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2025-05-07 17:00:47	FY26	Mary	Walsh	Odenton	MD	21113	Yes		<p>I volunteer at the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, most frequently with the Mobile Pantry at various locations across the County, and I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I have seen firsthand the positive effects of food distributions for my neighbors.</p> <p>A few weeks ago, the Mobile Pantry was in Brooklyn Park, where I met quite a few people whose lives seem to present more challenges than my own. One woman explained to me that her Food Stamp account had been compromised for the second time in the last year, And that someone else had spent \$190 of her funds this time. With only one piece of chicken in her freezer, she wasn't sure what she was going to do for food until her next Food Stamp allocation was available. But then she saw that the Mobile Pantry was in Brooklyn Park, offering her some food and basic hygiene products. For a little while, at least, her food concerns were alleviated.</p> <p>The AACFB's Mobile Pantry has become a critical partner within the County's network of food pantries. And while it won't resolve all of the food challenges our neighbors are experiencing, it does offer a helping hand, often at the most dire time.</p> <p>In addition to it's own Mobile Pantry, last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through various food pantries. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will face the difficult choice of a reduction in services, which will result in decreased resources provided to their network of partners. The outcomes of this will be catastrophic for the neighbors we serve who are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that the entire network of supplemental food resource providers can continue to distribute this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County.</p>	
2025-05-09 10:00:58	FY26	Annette	Staubs	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>I have volunteered at the St. Luke's Food Pantry in Eastport for ten years. We have many more people in need of food coming to us now than we have ever had. I am writing to support the funding amount of \$2,131,892 for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>With high food prices, loss of jobs, and possible loss of federal funding, it is urgent that the Food Bank receive the funding necessary to be able to feed our neighbors in need.</p> <p>My job is to sign everyone in starting at 9:00 AM. Some people come as early as 6:30 AM to wait. I know most of their names because they come so often. My relationship with them and my commitment to this work are powerful influences in my life, and they keep me grounded in what makes life most meaningful: care and concern for others.</p>	
2025-05-09 10:26:24	FY26	Susan	Bixby	Odenton	MD	21113	No	CCCC. Crofton F	<p>I am the Director of the Crofton Food Pantry which provides food for an average of 175 families each month. I am writing to ask that you continue to provide the funding to the Anne Arundel Food Bank which is in the 2026 budget. Without the food that we receive from the food bank we would not be able to help families like Robert 's, a 72 year old veteran who with his disabled wife receives food from our pantry. They have no car and live in a trailer. One of our volunteers takes food to them. With the food savings they are able to pay their electric bill. We ask that you keep funding in your budget so that our pantry and other partner pantries in the county are able to help our most vulnerable neighbors. By providing food, we are not only giving nourishment, but also allowing families to use the money they have to pay for other necessities they need. Thank you.</p>	

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2025-05-09 11:01:21	FY26	J. David	Vitchock	Millersville	Maryland	21108	No	Anne Arundel Co	<p>May 9, 2025</p> <p>To the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>Please support the proposed funding in your FYE 2026 budget for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB). As a part of the all-volunteer Christian Assistance Program (CAP) Food Pantry in Odenton, it's sad to see the continuing need for food assistance for so many local residents. Without assistance from the AACFB, our pantry, as well as the majority, if not all, of the county's food pantries would have to significantly reduce the amount of food given out or, worse yet, would have to close altogether. One of the saddest things for me is for people, particularly children and the elderly with no recourse, to go hungry.</p> <p>Although the future economic outlook for the state and country as a whole is encouraging (one can only hope), it will take some time. Until then, the AACFB's role regarding food insecurity in the county has been of utmost importance. And, prosperous or not, there will always be the need. Please approve the current funding so that the AACFB and the food pantries it serves can fulfill their purpose. There are many people counting on this action.</p> <p>J. David Vitchock CAP Food Pantry Mgr. (&amp; proud Anne Arundel County Resident) (410-987-1043)</p>	
2025-05-12 11:41:14	FY26	DENISE	PUMPHREY	LINTHICUM	MARYLAND	21090	Yes		<p>May 12, 2025</p> <p>I am Deacon Denise Pumphrey, Outreach Director at First Mt. Olive freewill Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Oscar E. Brown in Linthicum, Maryland and I am writing in support of keeping intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food bank currently included in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>The Food Bank is a major part of the success we experience each month for our monthly food give away to the community. They are a blessing to us and to the families we serve.</p> <p>We need for you to leave the funding intact for the Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Sincerely, Deacon Denise Pumphrey</p>	
2025-05-12 18:56:20	FY26	Carolyn	Matthews	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		<p>I volunteer with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank Mobile Pantry program, and I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 currently included in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>I know the County Council and County Executive are aware of the vital outreach and services that the AACo Food Bank provides to our residents. At the Mobile Pantry distributions, I see people of all ages, backgrounds and life situations who are in need. As other support programs continue to be threatened, I expect more folks who had been able to hang on without the extra help will find themselves also in need.</p> <p>Along with volunteering, my husband and I have increased our own monthly financial gift to the Food Bank by 50%, knowing that some who have been in the position to contribute regularly may need to drop out to address their own situations. It is times like these when we must turn to our government to care for our most vulnerable neighbors. In light of the many needs and wants of the county at this difficult time, continuing to fund the Food Bank is one of THE most basic needs. Please keep full funding in the budget.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
2025-05-12 20:45:18	FY26	Lauren	Bloom	Annapolis	Maryland	21403	No	The Food Pantry	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this important matter. I'm am registered to speak on May 14th, and am offering this written testimony before the hearing to make the best possible use of my two minutes before the County Council. We at St. Luke's are very grateful for this opportunity.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Reverend Lauren Bloom</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/56692/county-council-testimony-of-rev-lauren-bloom.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/56692/county-council-testimony-of-rev-lauren-bloom.docx</a>

