

Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Woodland Hills/Warner Center NC

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) PoP/West Valley Food Pantry 95-3349988 CA
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) 5700 Rudnick Ave. Woodland Hills CA 91367
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1c) _____
Business Address (if different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Debbie Decker 818-632-3324 ExecDirector@WestValleyFoodPantry.org
Name *Phone* *Email*

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 The West Valley Food Pantry currently feeds approximately 700 families a week. Due to inflationary costs of food, housing, utilities, medication, and numerous other expenses, our numbers are on the rise. As we endeavor to feed the hungry in our community, we ask the Neighborhood Council for financial support to help us do just that. The money received from this grant would go directly to the purchase of food and necessities for our seniors, families with school age children, and the homeless.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**
 The West Valley Food Pantry is a local non-profit coalition of churches, temples, mosques, civic and social groups that banded together over 38 years ago to feed the hungry in our community. It serves individuals who live predominantly in the west San Fernando Valley and has over 200 volunteers that purchase, pick up, take delivery of food stuffs, and serves the clients daily. Our efforts are made possible by contributions of both food and money received from the local community and our coalition members. Hunger is a silent community problem. You or your neighbor would never announce that they don't have the financial resources to feed their children. A senior who has worked hard all their lives but is living on a fixed income doesn't share the difficulty of paying for both medication and food. The West Valley Food Pantry is here to graciously assist those in need right here in our own neighborhood.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

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| 6a) | Personnel Related Expenses | Requested of NC | Total Projected Cost |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| 6b) | Non-Personnel Related Expenses | Requested of NC | Total Projected Cost |
| | Purchase Food and supplies for distribution | \$2000 | \$8000 |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| | | \$ | \$ |

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: Woodland Hills/Warner Center NC

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes If Yes, please describe:

| Source of Funding | Amount | Total Projected Cost |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$2000.00

10a) Start date: 11/01/23 10b) Date Funds Required: 10/15/23 10c) Expected Completion Date: 12/30/23
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?
 No Yes If Yes, please describe below:

| Name of NC Board Member | Relationship to Applicant |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
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11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?
 Yes No ***(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)**

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

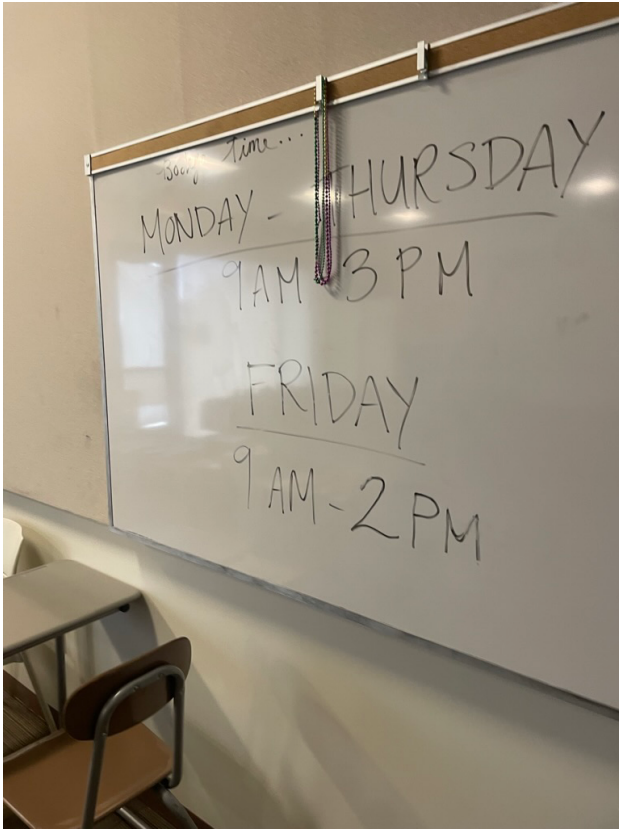
12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

Debbie Decker Executive Director/COO *Debbie Decker* 9/20/23
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Ann Gillinger Adminstrator *Ann Gillinger* 9/20/23
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form



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December 12, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Prince of Peace Church, as a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, is an entity of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, also known as The Episcopal Church. The Society is a 501(c)(3) exempt organization, not a 509(a) foundation. All entities of the Society, including Prince of Peace Church, derive their tax exempt status as 501(c)(3) entities from the status of this Society of which they are a part. The tax identification number of the Society is 13-5562208; the group exemption number is 3741.

