The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known in California as CalFresh, is the nation’s most important anti-hunger program. CalFresh provides critical support to low-income families while strengthening the local economy.

1,975 COUNTY RESIDENTS RELY ON CALFRESH
to supplement meagre food budgets so their families have enough to eat in order to work, study & contribute to society.

$3.1 MILLION A YEAR IN DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT
More than $3.1 million a year is pumped directly into the county’s economy through the CalFresh program.

ADDITIONAL $2.4 MILLION A YEAR TO LOCAL BUSINESSES
An additional $2.4 million a year is generated by CalFresh spending, helping farmers, grocers, truckers, packing sheds & other businesses in the county stay profitable and competitive.

$2.7 MILLION A YEAR IN HEALTH CARE SAVINGS
By helping families with food, CalFresh keeps them healthy. CalFresh participants incur $1,400 less in health care costs per year than non-participants, saving taxpayers $2.7 million in our county.

HEALTHIER, MORE PRODUCTIVE ADULTS
Children who receive CalFresh benefits are likely to do better in many ways as adults—securing better jobs as a result of improved academic performance and experiencing lower rates of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure.

$5.5 MILLION A YEAR IN TOTAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

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