



Talking Points: Senior Box (CSFP)

- CSFP is a proven program that supports low-income seniors across the U.S., helping them access nutritious food consistently. Eliminating it would disrupt an essential safety net for aging Americans.
- According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Study, more than 9,000 South Dakotans over the age of 60 are food insecure.
- In South Dakota 2,300 seniors benefit from this program each month.
- CSFP foods meet USDA nutrition standards and are intentionally selected to address common senior deficiencies (e.g., calcium, iron, fiber).
- Feeding South Dakota has the infrastructure in place, right now, to distribute food to seniors, families, and children. We know our communities and ensure food gets to where it's needed, especially in rural and tribal areas.
- As the state's only food bank, Feeding South Dakota is able to serve our neighbors facing hunger efficiently with \$.93 of every dollar supporting programmatic work.