California produces nearly half of the nation’s fruits and vegetables, yet 1 in 5 Californians — that’s about 8 million — currently struggle with food insecurity.

*California Association of Food Banks*

**DIRECT SERVICE: 60%**

Redwood Empire Food Bank feed neighbors in need and leads the community to end hunger. They distribute food through their own programs and their partner organizations in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties. As the largest hunger-relief organization in the area, they work on the front lines of emergency food assistance in the region.

Food for Thought supplies more than 300,000 meals per year at no charge to qualified clients who are at risk of malnutrition. Their services eliminate food insecurity, reduce hospital visits and medical expenses, and improve their clients’ health and quality of life.

Community Grows cultivates healthy youth through growing gardens in low-income, diverse communities. Their vision is that all youth are able to benefit from the joy and healing of nature-based outdoor education, and develop the tools, confidence and resources to navigate and challenge structural injustices. Community Grows is a fiscally sponsored project of the Tides Center.

**LEVERAGING COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS: 20%**

Farm to Pantry brings together communities to end food injustice and reverse global warming by rescuing and sharing locally-grown food with those who have been systematically marginalized.

**SYSTEMS-LEVEL CHANGE: 20%**

Berkeley Food Network uses an innovative, community-centered approach to food sourcing and distribution, providing easy and convenient access to healthy, high-quality free food for people who need it. At the heart of this work is their food sourcing and distribution hub, as well as advocacy work.