About Off the Grid's Food Responder

Off the Grid Food Responders, headquartered in San Francisco, is a California network and taskforce that specializes in feeding local communities during emergencies. Off the Grid’s Food Responder Program has partnered with local municipalities, state and federal agencies to enlist local food businesses to join its team to help feed the local community when a disaster strikes. As the Food Responders program continues to expand across the entire state of California, Off the Grid is bringings its award-winning Food Responders program to communities by partnering with local restaurants, food trucks, catering businesses and food purveyors to feed locals and first responder’s in the event a local community is impacted by wildfires, landslides, earthquakes or other natural disasters.

Off the Grid’s successful feeding to support victims of wildfires in 2017 and 2020 they officially partnered with the State of California and the American Red Cross, this year, to identify more than 40 counties that are expected to be the hardest hit locations of the wildfire season this year and going forward. To help prepare these communities before disaster strikes, Off the Grid is interested in tapping local small businesses with a mission to bring wholesome, delicious meals to those in need, in partnership with local officials.

Off the Grid’s Food Responders program encompasses an inclusive relief platform created to not only support communities and individuals in need, but also lift up small, local business economies typically impacted by emergencies. In 2020, the programs not only fed over 2 million people in the Bay Area, but provided more than $25 million in revenue to restaurants and food truck operators who have been hit hardest during the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural disasters. One of its most successful programs was Farmers for Fire Relief, a partnership with Fresh Approach, Growing the Table and the Salvation Army that created a new supply chain in the farming community, using the produce from fire-affected farms and suppliers to provide food to hundreds of evacuated families dispersed throughout the Bay Area. In six weeks, simply through word of mouth and social media, Off the Grid raised $72,000 to help feed those impacted by the California 2020 wildfires.

Food businesses can apply to become a local Food Responder and get paid for meals in the event of an emergency in their area here [foodresponders.us](https://foodresponders.us/).