonprofit organization can get involved

There are new federal rules for some people who receive CalFresh. To keep getting benefits, clients may need to participate in work-related activities when they apply for or renew their CalFresh.

What is Workfare?

One way that CalFresh recipients can meet work requirements is by participating in “workfare,” a structured low-barrier work activity without any job readiness requirements performed at a nonprofit worksite in exchange for benefits. Rather than a flat 80 hours per month requirement for other activities, clients can complete as little as 15 hours per month of workfare and keep their CalFresh benefit.

How Can Nonprofits Help?

Through partnerships with community-based organizations and local non-profits, SFHSA offers two workfare options to help clients fulfill their CalFresh work requirements. Here’s how your organization can get involved:

- **Join the CalFresh Community Works Program:** SFHSA is partnering with United Way Bay Area to serve as a centralized administrative hub to recruit and coordinate volunteer host sites across the City through this new Program. As a host site, your organization would supervise participants and track their volunteer hours through a centralized online portal, making it easier for clients to comply with their CalFresh work requirements. Host sites with 15 or more clients receive financial compensation per placement.

If interested in serving as a CalFresh Community Works Program host site, complete United Way Bay Area’s [interest form](#).

- **Support Direct Client Volunteering through “Self-Initiated” Workfare:** Your organization can offer direct volunteer opportunities to engage people outside of the formal CalFresh Community Works Program hub network, including existing volunteer activities. “Self-Initiated Workfare” is a flexible pathway where clients independently find their own volunteer placements and track their hours on their own. Your organization simply verifies their hours by signing the [CalFresh Volunteer Work Hours Verification Form](#).

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For more information and to learn more about how to partner with SFHSA, contact wtwcontracts@sfgov.org.

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