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Delaware County Health Department Cold Storage Equipment Award Criteria

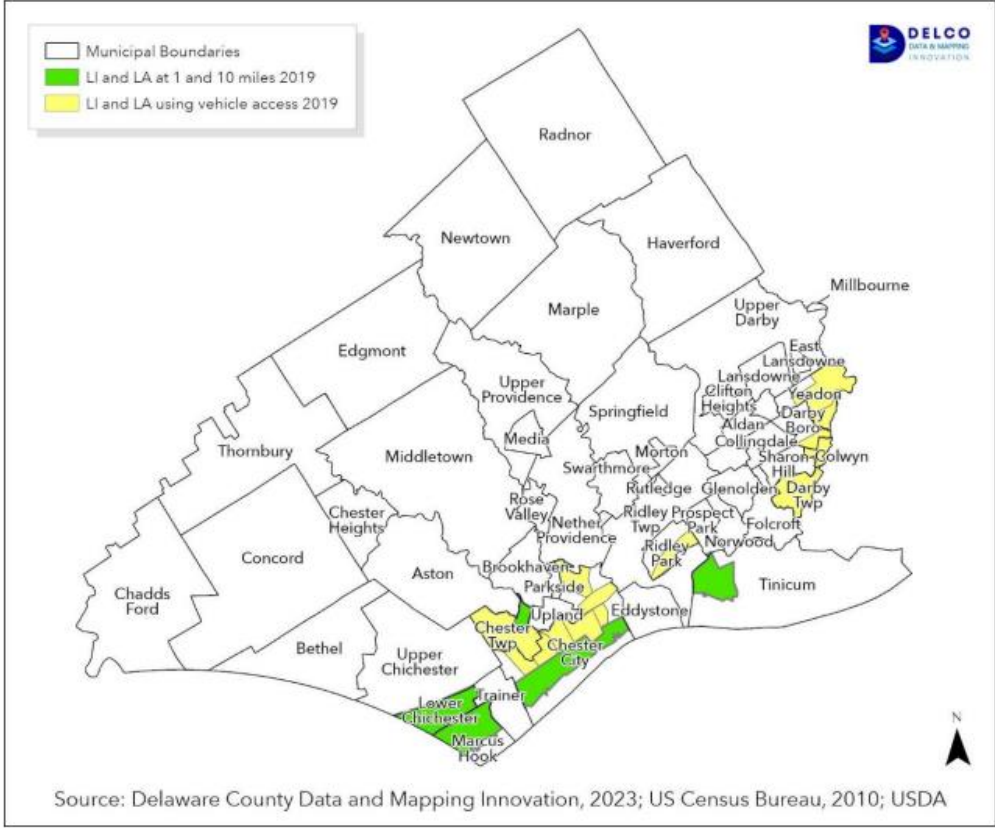
The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has emphasized the significance of food insecurity as a public health concern and the need for collaborative efforts between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. DCHD is partnering with local organizations to provide cold storage equipment to support food pantries in Delaware County working to address food insecurity, a priority public health issue. The funded cold storage equipment is part of a strategic and essential community collaboration addressing and mitigating the impacts of food insecurity, particularly in vulnerable communities. DCHD may limit units per organization to prioritize equitable distribution.

To be considered for this award, your organization must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Vulnerability-** identify communities who lack reliable access to food or are in an identified “food desert” area located in Delaware County (*Please submit a short explanation of the type of community served and your organization's location. Any data on vulnerable populations served is encouraged. You may also reference the USDA-Designated Food Deserts map attached.*)
- 2. Community Engagement-** Units will be used to store perishable items for service to the community. Organizations can explain the services provided to the community. (*Please submit a short explanation of the activities provided to the community that directly utilize the cold storage units.*)
- 3. Infrastructure-** the facility can house a cold storage unit in a secured area. (*Provide images or a diagram of the area where the cold storage equipment will be placed.*)
- 4. Sustainability-** electricity, safe space to maintain the working unit. (*If awarded this equipment, your organization will be responsible for all electrical power use and maintenance.*)
- 5. Cost-** individual unit cannot exceed the total cost of \$5,000 (*Submission of examples of preferred units is welcome*)
- 6. Tax-exempt Status-** Be a non-profit organization. (*Show proof of status such as 501C3 for relevant organizations.*)

To be considered for the award, please email Rasheeda Williamson, MPH, Population Health Manager, at williamsonr@co.delaware.pa.us with all documentation and proof of criteria. Award winners will be contacted with details on the next steps. Please submit contact information, including your name, phone number, and email with your application.

Map 12. USDA-Designated Food Deserts, 2019



Source: Delaware County Data and Mapping Innovation, 2023; US Census Bureau, 2010; USDA
 LI = Low Income, LA= Low Access

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service provides information on low-income census tract areas have low access to supermarkets, also known as food deserts. In Map 12 shown above, areas shaded yellow are “low-income census tracts where more than 100 housing units do not have a vehicle and are more than 0.5 miles from the nearest supermarket, or a significant number of residents are more than 20 miles from the nearest supermarket”. Areas shaded green are “low-income census tracts where a significant number or share of residents is more than one mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from the nearest supermarket (USDA, ERS Food Research Atlas).”

Excerpt from DCHD’s Community Health Assessment, Community Status Report (p. 39)
<https://delcopa.gov/health/pdf/CHA/CSARreport.pdf>