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2025-05-13 7:43:59	FY26	Joy	Phillips	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		<p>I volunteer at the St. Luke's Eastport Food Pantry in Eastport, Maryland, and I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank currently included in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>Every week we provide 80-95 neighbors with nutritious food, including fruits, vegetables, bread, and eggs. Every patron of our food pantry expresses gratitude and relief that our food pantry is, once again, able to provide them with food for another week. We serve families with small children and with teenagers. We serve single adults, some of whom are unhoused. We serve people who are working and still do not have money for food.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through food pantries like mine. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will face the difficult choice of a reduction in services, which will result in decreased resources provided to their network of partners. The outcomes of this will be catastrophic for the neighbors we serve who are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that the entire network of supplemental food resource providers can continue to distribute this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	
2025-05-13 8:17:29	FY26	Terry	Otis	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		<p>May 13, 2025</p> <p>Dear Anne Arundel County Council Members,</p> <p>I volunteer at the St. Luke's Food Pantry in Annapolis, MD, and am writing to you in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank currently included in the FY 2026 budget. Every week as families line up at our food pantry, I see firsthand the positive effects of food distributions for my neighbors. In these uniquely challenging times, continuing this funding is critical to maintaining food assistance to the increasing number of families who are now experiencing food shortages.</p> <p>Over the past three months we have seen a steady increase in the number of people coming to our food bank each week, placing greater demands on our limited resources. They wait patiently for an hour or more for their opportunity receive food as the line moves through our pantry. Mothers with children in tow discuss food items as they fill their bags. Both regular attendees and newcomers talk with our volunteers and thank them for making food available. We get updates on sick or elderly family members. Times are hard.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through food pantries like St. Luke's. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will face the difficult choice of a reduction in services, which will result in decreased resources provided to their network of partners. The outcomes of this will be catastrophic for the neighbors we serve who are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that the entire network of supplemental food resource providers can continue to distribute this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Terry Otis St. Luke's Food Pantry Volunteer</p>	
2025-05-13 10:32:42	FY26	Alita	Lamartina	BROOKLYN	MD	21225	No	Damascus House	<p>We depend on all the food we get from the health department to feed the 26 men that we have here at the Damascus House. I don't know what we would do if we didn't have the food that we receive from the food bank.</p>	

