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Hilltown Food Bucks

July 29, 2020

Dear Hilltown neighbor,

We want to help make buying food at a local corner grocery store or farm stand easier to afford for Hilltown residents experiencing economic stress due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

We also want to support local food retailers in a difficult time and are impressed by their commitment to the safety of their customers by offering curbside pickup or a less crowded shopping experience than the large chain grocery stores.

But we know that small retailers can't match the prices of the large grocery chains -so we have created a short-term **Hilltown Food Bucks** program to help seniors and low-moderate income families stretch their food-buying dollars.

For up to five months (program ends **May 31, 2021**) program participants will be mailed Hilltown Food Bucks coupons which they can redeem at the retailers listed below for discounts - ***\$5 off each \$10 worth of purchases***. If you spend \$80 at a store or farm stand, you can use \$40 worth of coupons and pay \$40 from your own food budget, for example. Each eligible individual or family **will receive \$100 - \$125 worth** of Hilltown Food Bucks a month depending on household size.

Program funding is limited, and will fill on a first come, first serve basis – we will let you know if a slot is available for you after we receive your application. In addition, at this time we are ONLY able to include residents of the towns authorized for Community Development Block Grant funds: **Ashfield, Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Plainfield, Williamsburg and Worthington.**

If you are interested, please complete the one page application attached here. For questions on the Hilltown Food Bucks program, please contact **Kate Bavelock**, Director of Community Programs, at kateb@hilltowncdc.org or 413-296-4536 x 116.

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Participating Retailers:

Corners Grocery Store - Worthington
Chesterfield General Store - Chesterfield
Old Creamery Coop – Cummington
Moltenbrey's Market – Huntington
Williamsburg Market – Williamsburg

Participating Farm Stands:

Crabapple Farm – Chesterfield
Four Corners Farm - Worthington
Good Bunch Farm – Shelburne Falls
Hart Farm – Conway
Intervale Farm – Westhampton
Sawyer Farm - Worthington



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Program is limited by grant funding— please let us know of your interest and we will confirm availability.

Yes, I would be interested in having Hilltown Food Bucks mailed to me monthly for up to five months. Program ends 5/31/21.

1. Applicant Information

We report some demographic information to our funders such as household size, ages, race and zipcode. We will protect the privacy of your participation in the program and will never share your name or any other identifying information.

Printed Name _____ Mailing address: _____

Number in household _____ Town of residence: _____

Ages of household members: _____ Zipcode: _____

Disabled Household member(s): _____ Yes _____ No Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mark the race that best identifies you:

- Black/African American
- Black/ African American and White
- Asian
- Asian and White
- Native American
- Other
- White

2. Self-Certification of Income

In the chart below, please locate your household size, then circle the figures in that column which your combined projected gross annual household income falls within. For example, for a 3-person household expecting to earn \$60,000 between June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021, the figures \$38,451 - \$61,500 would be circled.

Falsification of this certification is subject to repayment penalties.

My household income is:	1-person Household	2-person Household	3-person Household	4-person Household	5-person Household
Below	\$17,950	\$20,500	\$23,050	\$26,200	\$30,680
Between	\$17,951 - \$29,900	\$20,501 - \$34,200	\$23,051 - \$38,450	\$26,201 - \$42,700	\$30,681 - \$46,150
Between	\$29,901 - \$47,850	\$34,201 - \$54,650	\$38,451 - \$61,500	\$42,701 - \$68,300	\$46,151 - \$73,800
Over	\$47,851	\$54,651	\$61,501	\$68,301	\$73,801

3. Proof of Income Eligibility - please indicate one of the following:

- I am age 62 or over
- I am eligible through my child's Free and Reduced School lunch program and give permission for the school to verify this
- I am eligible as a resident of low income housing
- I am eligible for LIHEAP – please include proof of current eligibility
- IF NONE OF THE ABOVE – please attach a 2019 income tax return

4. _____ Signature Date: _____

Mail completed form to: Hilltown Community Development – PO Box 17, Chesterfield, MA 01012
 Or scan and email to kateb@hilltowncdc.org or FAX 413-296-4020
 For questions, please email kateb@hilltowncdc.org or call 413-296-4536 x 116