



People for a Healthy Community

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No-Cost Food Access Policy

PHC is committed to ensuring that core food-support service to program participants is provided at no-cost, and without being implicitly or explicitly tied to other conditions (such as volunteer participation, donations, membership). PHC is guided by the following principles:

- Maintaining our commitment to providing food assistance to program participants facing food insecurity without imposing any implicit or explicit conditions. PHC aims to create an environment of inclusivity, dignity, and respect for all individuals seeking support.
- Applying this policy to our Grocery Program (aka Food Bank) and weekly Soup Social.
- Providing food assistance to Electoral Area B (Gabriola, Mudge, and De Courcy Islands) residents facing food insecurity without any form of charge or obligation. The provision of food is unconditional and is not contingent upon any criteria such as income, background, or participation in other programs or services.
- We will clearly communicate our commitment to providing free and unconditional food assistance for Electoral Area B (Gabriola, Mudge and De Courcy Islands) residents through various channels including our website, promotional materials, and in-person interactions. Outreach efforts will focus on ensuring that those in need are aware of the available food programs.
- We will regularly review and monitor our food provision programs to ensure compliance with this policy. Any concerns or deviations from the policy will be addressed promptly and corrective actions will be taken.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

April 2024

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September 2026