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2025-05-13 17:49:09	FY26	Mary Brigid	Frye	Annapolis	MD	21402	Yes		<p>I have worked multiple times at the Anne Arundel County Mobile Food Pantry including this afternoon at the Eastport-Hillmere library and this past Saturday at Fort Meade Elementary. I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I have seen firsthand the positive effects of food distributions for my neighbors.</p> <p>One of the things that sticks out in my mind most is our neighbors asking for the schedule when the next food bank will be available. I've also noticed since being with the food bank since the end of summer last year, we have many more returning neighbors at each mobile food pantry. It also it seems like we have more neighbors attending at each location. There is a huge need! The neighbors are so appreciative to have this food! I believe it lessens their stress that they will be able to provide some meals for themselves and their families.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through food pantries like mine. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will face the difficult choice of a reduction in services, which will result in decreased resources provided to their network of partners. The outcomes of this will be catastrophic for the neighbors we serve who are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that the entire network of supplemental food resource providers can continue to distribute this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Mary Brigid Frye 301-717-5124</p>	
2025-05-14 12:44:16	FY26	Stacy	Eckels	West River	MD	20778	Yes		<p>To the Honorable Members of the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>I strongly support the \$70,000 budget amendment to fund the CASE Programs at Southern High School, CAT-North, and Phoenix Academy in the FY2026 budget. These programs provide critical agricultural science education, equipping students with skills in sustainability, food systems, and career-ready expertise in a vital industry.</p> <p>The Anne Arundel County School Board unanimously endorsed this line-item funding, reflecting their commitment to agricultural education. Southern High School's CASE Program exemplifies success: over the past seven years, four Career Development Teams won state contests, qualifying for nationals, and one student qualified for nationals in the Employment Skills contest. In the last four years, Southern trained two FFA State Officers, with another student running for office next year. These programs foster hands-on learning and leadership through FFA, building confidence and community engagement. This funding will enhance resources, expand access, and meet growing student demand.</p> <p>I commend County Executive Pittman for championing this amendment, as highlighted in his May 2, 2025, budget introduction, emphasizing agricultural education. This investment aligns with the county's commitment to innovative education and workforce development.</p> <p>Community enthusiasm is evident, with parents, students, and advocates testifying at the public hearings, underscoring the need to grow these programs. They benefit students, the county's economy, and sustainability efforts.</p> <p>I urge the Council to approve this \$70,000 allocation to strengthen the CASE Programs within Anne Arundel County. This funding is an investment in our students, our community, and a sustainable future. Thank you for prioritizing education that empowers the next generation.</p>	
2025-05-15 20:32:57	FY26	Denise	Bello	Tracys Landing	Maryland	20779-9729	No	Candle (Commur	Please see our uploaded testimony.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57059/candle-testimony-for-family-protection-initiative_aaco_budget.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57059/candle-testimony-for-family-protection-initiative_aaco_budget.pdf</a>

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2025-05-16 12:57:04	FY26	Leah	Paley	Crownsville	MD	21032	No	Anne Arundel County Food Bank		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57116/aacounty26-aa-co-budget-request-for-support-05.16.2025.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57116/aacounty26-aa-co-budget-request-for-support-05.16.2025.pdf</a>
2025-05-18 17:24:50	FY26	Claudia	OKeefe	Crownsville	MD	21032	Yes		Please remove the I-97 widening project (H593500) from the county budget. This budget item only shows you a small part of the story. This is one of a collection of highway widening projects, totaling several billions of dollars in cost, being put forward by the SHA & Baltimore Metropolitan Council as a "solution" to traffic congestion. Road widening does not solve congestion; that idea was debunked many years ago. It will only push the bottleneck into Annapolis, where SHA wants to add yet more lanes to US50 through the city. This project, and the associated road widenings, will create more pollution, more environmental damage, and lower quality of life for county residents, without reducing congestion. Look over at Montgomery County and tell me how "one more lane" eliminated their congestion problems (it didn't!). Please focus on climate friendly (and ultimately cheaper) solutions to traffic congestion. "One more lane" will not fix it.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57224/i-97-information.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57224/i-97-information.docx</a>
2025-05-20 11:01:18	FY26	Kathryn	Burke	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	Yes		<p>I am writing in support of Annapolis Immigration Justice Network's (AIJN) continued funding in the Anne Arundel County FY26 Budget. The investment the County Executive and County government has made to support immigrant children through the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families is changing lives. AIJN provides legal financial assistance, transportation, and case management for youth in our county. Having this support means that immigrant youth navigating their legal case can focus on other important aspects of their lives- such as studying without the pressure of being unrepresented at a looming court case.</p> <p>Those who have been supported by this program are some of the most vulnerable residents in our county- they include children and youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, as well as victims of human trafficking. They have received funding for high quality legal representation for their immigration cases. Data show that unaccompanied children with attorneys are seven times more likely to receive an outcome that allowed them to remain in the U.S. than those without legal representation.</p> <p>AIJN's model is unique and highly effective- we have a 96% success rate of favorable outcomes in court hearings. The reason we are so successful is because every client we support has been assessed to be eligible to apply for legal relief. These children and youth have legal grounds to remain in the U.S, but simply cannot afford an attorney.</p> <p>Moving forward, we know the need for legal representation will remain paramount to safeguard vulnerable immigrant children and youth from unjust deportation. Thank you for supporting AIJN's work with Anne Arundel's children and youth for Fiscal Year 2026.</p>	
2025-05-20 11:15:44	FY26	Julia	Howes	Churchton	MD	20733	Yes		<p>In Support of \$70,000 Funding for CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) Programs Southern High School, CAT-North, and Phoenix Academy</p> <p>See attached for written testimony.</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57420/in-susupport-of-70-000-funding-for-case-curriculum-for-agricultural-science-education-programs.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57420/in-susupport-of-70-000-funding-for-case-curriculum-for-agricultural-science-education-programs.pdf</a>
2025-05-20 12:13:08	FY26	James	Spencer	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		No new connection fees, for an already expensive housing cost	
2025-05-20 12:37:37	FY26	Christine	Joyce	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		I am opposed to the increase in connection fees for new construction.	
2025-05-20 13:12:47	FY26	Elise	Winder	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes			
2025-05-20 13:13:23	FY26	Nancy	Watts	Annapolis	Maryland	21409-5704	Yes		I am writing to ask you to please fully fund the budget for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. I have volunteered with the Food Bank and am aware of the wonderful service they provide our citizens. With the rising cost of housing, food and the changes in our services to our citizens, it is imperative that people are able to get enough for their families to thrive.	

