

## Freezer/Cooler Resources

### Vendors

Ideal Refrigeration has been used by us in the past and they used to give discount to Feeding America partnered food shelves. So be sure to inquire about that.

<http://www.idealrefrigeration.com/>

Others that have participated or bid out with us:

<http://www.norlake.com/>

<https://www.horizonequipment.com/products/restaurant-equipment/refrigeration>

### Sourcing help:

- <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/> - we've heard they are able to get good deals on purchasing items and are particularly interested in helping nonprofits.
- Spread the word – make sure community, chamber, etc. knows your need. There may be restaurants or other business with donation potential for equipment. You may also find folks that can help with recommendations, installation, etc.
- Send message out to other food shelves for ideas, suggestions etc.
- Ask retail partners for suggestions on vendors and selection of right equipment for you.

### Foundations –

- The Initiative Foundations they have grants and low interest loans. Please check on the IF in your area. It is only available to counties outside the metro.
- FFEN – check to see if FFEN might have any resources. [www.ffen.org](http://www.ffen.org)

### Grants:

- Open Your Heart to Hungry and Homeless [www.oyh.org](http://www.oyh.org). They will grant for equipment for food shelves and programs helping those experiencing homelessness. Their average grant is \$3000.
- SHIP or Statewide Health Improvement Partnership. Check what's available in your county. If it will help you increase access to healthy foods, SHIP may partially or fully fund. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ship/contacts.html>
- [Funding resources list on Open Your Heart website](#)
- [MN Council of Nonprofits COVID-19 page click here](#)
- [Otto Bremer Trust click here](#)
- Check around at local offices for insurance agents, financial services, phone company, large businesses, etc. Many of these orgs have fund available for local granting and a home-town connection might help get your foot in door.
- Electric coop in your area? Sometimes the power companies have grants or other support for increasing energy efficiency, etc.
- Local United Ways may also be a good resource
- Minnesota state grants managed by Hunger Solutions and provided to food shelves in the Spring and Fall can be used for equipment.