



Established in 2024 through a partnership with the Auburn University Hunger Solutions Institute, Hope Enterprise Corporation, and Wright Food Solutions, Delta HFFI is committed to building a stronger, more resilient food system across the Delta region of the United States. Delta HFFI supports food retailers and retail supply chain partners in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee through capacity building, technical assistance, networking, and accessible financing. Technical assistance may be available for early-stage businesses still needing to take steps in preparation for financing.

HOPE Enterprise Corporation serves as the lending partner of the Delta Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). HOPE wants to see the Deep South reach its full potential, which is why they focus on providing financing to small- and medium-sized businesses and non-profit organizations that are ready to work in our communities.

Loan Application Requirements

- Financial statements and/or tax return forms (last 3 years)
- Interim financial statements (dated within 90 days of application)
- Accounts receivable and accounts payable agings
- Notes payable schedule
- Inventory listing
- Personal financial statements of the owners and guarantors
- Business plan – including projected financial statements
- Management resumes
- Primary customer and supplier references (3 of each)
- Articles of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement
- Corporate Borrowing Resolution
- Additional requirements may be requested upon underwriting.



Contact the Auburn University Hunger Solutions Institute at hsi@auburn.edu with general questions. For questions specific to loan application requirements, contact Monica Walker at monica.walker@hope-ec.org.

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