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2025-05-20 13:17:02	FY26	Kimberly	Fisher	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21061	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. As a volunteer at the Food Bank and a monthly donor, I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Current levels of funding are already insufficient to entirely prevent food insecurity in the county. Add to that the fact that so many county residents are losing or in danger of losing their employment due to the current administration's slash-and-burn tactics across so many sectors of the government, the burden on the Food Bank will only grow to accommodate even more people even as funds decrease from people who were once donors becoming consumers of the Food Bank.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. The need will grow by 2026, so supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>Sincerely, --Kimberly Fisher</p>	
2025-05-20 13:27:15	FY26	Susan	Clements	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		<p>I have lived in Anne Arundel County my entire life. I am now a Realtor and sell homes in Anne Arundel County. I had clients, a young couple, close out their 401K in order to afford their first home.</p> <p>I oppose any negative impact on the future of home ownership in our county. Especially new construction.</p>	
2025-05-20 13:32:33	FY26	Susan	Dottl	Ft Meade	MD	20755	Yes		<p>Please support the bill to continue funding to the Maryland Food Bank. I've donated to foodbanks for years, including the one in Maryland since I moved here.</p> <p>With the horrible cuts being made at the federal level, it's more urgent than ever that we help provide food to our neighbors.</p> <p>Thank you, Sue Dottl</p>	
2025-05-20 13:35:03	FY26	Kevin	Hurley	Annapolis	Maryland	21403	Yes			

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2025-05-20 13:48:29	FY26	Jessica	Mitchell	Odenton	Maryland	21113	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of fully funding the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) in the 2026 budget. AACFB is an important part of our community that I have had the opportunity to interact with and also see the positive effects that it has had for neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Over the last two years, I have personally volunteered within AACFB and have been impressed with the effectiveness and kindness of all involved in the organization. I have also personally had friends and neighbors benefit from food assistance during the fallout from federal worker layoffs. The role of AACFB is critical to ensure that other food pantry partners get the supply they need in order to distribute food directly into the communities. AACFB provided the equivalent of three million meals to Anne Arundel County resident last year!</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave the funding for the AACFB intact in the 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>Best regards, Jessica Mitchell</p>	
2025-05-20 13:49:59	FY26	John	Ewalt	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs and the Jobs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 13:51:38	FY26	Shannon	Monahan	Crofton	Md	21114	Yes			

