Any 501(c)(3) non-profit organization [in our service area](https://www.feedwm.org/need/by-county/) can host Mobile Food Pantries. Host agencies are responsible for recruiting and supervising volunteers, reporting statistics, and paying handling fees.

For the distributions themselves, you’ll need to arrange to use a parking lot (setup described in our [Mobile Pantry Policies and Procedures](https://www.feedwm.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Mobile-Pantry-Policies-and-Procedures-new.docx) document), which you can probably “borrow” for an afternoon from a church, school, or office park. You’ll also need 8 to 12 folding banquet tables and 12 to 20 volunteers to help unload food, answer questions, direct traffic and clean-up.

[Documents to Include with Application](https://www.feedwm.org/mobilepantry/)

Use the following checklist to confirm your application is complete. All supporting documents are also available on the webpage linked above.

$100 non-refundable application fee paid with check from the 501(c)(3), church or sponsor.

Complete application

Signed agency agreement

Initialed policies and procedures

USDA agreement

Proof of tax exempt status (one of the following)

* Copy of IRS/US Dept. of Treasury letter of Determination stating your 501(c)(3) tax exempt status
* Proof of denomination affiliation
* Proof of tribal affiliation
* Letter containing the information necessary to meet the IRS criteria specified in Publication 1828. This information is outlined in the 14 point letter breakdown.

Sample outreach materials (how people learn about your programs)

Send copies (keep your originals) along with the agency check for $100, to:

Programs Team   
Feeding America West Michigan   
864 West River Center Drive NE  
Comstock Park, MI 49321-8955

Applications may also be emailed to the following contacts. If you have any questions, they should be directed to them as well.

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| **Name** | **Email** | **Phone** |
| Shay Krick | [ShayK@FeedWM.org](mailto:ShayK@FeedWM.org). | 616-432-6966 |
| Abigail LaLonde | [AbigailL@FeedWM.org](mailto:AbigailL@FeedWM.org) | 616-389-6365 |

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| Legal Organization Name: Org. Name | |
| Billing Address: Address City State Zip | |
| Executive Director: Name | Phone Number: Phone |
| Program Name: Program Name | |
| Address of program: Address City State Zip | |
| Primary Contact: Name | Title: Title |
| Office phone: Office Phone | Email: Email |
| Cell phone for driver to use if delayed: Cell Phone | |
| Secondary Contact: Name | Title: Title |
| Office phone: Office Phone | Email: Email |
| Cell phone for driver to use if delayed: Cell Phone | |
| Accounts Payable Contact: Name | Title: Title |
| Office phone: Office Phone | Email: Email |
| **A. Program Description** | |
| Briefly describe your program or services: Description | |
| When did you begin these services? Start Date | |
| Geographic area or population served: Answer | |
| Does your agency provide other services besides food? Answer | |

**B. Service Goals**

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| 1. Are your program(s) open to anyone in need? Mobile Pantries are open to the public, and you **may not** turn away anyone away.  Yes  No |
| 1. How often are you planning to host Mobile Pantries? (monthly, bi-monthly, etc.) Answer |
| **C. Food, Storage and Transportation** |
| 1. List specific food needed for your program: Answer |
| 1. What is your plan for leftover food at the end of the distribution? Answer |

Note: If another agency is receiving leftover food, they must have pre-approved storage inspected by Feeding America West Michigan staff.

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

1. Fax: (202) 690-7442
2. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)