



FAN Updates

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KEY DATES FOR AN AUGUST 8TH ELECTION

JULY 10: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JULY 11: EARLY VOTING BEGINS

AUGUST 1: ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

AUGUST 8: ELECTION DAY

Prior to Ohio's statewide special
election on August 8th, Mid-Ohio
Food Collective encourages everyone
to exercise their right to [#vote!](#)
Register at <https://bit.ly/3bjj1YS>.

New voter ID laws mandate that in-
person voters must show a valid
photo ID. Get details on Ohio's voter
ID requirements
at <https://bit.ly/3JvfWqH>.

Find out more about Issue 1
at <https://bit.ly/46pn3e0>.

State Budget Bill Passed: Food Bank Funding Increased, Restrictive SNAP and Medicaid Language Removed

MOFC is pleased to share that the state
budget bill, HB33, was passed by the
Ohio Legislature prior to the June 30
deadline. The final version includes the
following favorable provisions for Ohio's
hunger relief network:

- The budget includes a \$32.05 million per year investment in the Ohio Food Program and Agricultural Clearance Program, an increase of \$7.5 million per year over previous budgets. This public-private partnership supports food insecure Ohio families and foodbanks as well as local farmers, growers, and producers.
- The final bill removed many harmful proposals related to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid that had been inserted by the Ohio Senate.
- The conference committee also included funding to offset the cost of reduced-price meals for at least 80,000 K-12 students with families at 130-185% of the federal poverty level.

Unfortunately, many supportive programs suffered funding cuts and were saddled with program oversight restrictions, undermining a holistic approach to end poverty and hunger in our communities. We will continue to work with like-minded partners to change provisions that create barriers to needed assistance programs.

THANK YOU!

We are thankful to the Ohio legislature and Governor Mike DeWine for the additional dollars for Ohio's foodbanks and for the removal of harmful provisions from SNAP and Medicaid.

And to our supporters who raised their voices to share our story of increased service need in our communities: thank you for your involvement and response!

Please contact the MOFC Government Relations team if you have questions or

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