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2025-05-20 14:07:08	FY26	Candace	Smith	North Beach	MD	20714	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2 million in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. We have supported the food bank with annual donations over the years, but are keenly aware that contributions from individuals such as our selves will not reach the level needed to address the needs of our fellow county residents or basic food supplies.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 14:08:42	FY26	GARRY	DAVENPORT	Odenton	Maryland	21113	Yes		<p>I'm writing to ask that you continue to fund the Food Bank of each county. I'm on a fix budget and disabled but I still donate to the service. Your mismanagement of our state budget blows my mind when the mayor of Baltimore is taking a delegation to Les Vegas spending in the area of \$33,000.00 tax dollars and the governor traveling through out the world like a rock star again at tax payer expense. And programs like this need to beg for money. I hope the governor never becomes president because we're all doomed. Please focus on what's important going hungry as I did as a child is not glamorous or rock star like. I'm ashamed at even having to write something like this it should already be at the front of daily business. SHAME ON YOU</p>	
2025-05-20 14:10:12	FY26	John	Morgan	BALTIMORE	MD	21211	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	



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2025-05-20 14:25:16	FY26	Lara	Henneman	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		<p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 14:33:29	FY26	Kevin	Reilly	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		<p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>The work of the AA Food bank is as important as ever. I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 14:36:29	FY26	Jennifer	Larrimore	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes			
2025-05-20 15:02:27	FY26	William	Trepp	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		<p>Dear Anne Arundel County Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. My wife and I have seen hard working volunteers at their warehouse, have donated food at their loading docks and have made monetary donations for several years because we feel that having proper nutrition is biologically necessary and mentally uplifting to AA Co. Food Bank recipients.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>William Trepp</p>	

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2025-05-20 15:07:49	FY26	Angel	Woodall	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 15:14:59	FY26	Maren	Holmes	West River	MD	20778	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. I volunteer twice monthly at South County Assistance Network, which partners with AACFB in providing food to South County residents. I see first hand how people are struggling, and how much they need our continued support.</p> <p>Please fund the full 2026 budget request in order to help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 16:08:21	FY26	Crystal	Naylor	Bowie	MD.	20717	Yes			
2025-05-20 17:04:37	FY26	marc	schlossman	annapolis	maryland	21409	Yes		It is criminal that anyone in our country should have to go hungry. Please do your part so that all of our citizens are fed.	

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2025-05-20 18:11:26	FY26	Jennifer	Catlin-Hirt	Severna Park	MD	21146-3003	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-20 19:10:47	FY26	K	Minor	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes			
2025-05-20 19:41:04	FY26	Bruce	Morgenstern	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		<p>County Council,</p> <p>It would be easy to write a very long message explaining why your support for full funding (\$2,131,892) for the Anne Arundel Food Bank in the next budget is critical. But sometimes a simple message suffices. I like the concept of the 6-word memoir. Please close your eyes, picture a mother looking down on her little children and uttering the words "Oh my! There's no more food."</p> <p>If that picture doesn't motivate you to keep intact the Food Bank's funding, I don't know what will.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
2025-05-20 20:18:40	FY26	Catherine	Hamel	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	

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2025-05-20 20:53:34	FY26	TRACY	BACKUS	Crofton	MARYLAND	21114	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue. Sincerely Tracy Backus</p>	
2025-05-20 21:13:25	FY26	Penny	Wallace	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Food is the first and most basic necessity for human survival. Please do not cut funding for food programs.	
2025-05-20 21:16:40	FY26	Norma	Farrell	Not Hispanic or L	MD	2141	Yes		We must, first, provide our fellow citizens with a basic diet. Please offer a budget that will allow us to do so.	
2025-05-21 7:04:11	FY26	Suzanne	Gerakines	Crofton	MD	21114-1411	Yes		<p>I donate to the Anne Arundel Food Bank Monthly to help when help is needed. Under Trump, things will get worse due to his incompetence and greed. I donate to the food bank, vets, children health and food needs whenever grocery stores over it as often as I see it while paying for my food and items. I try to help the people on the streets who beg for help in my neighborhood, Annapolis, DC, and Baltimore because I See Them as fellow human beings suffering. They are no different from myself, you or family. A community is only stronger if it cares about ALL the people within it. It will die without love. I would like to see public food gardens and fruiting trees instead of just the flowering ones to feed those in need. We waste water and land to maintain the conventional green areas in our communities when people need the food, the ability to grow it to feel stronger emotionally and physically and feel engaged in their community. So please listen and act to help too.</p>	
2025-05-21 7:13:47	FY26	Nicholas	DiPietro	Tracys Landing	MD	20779	Yes		<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I just wanted to take a moment to address upcoming talks about funding for the CASE program at our Public Schools and the importance of it. I have one child that is a senior at Southern High School who entered into the program as a freshman. At first I was hesitant not to understanding the scope of the program but I soon realized how beneficial it was. Under the leadership of Dr Stacy Eckels my son learned valuable lessons beyond the classroom, such as time management, organization, and responsibility. The program requires full commitment from students and in return gives them skills that are necessary to succeed in college and life in general. I have a second son that will be starting the program next year when he arrives to high school. He is excited to join after seeing the opportunities his brother had.</p> <p>My son was given the top award for the CASE program at Southern High School 2 days ago. He has traveled around the country under the program meeting and networking with students of similar interests. And I attribute his success of having a 4.38 GPA and being accepted into the University of Maryland directly due to the case program.</p> <p>I could go on for several more minutes about the benefits however I realize your time is valuable. Please consider fully funding the program at the requested \$70,000 so that this program can be extended to other children, particularly ones at risk, throughout the county. This is a wonderful program in its infancy and with additional funding it can become a role model for not just the state, but the nation.</p> <p>I respectfully ask you to consider not just my request, but the request of every parent who's ever been part of the program. The success for our children is overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>Thank you for your time!</p>	

