

# FOOD INSECURITY IN SAN FRANCISCO

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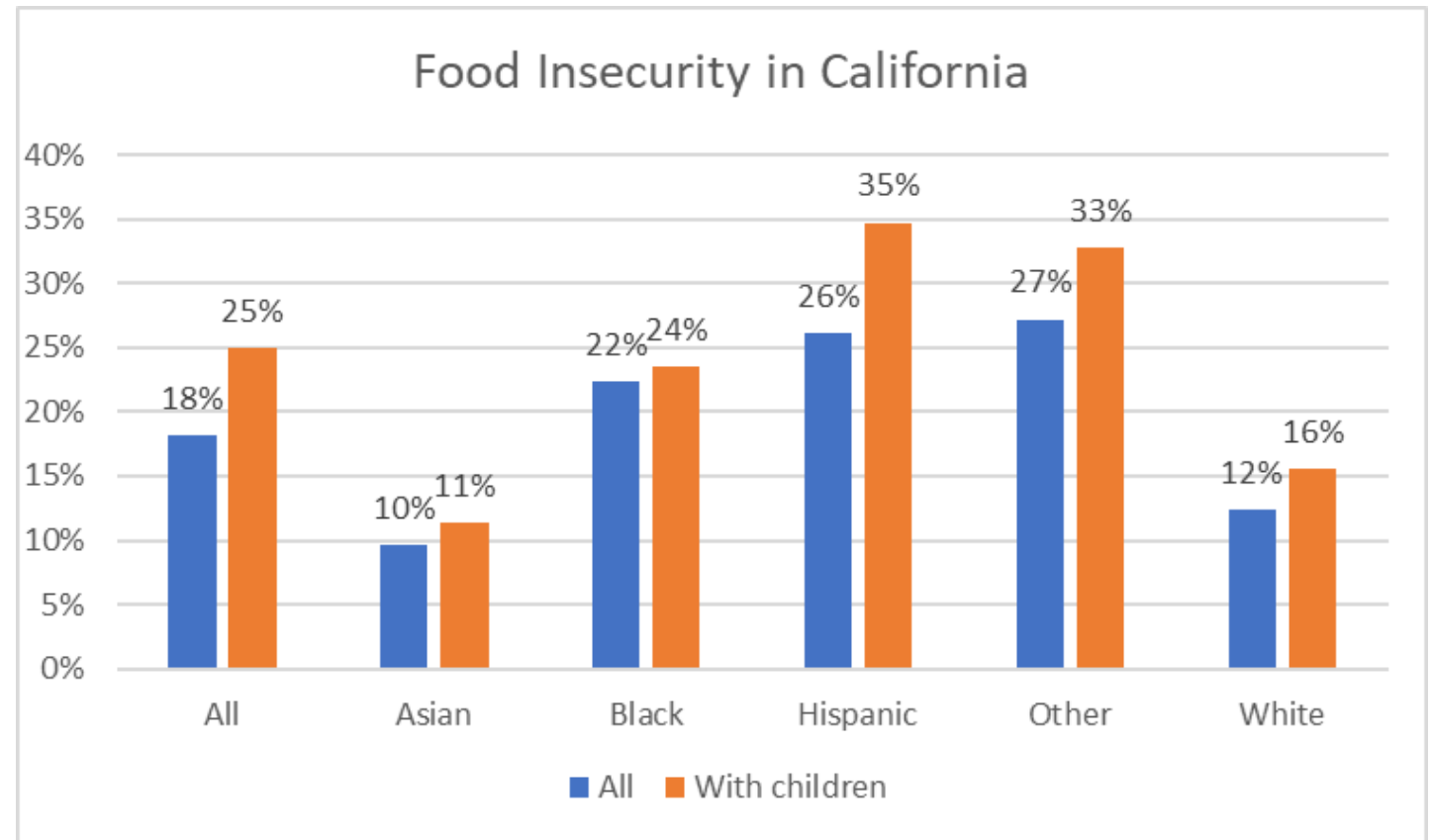
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# Current state of food insecurity

- Loss of jobs
- High cost of housing, food, transportation
- Not enough food distributed for the household
- Transportation barriers, lack of kitchens
- Lack of sustainable funding