A fuller explanation of this tax exemption is given in letters from the Internal Revenue Service, dated May 10, 2001, and from the Treasurer of the Society, dated May 15, 2001, copies of which are attached.

Sincerely,

Ted J. Forbath
Director of Finance

TJF:jlg

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: May 10, 2001

Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of American
815 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10017-4503

Person to Contact:
Dottie Downing #31-02736
Customer Service Specialist
Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. EST
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-263-3756
Federal Identification Number:
31-1629166
Group Exemption Number:
3741

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request for a letter affirming your organization's current exempt status.

In January 1940 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on the information submitted, we recognized the subordinates named on the list your organization supplied as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Also, we classified those subordinates as organizations that are not private foundations because they are organizations of the type described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization's subordinates as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the subordinates or for their use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Your organization and its subordinates are not required to file federal income tax returns unless subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If subject to this tax, the organization must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization or its subordinates' present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Unless specifically excepted, your organization and its subordinates are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid each employee during a calendar year. This does not apply, however, if your organization makes or has made a timely election under section 3121(w) of the Code to be exempt from such tax. Your organization and its subordinates are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Each year, at least 90 days before the end of your organization's annual accounting period, please compile and forward the following information:

Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
31-1629166

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your organization's subordinates;
2. A list showing the names, mailing addresses (including Postal ZIP Codes), actual addresses if different, and employer identification numbers of subordinates that:
 - a. Changed names or addresses;
 - b. Were deleted from the roster; or
 - c. Were added to the roster.
3. For those subordinates added, attach:
 - a. A statement that the information on which your organization's present group exemption letter is based applies to the new subordinates;
 - b. A statement that each has given your organization written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. A list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters;
 - d. A statement that none of the subordinates is a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of the Code if the group exemption letter covers organizations described in section 501(c)(3);
 - e. The street address of subordinates where the mailing address is a P.O. Box.
4. If applicable, a statement that your organization's group exemption roster did not change since the previous report.

The above information should be sent to the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Center
Attn: Entity Control Unit
Ogden, UT 84409

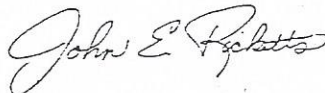
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If your organization had a copy of its application for recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, it is required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection.

Your organization's Group Exemption Number is 3741.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Ricketts".

John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services



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MEMORANDUM

May 15, 2001

TO: Bishop, Treasurer & Chancellor

FROM: Stephen C. Duggan
Treasurer

RE: Episcopal Church Federal Group Tax Exemption for Dioceses,
Parishes and Institutions

Enclosed is a letter from the IRS dated May 10, 2001 re-affirming the federal group tax exemption that the Episcopal Church has held for itself and covered dioceses, parishes and other qualified institutions since 1940. Please note that because your diocese elected to be covered by the National Church's group exemption, it may use the Church's Group Exemption No. 3741 for all appropriate purposes and need not seek separate exemptions for itself or any of its covered congregations or institutions.

In order to make appropriate annual filings with the IRS, we need to have from each diocese by September 30, 2001, an updated list of the congregations and institutions that should be covered by the group exemption for the following year. Please use the pages in the 2001 Episcopal Church Annual for this purpose, merely by making appropriate deletions by hand and by listing additions or corrections on a separate sheet.

• If you have any questions about this exemption, please call or write me here in New York or David Beers, Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, in Washington DC.

Faithfully,

Stephen C. Duggan
Treasurer

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In reply refer to: 8916623593
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5700 RUDNICK AVE
WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367-6238005

Employer Identification Number: 95-3349988
IRS Control Number:

Dear Taxpayer:

Your employer identification number (EIN) is 95-3349988. Please keep this number in your permanent records. You should enter your name and your EIN, exactly as shown above, on all business federal tax forms that require its use, and on any related correspondence or documents.

If you have any questions about this letter, please write to us at the address shown at the top of the first page of this letter. If you prefer, you may call the IRS telephone number listed in your local directory. An employee there may be able to help you, but the office at the address shown on this letter is most familiar with your case.

Whenever you write, please include this letter and, in the spaces below, give us your telephone number with the hours we can reach you. Also, you may want to keep a copy of this letter for your records.

