


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Funding boost for food banks
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	10 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	ACT Labor will establish a \$1.5 million Food Bank Fund to support food banks and community organisations who provide Canberrans with access to food relief and essential grocery items.
Issue the proposal will address:	This is a cost of living measure.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) <sup>1</sup> :	<a href="https://andrewbarr.com.au/news/labor-media-releases/funding-boost-for-food-banks/">https://andrewbarr.com.au/news/labor-media-releases/funding-boost-for-food-banks/</a>

### What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

**Note:** The costing will be developed on the basis of information and assumptions provided in the costing request. The professional judgment of the Under Treasurer will determine whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the proposal.

- \$500k per annum would be provided in each year for three years from 2025-26

What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this proposal and estimated costs each year (if available)?

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>					
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-500	-500	-500	-1,500
Capital <sup>(a)</sup>					
Depreciation <sup>(a)</sup>					
Offset - Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>					
Offset - Capital <sup>(a)</sup>					
Full-time equivalent employees					

<sup>1</sup> As per Part 2, section 5 of the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses, depreciation or capital outflows. A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses, depreciation or capital inflows. The expenses row is not to include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal? Please provide links or attach information/data sources referenced.

No

Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?

Capped

Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the proposal? Does the proposal provide additional funding to, or redirect, any existing Commonwealth/State or Territory funding arrangements?

No

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No

Who will administer the proposal?

Community Services Directorate

How will the proposal be administered?

This fund is to provide one-off support to food banks and pantries who need assistance.  
Existing food banks/food pantries and community organisations experiencing greater demand can apply for one-off top up payments.

Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.

No

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?

- If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

No. Community Services Directorate will be expected to deliver the program from within existing resources

Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.

No

Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? If so, will a copy of this material, including any assumptions, be made available to Treasury?
No
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
We have heard from providers that there is a much greater call on organised food banks, food redistribution and informal food pantries across Canberra (and nationally).  Canberra families, low-income households and community groups will benefit from this proposal.
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
No
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
1 July 2025
When is the proposal expected to be fully operational? Please provide details such as the start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc.
The program will be fully operational from commencement
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
30 June 2028
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No