# SFDPH focus on food security

- Prioritized in the Community Health Needs Assessment; Community Health Improvement Plan; MCAH Strategic Plan
- Health Commission Resolution on Food Security (January 2019)
- Leadership of the Food Security Task Force since 2005
- Expanded food security support during COVID 19
- Food as Medicine / food in clinical settings



# New SF legislation related to food

- Food Security Task Force reauthorized for 5 years (until 2026)
- New: Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (DPH lead – due 2023)
- New: Food Empowerment Market (HSA)



## New interventions developed during Covid-19

- MCAH has partnered with San Francisco Marin Food Bank to enroll WIC and BIH families to Pantry at Home program. Weekly home delivered groceries until June 2022.
- 1522 total families have been enrolled and served
- Partnered with Frisco Fatherhood Initiative to provide EatSF vouchers to dads Black dads with young children. Serving a total of 60 dads in FY 2021-22
- Continued distribution of EatSF fruit and vegetable vouchers to pregnant people enrolled in WIC. Now includes moms that are participating in the Abundant Birth Project
- Families worried about rising costs of food

# DPH Funded Programs Expanded

- SDDT (Sugary Drink Distributor Tax) Grants
  - All 11 funded organizations through CHEP continued to provide food
    - 8 of the 11 also received additional one-time funding from Mayor's Office to enhance food provision
- HFPS (Healthy Food Purchasing Supplement) Grants
  - Additional one-time funding from Mayor's Office
    - EatSF fruit and vegetable vouchers
    - Market Match at Heart of the City and Alemany Farmers Market



# Feeding 5000, 2021



Covid-19, increased number of residents out of work and people struggling to afford food

SFDPH joined by the African American Faith Based Coalition, to feed over 5000 households this holiday season.

Our most vulnerable populations with the highest health disparities impacted: B/AA, Latinx, API, communities and more.

30+ Community Based Organizations, 22+ Faith Based Organizations, delivered to over 5,700 households

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# FOOD AS MEDICINE COLLABORATIVE

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Partnering with healthcare  
to advance public health aims



**Food as Medicine  
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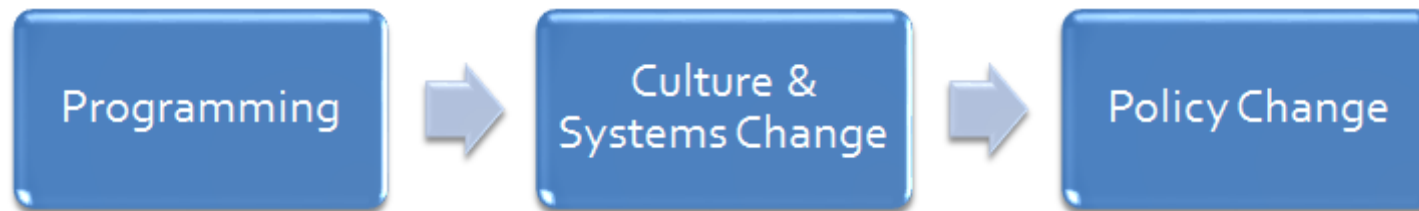
# Health Commission Resolution 19-2, 2019

- “The Health Commission recognizes that adequate food resources to support food insecure San Franciscans are needed”
- “Supports DPH to work [collaboratively with partners] to ensure there are adequate food resources for all food insecure San Franciscans”
- **“The Health Commission encourages health plans, particularly MediCal health plans, to collaborate with their networks and the Food Security Task Force to address food insecurity”**



# Food as Medicine Collaborative

- Multi-sector collaboration of over **20 organizations** representing health systems, non-profits, food businesses, and SFDPH
- Mission: bridge healthcare and food systems to address food insecurity, support nutritional behavior change, and advance health equity
  - coordinate **on-site food programming** within healthcare settings through robust clinical-community linkages (Food Pharmacies)
  - promote **culture and systems** change in healthcare to embrace food insecurity as a healthcare issue
  - support **policy change** such as getting health insurers to pay for food as a covered medical benefit

