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At a Glance

- NTFB participates in the Healthy Food Access Initiative
 - Trade mitigation funds at risk of drying up
 - Five days left to comment on SNAP Rule change
 - Representative Meza receives hunger award
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Dallas's Healthy Food Access Initiative Kicks-Off

The Communities Foundation of Texas & the City of Dallas Office of Innovation announced a Healthy Food Access Initiative during the Dallas Hunger Summit held at Fair Park on September 13th. This initiative will be headed up by five design teams consisting of members and leaders from multiple organizations in Dallas. The initiative was created after more than twenty groups came to the foundation seeking grants related to healthy food access in the Southern Sector. The applicants were all united in identifying the food access problems but the solutions were not aligned. We appreciate this collaborative alignment effort by Communities Foundation of Texas!

The North Texas Food Bank will have members on all five design teams and look forward to working with our community partners in South Dallas.

Trade mitigation funds, it's a lot of money!

The trade wars between the US and China have required the USDA to stabilize the US farm economy with trade relief payments to farmers and commodity corporations for their products. Much of this food has been distributed to food banks with more on the way. This money is borrowed from the Commodity Credit Corporation that has a direct line to the US Treasury.