



PROJECT BREAD'S RESILIENCE FUND

Project Bread's Resilience Fund is a dedicated, strategic initiative created in response to unprecedented federal cuts to nutrition programs. It is a vehicle for both immediate hunger relief and long-term structural change, giving us the flexibility and capacity to support our communities as the full impact of these cuts unfolds. This fund enables us to meet the moment—not only to respond to this crisis, but to build long-term solutions in real time.

The Current Crisis

Recently, the Trump administration and Congress approved harmful cuts to federal nutrition programs, which more than 1 million Massachusetts residents depend on to put food on the table.

These cuts are especially distressing for older adults, those with disabilities, low-income families, immigrant communities and schools across the Commonwealth that are already struggling to stretch every dollar to feed themselves and their neighbors.

By October 1, 2027, these federal cuts will also shift the cost burden to each state, estimated to cost Massachusetts nearly \$400 million.

Project Bread knows that we need to act quickly and strategically to protect access to food now while continuing to advance the long-term structural solutions required to end hunger in Massachusetts.

Meeting the Moment: the Resilience Fund

With the creation of the Resilience Fund, Project Bread will have the ability to act on challenges our communities face right now while remaining flexible to respond to emerging needs and challenges.

The Resilience Fund will allow us to:

- Expand community outreach, education, and engagement to help people access food and nutrition support.
- Remain in our communities, feeding kids and directly supporting individuals, families, and our partners who are navigating program changes and developing emergency relief strategies.
- Lead the fight at the state level through strategic policy and advocacy efforts.

Hallmarks of the Resilience Fund

Agile and Strategic: Funds are deployed where they will have the greatest impact, based on evolving needs and real-time opportunities.

Innovation Informed by Experience: Investment in the Resilience Fund leverages Project Bread's proven service models to allow us to continue the critical work of helping children and families access sustainable food resources.

Integrated with Our Mission: The Resilience Fund complements our advocacy and policy priorities, ensuring that our response to this moment aligns with our long-term goals to end hunger permanently in Massachusetts.

FAQs

What is the Resilience Fund?

Project Bread's Resilience Fund is a strategic initiative we are mobilizing in response to the unprecedented federal cuts to nutrition programs. It will support both immediate hunger relief efforts and the long-term systems work needed to protect and expand access to food in Massachusetts. We are finalizing the structure now, but the goal is to ensure we can move swiftly and effectively in this moment of crisis.

Is This a New Fund or Part of Existing Fundraising?

Project Bread's Resilience Fund is a new, dedicated fund. While it builds on our existing work, it allows us to clearly focus resources on responding to the unique and urgent challenges created by this federal legislation.

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What Is the Impact of the Resilience Fund?

Project Bread anticipates its efforts will focus on the 150,000 Massachusetts residents that are at immediate risk to lose some or all of their benefits due to expanded work eligibility requirements as well as the estimated 25,000

immigrants and asylum seekers who will no longer be eligible for SNAP. Project Bread also plans to work with its partners to reach the populations most vulnerable to SNAP changes, including single parent families, those with disabilities, and older adults.

What Will the Fund Support?

The Resilience Fund is purposefully designed to allow Project Bread to identify and address emerging needs within our communities quickly and effectively and will support:

- Expanded community outreach to help people understand and access available nutrition support.
- Increased technical assistance to partners navigating program changes and developing emergency relief strategies to reach those most impacted.
- Targeted policy and advocacy work to lead the state-level response.

How to Support the Resilience Fund

Project Bread is grateful for the support of our individual, corporate, and private foundation partners. Every dollar helps as we meet this moment and help our communities navigate these uncertain times.

Donations can be made directly via our website:

Projectbread.org/resiliencefund