



Doncare's Emergency Relief Program stocks food for residents in need. Assistant Megan Holden is pictured preparing some food packages.

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# Discrete food service in demand

DONCARE Emergency Relief Program assistant Megan Holden said the Emergency Relief Fund was not the agency's most widely publicised program but one of the most widely used. "We supply thousands of dollars worth of food vouchers all year round and we've always got non-perishable items here to

give to people immediately," Ms Holden said. "It's one of those issues and services that's at the base of what we do." She said the emotional nature of the issue was why the program was run discreetly. Ms Holden said Doncare would welcome any money from Feed

Melbourne to expand its capacity. Founder of the Warrandyte Food Bank Margory Lapworth said funding injections were always needed. "If we had a bit more money coming in specifically for food, we could expand the premises and offer a wider service," Mrs Lapworth said.



**What is it:** A campaign to raise money to help food charities collect and store food and distribute it to people in need. Over the past two years the campaign has raised more than \$500,000, enough to provide one million meals.

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