The Division of Food Services
Receives a Grant from Truist Bank for COVID-19 Relief Efforts

The Division of Food Services is pleased to announce the grant award received from Truist Financial Corporation to support Philadelphia's emergency feeding efforts during the ongoing crisis. The funds will support costs such as the rental of refrigerated trucks (pictured above) to serve meals in communities with high need but limited storage capacity.

The grant is part of the financial services company's Truist Cares initiative, a philanthropic pledge to help rebuild communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and comes as part of an award granted to the Urban School Food Alliance. The funds from Truist will be leveraged to help eight large, urban school districts, including The School District of Philadelphia, expand their emergency feeding efforts and continue to meet the needs of children and families in their communities.

Last March, foodservice operations transitioned from in school meal service to grab and go meal sites over the course of a weekend. The drastic shift in service resulted in several operational challenges requiring investment in additional equipment. Thanks to the grant award, the Division has overcome some of these financial barriers and continues to serve its community. Since school closure, over 6 million meals have been served to the students of Philadelphia!