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2025-05-21 7:23:45	FY26	Dennis A. and St	Cunningham	Odenton	MD	21113-3965	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>We are writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. We are well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>We urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>We support the AACFB and we would like the AAC budget to support our neighbors in need.</p>	
2025-05-21 8:02:48	FY26	Mary Ann	Churchill	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. I am a volunteer at a local food Bank in Annapolis. Our ability to continue to help our neighbors is greatly dependent on our partners like Anne Arundel County Food Bank. We serve some of the most vulnerable in our community that continue to be forgotten by our society, such as the elderly on a fixed income, low income families, disabled and unemployed. In a recent survey, our neighbors expressed their gratitude for our services in the community. We read " Thank you for helping me and my family through a loss of income" or " Thank you for providing nutritious food for my family since my food stamps have been cut".</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-21 9:17:46	FY26	Kurt	Svendsen	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		<p>See attached one-page PDF file</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57551/testimony-public-hearing-fy26-proposed-budget.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_budget_testimony/57551/testimony-public-hearing-fy26-proposed-budget.pdf</a>

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2025-05-21 9:25:05	FY26	Barbara	Brown	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I volunteer with an after school program at the Stanton Center in Annapolis where I see the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. I also support the Anne Arundel County Food Bank with cash donations.</p> <p>Supporting the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-21 9:44:40	FY26	Alison	Wisnom	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>I am both a homeowner trying to subdivide my property in order to provide additional housing, and I am a REALTOR. To date, I've spent over \$10,000 to attempt to learn if the county will allow my property to be subdivided. That is a huge risk! I am trying to be a part of the grassroots solution, which I would think the county would encourage. I am opposed to the 10% increase in connection fees for new construction, which will further slow our ability to address the housing shortage and affordability crisis. These increases generate relatively little revenue for the government but have a tangible negative impact on future construction.</p>	
2025-05-21 9:55:00	FY26	Sarah	Bauer	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	

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2025-05-21 10:01:23	FY26	Louise	ONeill	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-21 14:28:24	FY26	Andrew	Parks	ANNAPOLIS	md	21403-5004	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-21 16:02:55	FY26	Deirdre	Banscher	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		<p>Please honor the AA County Food Bank's budget request in full. One thing that makes me proud to be a resident of this county (for 47 years now) is the way we help one another. No one should ever go hungry.</p>	
2025-05-21 19:20:42	FY26	Alexis	Tatem	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Councilmembers,</p> <p>I urge you to preserve the \$2,131,892 allocated to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) in the FY 2026 budget.</p> <p>The AACFB provided over three million meals last year through its partner network, serving as a lifeline for families facing food insecurity. With rising costs and potential cuts to social programs, this support is more critical than ever.</p> <p>Without this funding, the AACFB cannot meet the growing demand. Please keep this vital resource in place to support our most vulnerable neighbors.</p> <p>Sincerely, Alexis Tatem Severna Park</p>	

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2025-05-22 12:14:23	FY26	Matthew	McGehrin	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>Sincerely, Matthew McGehrin</p>	
2025-05-26 9:01:08	FY26	Kathy	Burk	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>In both my professional work at UM BWMC and my volunteer work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I have seen first hand the effects and impacts of food insecurity here in our county and the importance of the work of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. The Food Bank's mission is critical to making Anne Arundel County The Best Place For All.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p> <p>Thank you, Kathy Burk</p>	
2025-05-26 19:02:35	FY26	Noreen	Cullen	Davidsonville	MD	21035	Yes		<p>Please fund the AAC Food Bank.</p> <p>Children and those with no or fixed incomes desperately need good healthy nutrition. Thank You, A Concerned Citizen</p>	