Telephone Number () _____ Hours _____

We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused you, and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. WASHINGTON
CHIEF, TAXPAYER RELATIONS BRANCH

Enclosure(s):
Copy of this letter

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

See Specific Instructions on page 3.

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| 1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. Prince of Peace Church | |
| 2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above POP/ West Valley Food Pantry | |
| 3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____ | 4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i> |
| 5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 5700 Rudnick Avenue | Requester's name and address (optional) |
| 6 City, state, and ZIP code Woodland Hills, CA 91367 | |
| 7 List account number(s) here (optional) | |

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

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| Sign Here | Signature of U.S. person ▶ | Date ▶ 1/4/23 |
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



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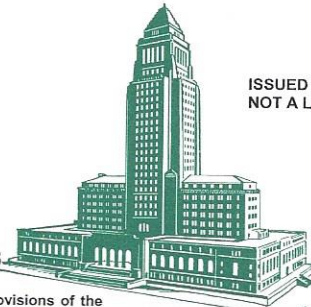
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ISSUED BY:

Christine D. Christensen

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

"No registration certificate or permit issued under the provisions of the Business Tax ordinances of the LAMC, or the payment of any tax required under the provisions of the Business Tax ordinances of the LAMC shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal business or of a legal business in an illegal manner."

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 - Canned soup, chili, meat, and fish
 - Pre-packaged snacks - trail mix, granola bars, chips, fruit bars, etc.
 - Bagged and canned beans
 - Bottled water
- Sealed toiletries
 - Deodorant
 - Soap, body wash, and shampoo
 - Lotion
 - Feminine hygiene
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and floss
- Gift cards
 - Grocery store (Ralphs, Kroger, etc.)
 - Restaurant
 - Retailers (Target, Walmart, etc.)

Monetary donations are also accepted. Please email Geremy Mason at masongk@piercecollege.edu to learn more.

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Sticker Shock at the Grocery Store? Inflation Wasn't the Only Reason Food Prices Increased

Posted on April 11, 2023

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Last year, U.S. consumers saw the largest annual increase in food prices since the 1980s. While food prices generally increased about 2% in prior years, they increased about 11% from 2021 to 2022. Inflation contributed to the increase. But there were other factors—like global disruptions to the food supply chain—that may have had a greater impact. And not everyone felt this increase the same way.

Today's WatchBlog post looks at our [new report](#) on what contributed to food price increases and their impacts, and why these disruptions may lead to higher prices in 2023.



In 2022, a retailer presented customers at a food store with signage explaining that increases in the prices of chicken products were due to supply limitations and increased costs from suppliers.

Source: GAO. | GAO-23-105846

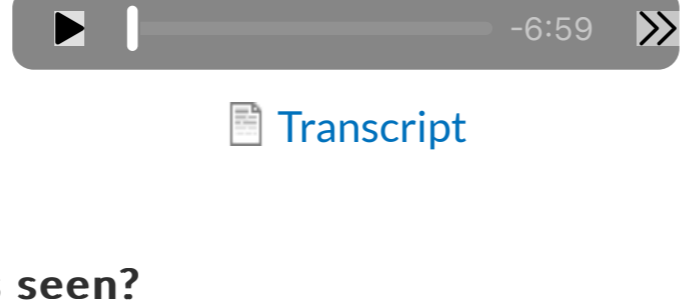
Besides inflation, what contributed to food price increases?

Disruptions and changes to the food supply chain can affect the prices consumers see at the grocery store. Some of these are long-standing challenges. For example, weather events as well as animal and plant diseases, are common disruptions that can impact the supply available—causing prices to increase. We recently saw the price of eggs increase after an outbreak of Avian Flu. Higher labor and transportation costs are also long-standing challenges that have led to increases in food prices.

But there were some unique challenges in 2022 that may have contributed to the double-digit increase in food prices. For example, COVID-19 caused disruptions across the food supply chain. As U.S. households shifted away from full-service restaurant meals, they purchased more food at grocery stores. There were slowdowns in production at meat processing plants when workers became sick and plants shut down. Similarly, transportation of food was bottlenecked when truck drivers got sick. The war in Ukraine also disrupted the global supply of agricultural commodities—such as wheat, corn, sunflower oil, and fertilizer. This reduction in supply, coupled with a U.S. drought, caused American consumers to see wheat prices increase.

