



Brookings Area
UNITED WAY

**BASIC NEEDS
TASK FORCE**

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Brookings County Food Resources

Visit [Helplinecenter.org](https://helplinecenter.org) or call 211 for a listing of all local and statewide resources.

Feeding Brookings

605-692-6565 | 2030 3rd St
Ascension Lutheran (drive thru)

Food Box: Every Thursday 3pm - 5pm drive thru distribution. Some food items income guidelines, but not all. All are welcome; food eligibility of certain foods will be determined at time of distribution.

Harvest Table

605-692-4345 | 625 5th St.
Community Life Center

Free Meal: Every Monday 5:30pm (except major holidays) available until food runs out.

Food & Non-Food Essentials: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30am & Friday 8:30am - 12pm; nonperishable foods, hygiene items, baby diapers and wipes. No income or eligibility requirements.

Brookings County Emergency Food Pantry

605-692-5007 | 908 Hope Drive

Food Pantry: Weekly Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1pm - 4:30pm. Households can access once every 4 months (3 times a year). No income guideline requirements. Valid ID and 1 piece of mail verifying address are required.

Brookings Salvation Army

605-219-8970 | 619 5th Ave.

Grocery Voucher & Personal Care Essentials:

Monday - Thursday 1pm - 5pm or call for an appointment; temporary grocery vouchers available (while supplies last) & no income or eligibility requirements for those in need; hygiene & laundry kits, personal care items.

Senior Specific Food Programs

60's Plus Dinning - ICAP: 605-692-1407 | 320 5th Ave. (Activity Center)

Congregate meals Monday - Friday 11:30am - 12:30pm for individuals 60+ years of age; no health or income requirements to participate. If needed, hot home delivered meals can be arranged or frozen meals are made available Monday - Friday for pick up or delivery. Call for availability.

Senior Box - Brookings Area United Way: 605-692-4979 | 908 Hope Drive

Monthly 3rd Tuesday from 1pm - 3pm at Brookings Area United Way site. Applications are still being accepted; For those 60+ years & at or below 130% of federal poverty line eligible. Call or stop in to verify eligibility Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm & Friday 8am - 12pm. Valid ID is required at time of application submission.

Youth & Student Food Programs

Brookings Backpack Project: 605-696-9331 | 908 Hope Drive

Weekly food bags distributed in partnership with Brookings School District, Sioux Valley, Elkton School & Head Start. No income or eligibility requirements. Contact school counselor, teacher, or call site to sign up for program. If in need of food during holidays when school is out of session, please call site directly for assistance.

Jack's Cupboard: 605-696-9331 | 1351 8th St. (SE side of Ben Riefel Hall)

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 3pm - 6pm for South Dakota State University enrolled students when needed.

For latest food guides, ways to support, information on additional food programs, and community efforts visit <https://brookingsunitedway.org/basic-needs-task-force/>

If you'd like to donate food or personal care items, the Basic Needs Task Force has a centralized drop-off site at the Brookings Area United Way office (908 Hope Drive). Donations can be brought in Monday through Thursday, 8am - 4pm and Friday 8am - 12pm, or call 605-692-4979 to schedule a drop-off time.