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2025-05-27 6:41:55	FY26	JOANNE	SNYDER	ANNAPOLIS	md	21401	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	
2025-05-27 6:43:28	FY26	joanne	zenker	EDGEWATER	Maryland	21037	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	

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2025-05-27 20:59:32	FY26	Julia	Schoenster	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	Yes		<p>Food is essential for life.</p> <p>Millions of children throughout our country, including AA children, will lose their one and only meal a day when Trump eliminates school nutrition programs. Please keep our food bank working. Thank you.</p>	
2025-05-28 14:38:51	FY26	Marisa	Wittlinger	Severna Park	Maryland	21146	Yes		Please fully fund the Anne Arundel County Food Bank!	
2025-05-29 21:07:06	FY26	CHERRY	MILOE	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21401-6846	Yes		<p>I am in favor of funding supporting:</p> <p>SPCA OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY</p> <p>FOOD BANK OF AACnty</p> <p>ANNE ARUNDEL IMAGINATION LIBRARY (FREE MONTHLY BOOKS FOR LOW-INCOME KIDS, BIRTH TO 5TH BIRTHDAY, TO PREPARE FOR READING IN KINDERGARTEN)</p> <p>DOG PARKS THROUGHOUT COUNTY</p> <p>FREE MENSTRUATION SUPPLIES AT ALL MIDDLE &amp; HIGH SCHOOLS, COUNTY LIBRARIES, COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDINGS, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, HOMELESS SHELTERS, FOOD BANKS &amp; PANTRIES ~ FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS</p> <p>DIAPERS AND RELATED NECESSARY PRODUCTS FOR BABIES AND ELDERLY AVAILABLE AT FOOD BANKS AND PANTRIES</p>	
2025-06-08 17:08:02	FY26	Dan	Frend	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		<p>Fully fund fire department positions to ensure safety and adequate response to all areas including non hydrant areas needing fire tankers. Also consider funding necessary areas in all departments to add AEDs in our communities to help ensure health and safety of residents and visitors alike.</p>	
2025-06-10 14:30:55	FY26	Catharine	Anderson	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		<p>Dear Chairwoman Hummer and Distinguished Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping intact the \$2,131,892 in funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) currently included in the FY 2026 budget. I am well acquainted with the work of the AACFB and the positive effects that supplemental food has on our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Last year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank provided the equivalent of more than three million meals to Anne Arundel County residents through its network of food pantries partners. Supporting them in the 2026 budget will help the most vulnerable people in our community meet their basic needs.</p> <p>Without these financial resources, the AACFB will not be able to meet the growing demand for supplemental food assistance in our County. Many families are already heavily burdened by increasing costs and the potential for widespread cuts to the social programs they depend upon to make ends meet. The AACFB is their lifeline, and the outcomes could be catastrophic for our neighbors and our community if funding from the County is not directed to the food bank.</p> <p>I urge you to leave intact the funding for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in the FY 2026 County budget, so that this crucial support to our most vulnerable neighbors across Anne Arundel County can continue.</p>	



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**Southern High FFA Alumni**  
4400 Solomons Island Road  
Harwood, MD 20776

May 14, 2025

County Council for Anne Arundel County  
County Executive Stuart Pittman  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued and robust funding of the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) programs in Anne Arundel County's FY 2026 budget. As a Southern High School CASE & FFA Alumni, I believe these programs are a critical investment in the future of our youth, our local economy, and our environment.

CASE programs provide hands-on, STEM-based agricultural education that equips students with real-world skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. These programs not only align with Maryland's education goals but also foster leadership, innovation, and career readiness in a sector that is vital to our county, state, and the nation.

Nationally, the impact of agricultural education is evident. According to the National FFA Organization:

- There are over **945,000 FFA members** across the U.S., a testament to the growing interest in agriculture among youth.
- Nearly **72% of FFA members are pursuing careers in science, business, and technology within agriculture**, demonstrating the interdisciplinary value of agricultural education.
- FFA and agricultural education programs contribute to the development of skills such as **critical thinking, collaboration, and public speaking**, which are in high demand across all industries.
- Alumni of FFA and agricultural education programs report **higher levels of civic engagement, leadership involvement, and post-secondary success** compared to their peers.

