

HEALTHY REFRIGERATION GRANT PROGRAM

The program funds climate-friendly refrigeration units in corner stores, small businesses, and food donation programs in low-income or low-access areas throughout the state to stock minimally processed California-grown foods.



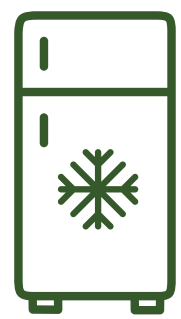
Equipment Grants

2019-2023 **\$13,257,500 awarded**

160 grantees including:

- Corner Stores
- Small Businesses
- Food Donation Programs
- Cities and Counties
- Government Organizations
- Nonprofits

Benefitted **426** corner stores and small businesses



1,549 refrigeration units funded

Technical Assistance Grants

2023 **\$898,729 awarded**

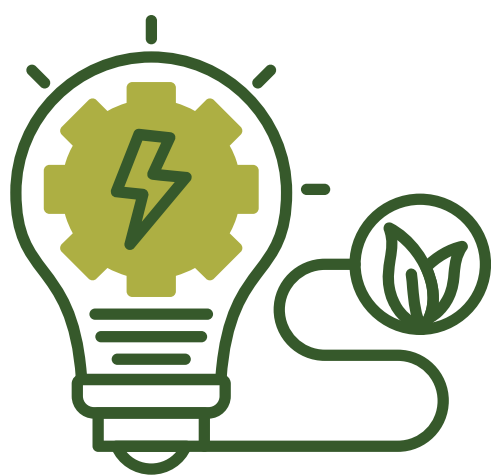
7 technical assistance providers operating accross the state

Provided grantees with:

- Translation
- Outreach
- Application Assistance
- Technical Expertise



Emissions Savings



90%

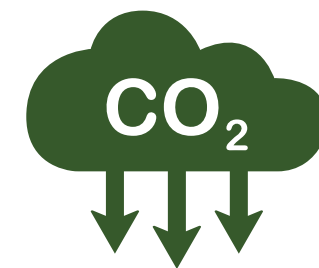
of grant-funded equipment utilized low global warming potential refrigerants

Refrigeration units funded by the program are expected to provide **emissions savings equivalent to:**



the electricity use of 605 homes per year

or



2,815 tons of carbon dioxide

Program Impact

Storeowners reported...

97%
They had a positive experience with the program

78%
They had more customers after installing the equipment

96%
The program helped them better serve their community

97%
They would recommend the program to others

Increased Produce Sales

The program increased stores' ability to sell produce and improved their profitability.

Decreased Barriers to Stocking Produce

The grant-funded equipment allowed stores to increase the variety and freshness of the produce they sell.

Decreased Food Waste

Storeowners wasted less produce after installing the equipment.

“With the improved refrigeration, we can offer a consistent supply of fresh, healthy food to those who need it most. It has been incredibly fulfilling to see the smiles on the faces of families who now have access to high-quality food and to know that we are contributing to food security and health in our community.”

- Food Donation Program Director, San Bernardino County



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