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Filipino BC has come forward with its own competing plans to deliver a new Filipino Community and Cultural Centre in South Vancouver that includes space for the South Vancouver Food Hub.



City Council has approved zoning amendments to expand opportunities for operators running childcare businesses from their residential property.



Vancouver Coastal Health is introducing Small Care Homes to help support the aging population.



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# South Van Food Hub facing dramatic funding cuts



Volunteers at the South Van. Food Hub.

According to Food Banks BC 2025 Hunger Report, 3 million people, nearly one in four British Columbians, are experiencing food insecurity.

Food insecurity is measured on a continuum that includes:

- Marginal: Worrying about running out of food or having a limited selection due to lack of money.
- Moderate: Compromising the quality or quantity of food consumed.
- Severe: Missing meals, reducing food intake, or going days without eating.

It's getting worse. There has been a 9% increase over 2024 and a 44% surge since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, there has been a 79% increase in visits to food banks since 2019.

It's not just the marginalized population who is in need. More food bank users than ever before have income from employment, 23.3% in 2025, up 9% from 2021, highlighting the growing gap between wages and the cost of living.

This is not surprising when you consider there has been a 32% rise in cost of food in BC since January 2019. This is further impacted by increase in housing with 75% of Food Bank clients being renters.

Vancouver Food Networks (VFN) are a collective of 19 community food organizations across Vancouver that work together to advance food security and advocate for food equity and

justice at both the neighbourhood and city-wide level. As a network of community members, service providers, and organizations, VFN members contribute towards a more diverse and resilient food system by collaborating on advocacy, shared resources, and programming.

The South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH) is a member of the collective running the South Vancouver Community Food Hub (SVFH) from the Langara YMCA at 282 W. 49th Ave. as its centre of operations.

Working with their community partners, they provide weekly emergency grocery boxes to families in the South Vancouver neighbourhoods of Sunset, Victoria-Fraserview and Killarney (Main to Boundary, 41st to Fraser River). The operation involves sorting, packaging, receiving and transporting healthy, culturally appropriate food. As part of their "dignified food access approach", participants also receive holistic support through referrals, relationship-building, and connections to additional community resources.

Currently, the program is at full capacity and registration is closed.

Recent government austerity measures as well as cutbacks by other funders have significantly impacted funding in the sector including the SVNH's ability to maintain this service. Overall, the SVFH is projecting a shortfall of approximately 33 percent and "strategic decisions will be required in the coming months regarding program scale, staffing, and sustainability."

The South Vancouver Food Hub "remains responsive to increasing community need amidst funding instability across the sector" but with funding reductions and eligibility changes they "anticipate further pressure on equitable food access in South Vancouver."

The Food Hub supports over 300 households across South Vancouver with healthy, culturally appropriate foods. If you would like to support this program, consider making an online donation at <https://www.southvan.org/get-involved/donate>. Follow the instructions and write 'Food Hub' in the message section.

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