In Anne Arundel County, CASE programs provide students with the opportunity to engage in career pathways in environmental science, biotechnology, plant and animal systems, and more. These programs support our county's agricultural heritage while also preparing students for modern challenges such as climate change, food security, and sustainable development.

By supporting this budget item, you are not only investing in our students' futures but also strengthening our county's workforce and agricultural economy. I respectfully urge the County Council to fully fund the CASE programs and ensure that Anne Arundel County continues to lead in innovative, career-ready education.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to the youth and future of Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sierra Criste". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Sierra" and last name "Criste" clearly distinguishable.

Sierra M. Criste  
President  
Southern High FFA Alumni and Supporters

Anne Arundel County Council  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Anne Arundel County Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Kayton and I have a teenage son, Kevin Kayton, who is currently finishing his Junior year at Southern Senior High School in Harwood, MD. I am reaching out to you today to ask that you consider funding in your budget for the CASE Ag Science Program.

Kevin has been involved in this program since his Freshman year and actively participates in CASE activities. CASE and FFA have inspired him to pursue a career path in Agricultural Science, combining those skills with his passion for cooking. He has been inspired to grow a variety of vegetables in his own backyard. I have watched his garden grow over the years and we are always blessed with fresh garden vegetables. He used valuable skills and knowledge to help lead his Boy Scout troop to design and create sustainable handicapped accessible flower beds for Central Special School; a need their budget was unable to accommodate.

CASE students learn not only valuable agricultural lessons, but life lessons and experiences. Kevin has been able to attend conferences in several different cities nationwide and meet with inspirational leaders and students from all across the country. We believe agriculture is the backbone of America. Programs like this influence, educate and prepare students for innovative and creative careers in Agriculture Sciences. Students can belong, grow and succeed in these inspiring programs.

Building community engagement, leadership skills, a sense of belonging and personal growth are the foundations of the CASE program, and we are so sincerely grateful for the experiences it has provided for our family.

We wanted to share our personal experience with you so that you know how critical it is to strongly support funding this program for students.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kayton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Kayton', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

5/21/25

**Good evening, County Executive Pittman, Councilwoman Hummer and Councilwoman Fiedler, and council members,**

My name is Donna Kennedy. I am a resident in District 3 and a School Counselor at Jacobsville Elementary, also in District 3. I'm here to advocate for the restoration of the budget line to provide the 8 School Counselors who are National Board-Certified Teachers with the same salary enhancement as our peers. I'm asking for an amendment to the budget of \$87,000. We already have the full support of the AA County BOE which voted unanimously—8-0—to include NBCT School Counselors as eligible employees.

- I currently hold my certification in Exceptional Needs, and although I was told I could only earn the \$10,000 salary enhancement if I returned to my role as a special educator, I chose to remain a school counselor and I would like to explain my reason: the far-reaching impact that I strive for in my role as a school counselor.
- The result of the work of a school counselor, whether at the elementary or secondary level, is not always quantifiable or readily observable. It is a vocation whose work can have lasting effects that span a student's lifetime.
- One of the blueprint pillars relates to enhancing student learning and increasing focus so they can effectively demonstrate learning. One cannot separate a student's social emotional health from his or her ability to demonstrate academic knowledge and skills. School counselors are accountable to students, families, teachers, and administrators in every facet of their work; work that does not end when the bell rings. We are lifelong educators that deserve the same consideration as those who serve solely in the classroom.
- School counselors are an integral part of wrap-around services for the whole child, a resource for all learners to be successful, as promised in pillar 4 of the blueprint.
- Our devotion to the whole student and goal of excellence will not change or waiver if not included in the NBCT salary enhancement. But school counselors deserve the same equity as all other members of the educational system.
- Each year, school counselors are required to sign and submit a school counselor annual agreement which requires them to spend 80% of their work time in direct service to students. All 8 of the NBCT counselors in Anne Arundel County take this commitment very seriously and have demonstrated that in our dedication to students. I cannot tell you how often my co-workers have told me that "I am the heart of our school" or "we would literally fall apart without you here." My fellow NBCT counselors get these same types of comments at their schools as well.
- If our peers and our BOE can see our value, I know you can, too." Please fund this budget. We have certainly done the work to earn it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Donna Kennedy, NBCT, Exceptional Needs  
School Counselor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Kennedy".