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<b>SUBJECT</b>	SATF – Food Security Funding Allocation
<b>SUBMITTED TO</b>	People, Community, & International Committee
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	June 14, 2023
<b>SESSION CLASSIFICATION</b>	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
<b>REQUEST</b>	For information only - No action requested
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### PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission has been previously discussed at [March 2023 Board of Governors Meeting](#).

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In [March 2022](#), the Board of Governors approved the Student Affordability Task Force (SATF) report. The report included 10 recommendations to advance student affordability and updates were provided outlining the progress on each of these recommendations on [December 2022](#) and [March 2023](#). Recommendation 5 is focused on *Addressing Cost of Living Challenges*, including cost associated with housing, food and child care. Specific to food affordability and in support of the health and wellbeing of all UBC Students, UBC continues to support food security in a variety of ways and will continue to advance this through the SATF Implementation. On [March 31, 2023 the Board of Governors approved](#) the release of \$800,000 for food security initiatives to be allocated across both campuses, specifically \$120,000 allocated to UBCO and \$680,000 allocated to UBCV. This document provides an update on the breakdown allocation of the funding for each campus.

### UBC Okanagan

UBC Okanagan takes a community-led approach to the development of food security initiatives. This approach was informed by community consultation and [VOICE Research 4/5](#) – a research project to explore systemic factors (e.g., policies, processes, criteria, structures) that support and hinder student food insecurity. Recommendations are implemented through iterative, participatory approaches where students partner to implement programs and diverse groups shape policy and approaches to food distribution. The Student Health & Wellness Unit led a consultation process with students, campus partners, and SUO to determine the allocation of the FY23-24 food security funding. These initiatives will continue to be evaluated through engagement, informal dialogue, and feedback.

**Table 1 Breakdown of Financial Investment in Food Insecurity 2023/2024**

<b>UBC Okanagan Affordability Task Force/ Board of Governors approved funding</b>		
<b>Program/Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Picnic (Food Hub)	Student staffing	\$25,000
Picnic (Food Hub)	Food and program supplies	\$34,000
Targeted Population Campus Partner Grocery Card and Food Support Program	Indigenous Programs and Services (\$10,000), Global Engagement (\$10,000), Student Wellness (\$8,000), DRC (\$5,000), Athletics (\$10,000), SVPRO (\$5,000), Graduate Students (\$5,000), Ombudsperson (\$1,000), Advocacy Office (\$7,000)	\$61,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$120,000</b>

**UBC Vancouver**

Like UBC Okanagan, UBC Vancouver takes a community-led approach to the development of food security initiatives. As part of the [UBC Food Security Initiative](#) – a collaborative, multi-disciplinary, and systems-based approach to advance food security at UBC – the UBC Food Security FY23-24 Funding Allocation Advisory Committee was established, consisting of both student and administration representatives. Through a collaborative decision-making process, the Advisory Committee’s goal is to allocate this Food Security Funding to alleviate immediate food insecurity through dignified solutions and address longer-term campus community food security and affordability. These initiatives will be evaluated through engagement, informal dialogue, and feedback.

**Table 2 Breakdown of Financial Investment in Food Insecurity**

<b>UBC Vancouver Affordability Task Force/Board of Governors approved funding</b>		
<b>Program/Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AMS Food Bank	Food	\$350,000
GSS Acadia Food Hub	Food and student staffing	\$72,000
Sprouts	Food	\$59,000
Meal Share	New allocation process to be determined	\$199,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$680,000</b>

This Food Security Funding does not include \$2.3 million - \$1.6 million Housing allocation and \$700,000 bursary aid – available via Student Financial Services for food and housing insecurity.