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### **Grants available to rescue good quality food from landfill**

Applications are open for grants of up to \$200,000 to help food rescue organisations collect more donated food, Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said today.

“The grants are open to not-for-profit organisations and local councils to provide food relief agencies with extra resources to sign up more donors, work collaboratively and collect more surplus food for redistribution,” Mr Aplin said.

“Donating food is a great way to avoid food waste. Every year in NSW, almost a million tonnes of food waste ends up in landfill, 200,000 tonnes of which is from businesses. This funding helps to redirect quality surplus food from businesses before it even becomes a waste.”

The grants are funded by the \$802 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative, administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The initiative aims to keep waste out of landfill, increase food and garden waste collections, boost business recycling and invest in new infrastructure.

These grants complement grant funding for infrastructure provided by the EPA to food relief agencies for equipment like fridges, freezers and refrigerated vans.

A total of \$2 million is available under the program. In the first round of the grant program 11 projects were awarded a total of \$971,733.

Grants of between \$5,000 to \$200,000 are available. Applications close on 8 November 2018. A webinar detailing how to apply for funding will be held on 16 October 2018.

For more information on Food Donation Grants visit:

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/organics-infrastructure-fund/food-donation-education>

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