"Prices are expected to grow more slowly in 2023 than they did in 2022. But it's still going to grow more than the historic annual average of 2%," said GAO's Steve Morris, an expert in agriculture, during a recent podcast. "When you look at the forecast for this year's prices, they're predicted to increase anywhere from 5 to 10%, and probably settle around 8%. So, they're still going to be really high."

Listen to our podcast about food prices with GAO's Steve Morris below.

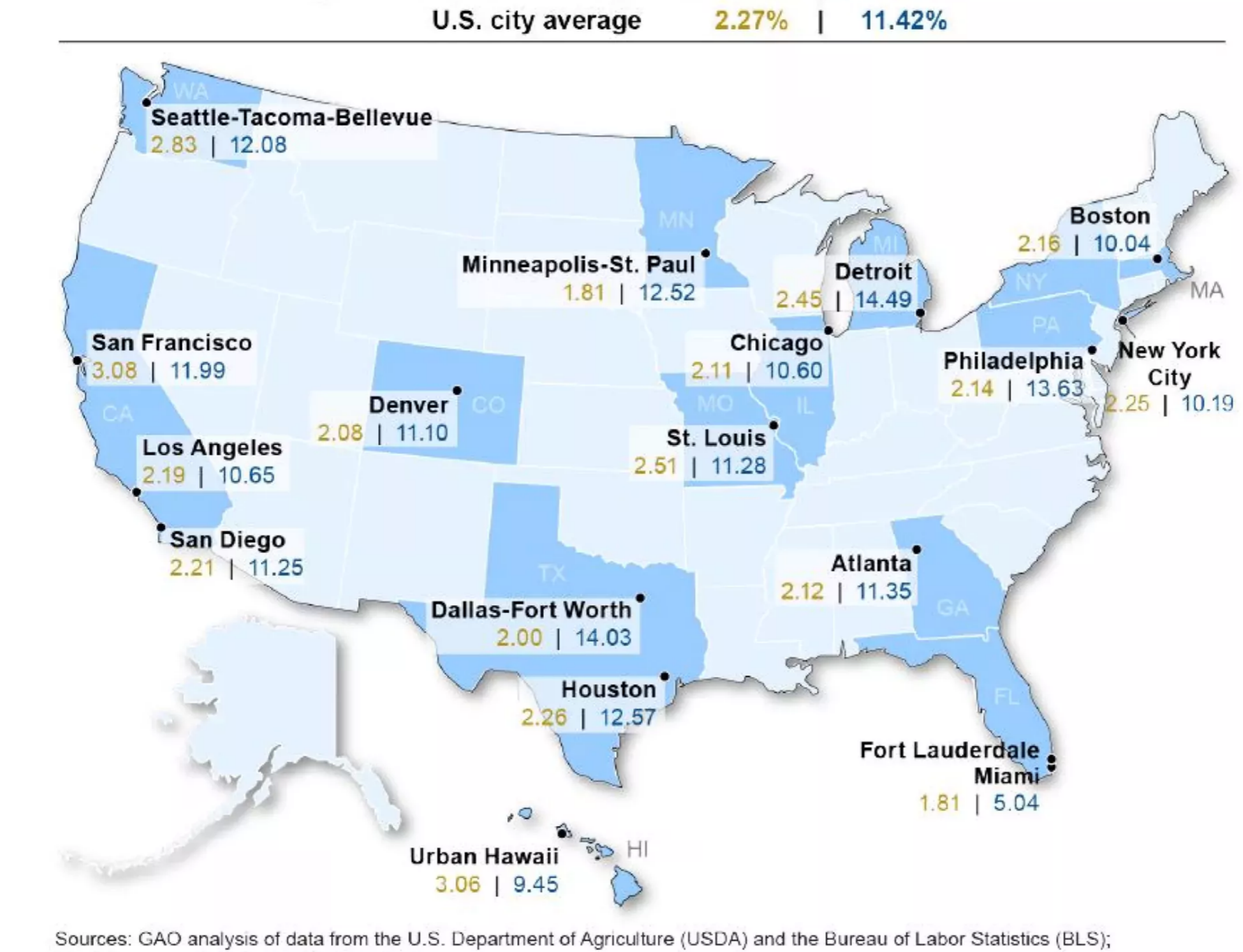


Where were food price increases seen?

Increases in food prices can create additional hardships for many. Those with higher incomes are better able to absorb the impact of increased costs. But for those living paycheck-to-paycheck, any increase can have a significant effect. This includes low-income households, whose food costs comprise, on average, 30% of their income.

