

# News Release



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## **Summit County Contracts With Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank to Purchase Additional Food for County-wide Food Pantries**

On June 18, 2018 Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro approved and Summit County Council passed legislation that will authorize the County Executive to execute a professional service contract with the Akron-Canton Regional Food bank to purchase additional food for distribution to food pantries throughout Summit County.

The County's current contract with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank will be increased by \$100,000, which is a cumulative increase of 50%. The contract period began in March 2018 and will provide for additional food distribution to Summit County food pantries through September 30, 2018. Distribution amounts to individual pantries will be determined by standing food volume needs per site. The distribution of purchased food will be monitored to low income individuals by each pantry. The increase is necessary to meet the needs for services provided under the agreement.

“We are very proud of the partnership we have with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “One in seven individuals throughout Summit County struggles with food insecurity. Providing meals to people in need lessens the burden of choosing between food and other essentials like medication.”

The Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank provides food and necessities to hunger-relief programs in Summit, Carroll, Holmes, Media, Portage, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties. Throughout those eight counties, approximately 500 food pantries, shelters, and meal sites operate to serve those in need.

“There are many individuals and families throughout our community who struggle with putting food on the table,” said County Councilmember at-large Clair Dickinson. “The County’s work with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank is a vital component in the fight against hunger.”

For more information about the Akron-Canton Regional Food District please visit:  
<https://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org/>

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