

# Ottawa Food Access and affordability Programs

**Bridge Cards** provide eligible families with food benefits to support a families food budget. In addition to stores, Bridge Card/SNAP food benefits can be used at participating farms and community farmers markets. [www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org](http://www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org) .

**How to apply for Bridge Card Food benefits:** at DHHS / [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges) , some non-profits and 1-888-544-8773 Food Bank Council over the phone in English and Spanish.

**Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb) Program** doubles up to \$10 a day in purchases with Bridge Card food benefits at participating Farm Stands, Community Farmers Markets and some stores with FREE Michigan grown fruits and vegetables [www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org](http://www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org) .

**Fruit Ridge Country Market Guide** [www.fruitridgemarket.com](http://www.fruitridgemarket.com) 27 farms and orchards near-by

**Traditional Food Pantries** Ottawa Food web site [www.ottawafood.org](http://www.ottawafood.org) or 211

**Feeding America Mobile Food Trucks** (Like 1-day mobile food pantry) Feeding America or 211

**WIC Women Infants and Children** is a food benefit program for eligible pregnant women and children up to 5 years of age. This program specifies which foods can be purchased.

**WIC Project Fresh** is a program where some WIC families get \$25 in coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables that can only be used at participating farms & markets.

**Senior Project Fresh** is a program where some lower income seniors (60 & over) get \$25 in coupons that can only be used at participating farms & markets.

**Power of Produce (POP) for Kids** at Grand Haven and Spring Lake Farmers Markets for kids (\$2 a week for the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 kids at each farmers market). POP is to empower kids to make healthy choices and have fun while doing it.

**Food Club** at Community Action House at 739 Paw Paw Drive in Holland. For a monthly renewal membership fee (**From \$11 to \$17**) receive \$100 to \$150 value of fresh, healthy food. Family income to be eligible: family of (1) < \$27,180; family of (2) < \$36,620 & family of (4) < \$55,500. Community resources and skill development available.

**Love In Action in Grand Haven will start a “Food Co-Op” (Food Club) in October of 2023 at 1500 S. Despelder Street in Grand Haven** with the same eligibility criteria as Holland’s Food Club. Monthly Co-Op fee ranges from \$5 to \$10.

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