Food prices increases also varied by locality. For example, the highest increase between 2021 and 2022 was seen in Detroit Michigan (about 14.5%). The lowest (about 5%) occurred in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Florida metro area.

Average Annual Increase in Food Prices in Selected Metro Areas, 2013-2022



Sources: GAO analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); Map Resources (map). | GAO-23-105846

Finally, food price increases from 2021 to 2022 varied by food group. For example, prices for grains and bakery products increased by about 13%, while fruits and vegetables increased by about 9%. Similarly, dairy products increased by about 12%, but meats, poultry and fish increased about 10%.

What's the federal role in supporting the food supply chain?

As we saw last year, disruptions in the food supply chain can have large impacts on food prices. By addressing supply chain disruptions, the federal government may indirectly take action to address rising food prices. For example, when COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine caused issues in the supply chain, the government granted regulatory relief and other flexibilities to the food industry which may have mitigated some of the factors contributing to food price increases, according to agency officials. For example, by relaxing regulations to let food made for restaurants be diverted to grocery stores, FDA helped to avert food shortages that could've further increased prices during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the federal government does not have a direct role in controlling price increases, according to the agency officials we interviewed.

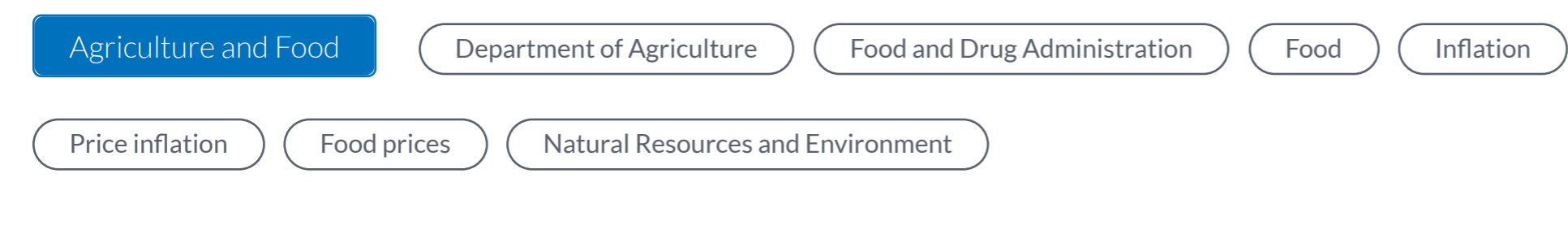
Federal agencies' role in helping to maintain a resilient food supply chain generally fall into four categories:

- Investing in the food supply chain, such as by providing grants and loans to food industries**
- Providing technical assistance and guidance to entities in the food supply chain, such as farmers and food processors**
- Conducting research and sharing information with stakeholders involved in the food supply chain, such as farmers and agricultural businesses**
- Setting policy and issuing and enforcing regulations (e.g., regulations intended to ensure the safety of the food supply and maintain market competition)**

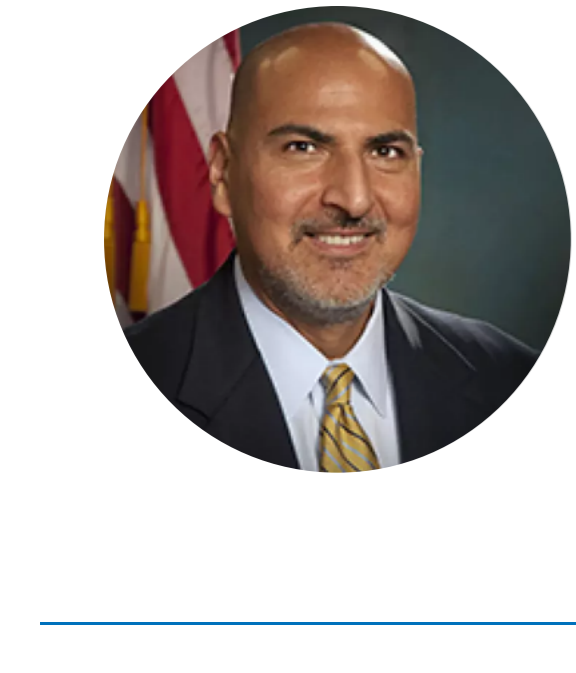
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