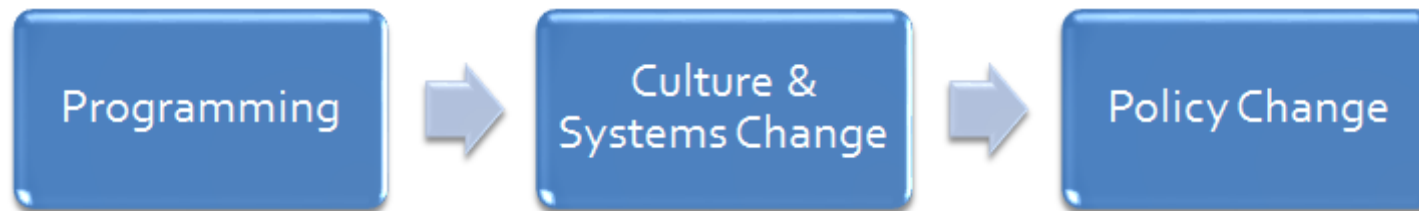


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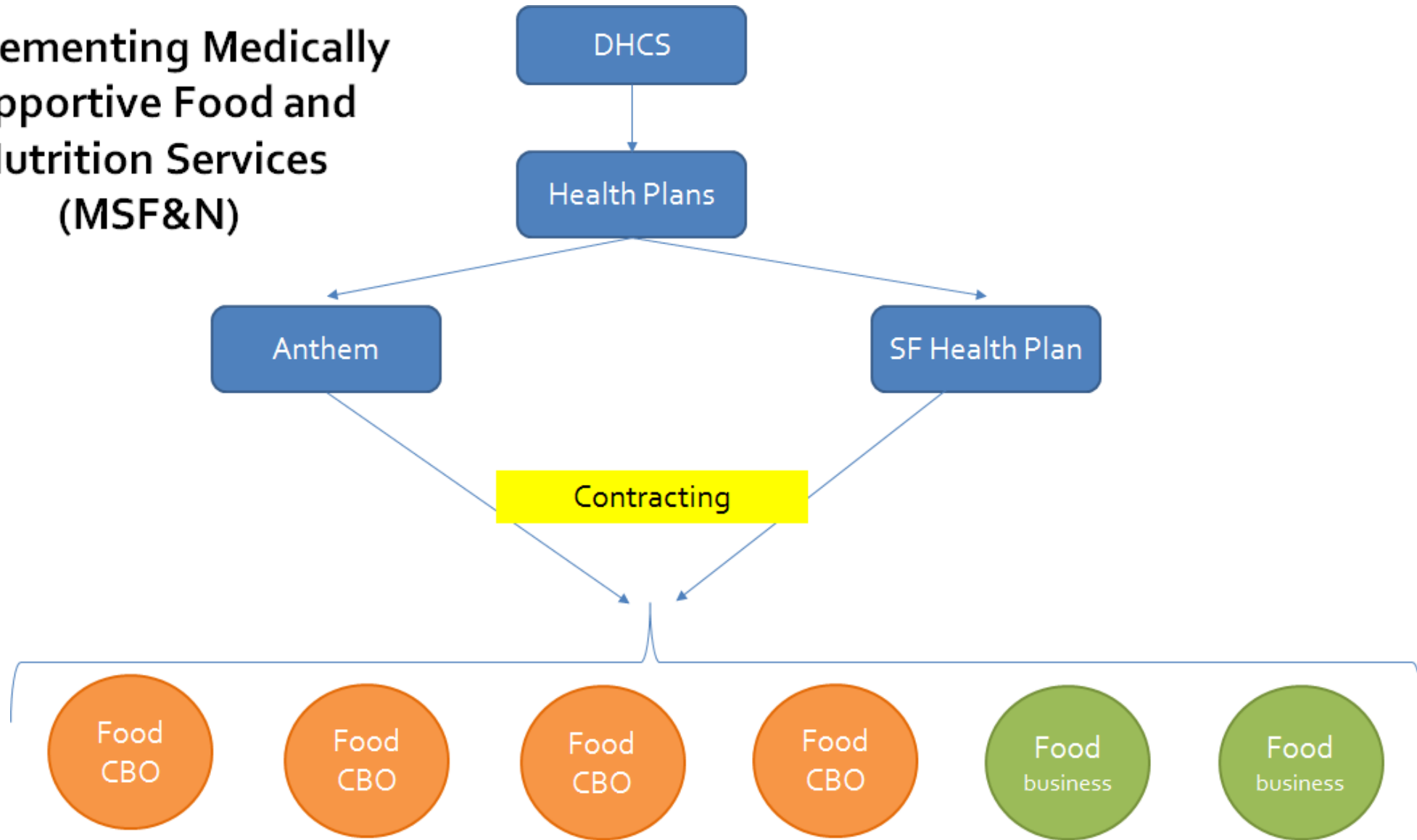
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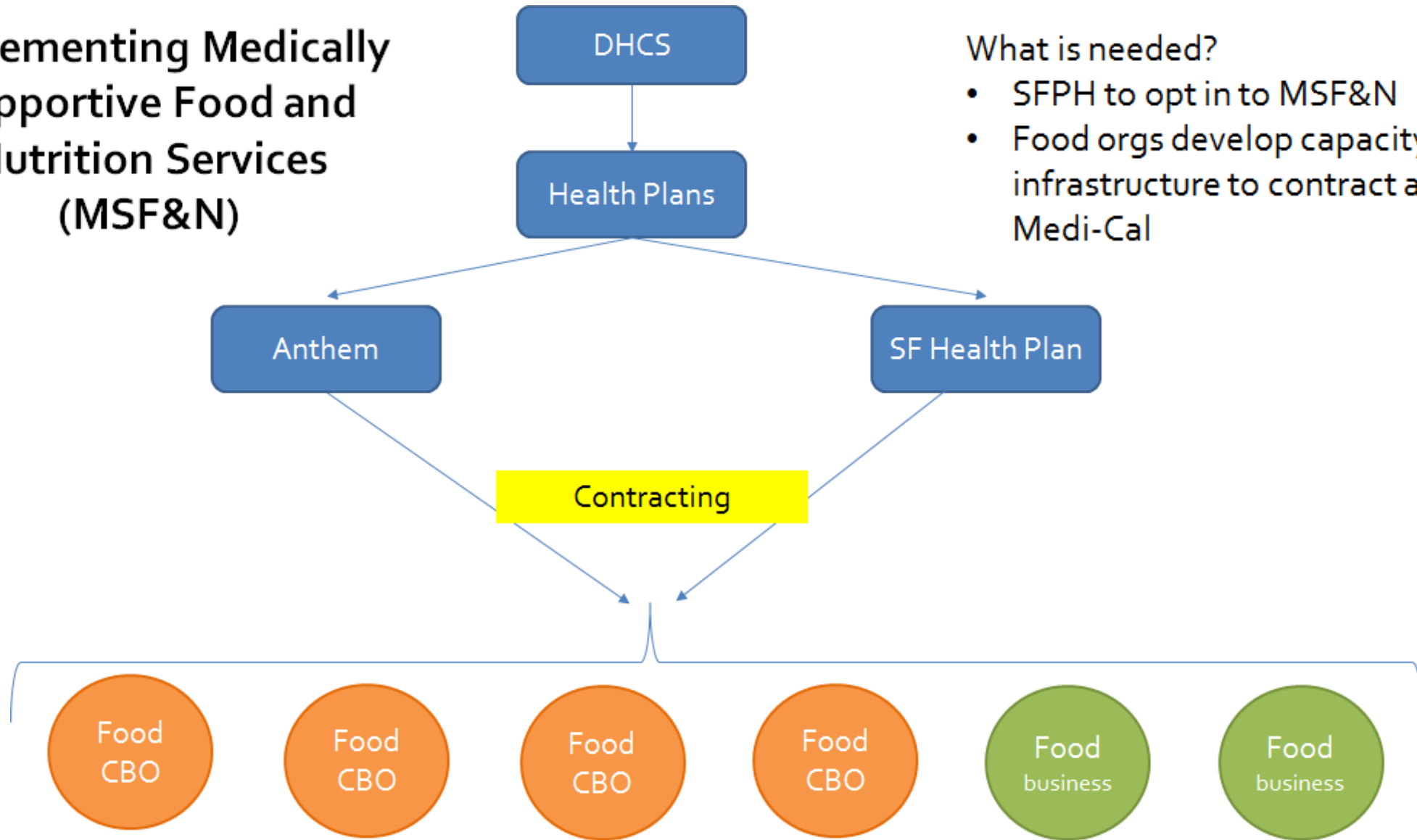
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What is needed?

- SFPH to opt in to MSF&N
- Food orgs develop capacity and infrastructure to contract and bill Medi-Cal

# Questions?