



Call for Breakout Session Proposals

Second Harvest Heartland is inviting presenter proposals for breakout sessions at the 2027 Make Hunger History Summit, to be held on Friday, February 19, 2027, at the Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. This call for proposals will close at 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

In February 2027, hunger relief community members and advocates will gather for the third annual Make Hunger History Summit to learn together, connect, and inspire new action.

This year's Summit theme, Catalysts for Change, highlights every hunger relief leader, volunteer, voter, neighbor, human services provider and elected official that drives change in the trajectory of hunger in our state.

Breakout Session Topics

To share this platform with more voices and celebrate the expertise in this network, we are inviting proposals for 50–60-minute breakout sessions at the 3rd annual Make Hunger History Summit.

Breakout sessions refer to pre-planned, peer-to-peer educational sessions such as workshops, lectures, or panels on topics related to the Summit. Session topics should be geared towards hunger relief and human services professionals, as most attendees will be food shelf staff and volunteers. Topics may relate to hunger relief network foundations, adapting to current challenges, and utilizing partnerships and collaborations to amplify efforts to reduce hunger in Minnesota. Proposed topics could

be in the form of informational sessions, activities that build essential skills, and exploring best practices for programs and organizations.

Examples include:

- Building Volunteer Engagement
- Examining Food Program Best Practices
- Grant Writing/Development
- Using Technology to Your Advantage
- Nonprofit Governance/Financial Leadership
- Marketing/Communications
- Serving Cultural Communities
- Building in Wraparound Services
- Co-creating with Community
- Effective Resource Sharing Among Partners
- Nonprofit Board Development

In recognition that our work is complex and ever-changing, we welcome timely and relevant topic proposals beyond this list of examples.

Session Structure

Presenters can design their proposed session as they wish. Interactive sessions with activities or audience participation are especially encouraged.

Submit a Breakout Session Presenter Proposal

To enter a submission, please complete the 2027 Make Hunger History Summit Breakout Session Proposal form in Whova, an event management platform. If you have any questions before you submit your proposal, please email MHHsummit@2harvest.org.

2027 Make Hunger History Summit Breakout Session Proposal Form

Call for Speakers Timeline

Timeline	Date
Proposal window opens	Monday, August 24, 2026
Proposal window closes	Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9 p.m.
Proposal review	September 14 – October 16, 2026
Notifications to invited presenters	Week of October 26, 2026
Breakout session planning meetings	October – November 2026
Headshot and bio due date	Friday, November 20, 2026
Final presentation materials due date	Friday, January 15, 2027
Presentation run-through meetings	January – February 2027
2027 Make Hunger History Summit	Friday, February 19, 2027

Selection process and proposal evaluation criteria

- All proposals will be reviewed by a panel composed of Second Harvest Heartland program staff and members of the Partner Advisory Council.
- If an applicant would like to discuss their proposal prior to presenter selections, Breakout Session organizers will be available for virtual meetings.
- Organizers are looking to invite presenters with a wide range of experiences.
- Proposals will be evaluated on:
 - Relevance to the Make Hunger History Summit audience and event focus (40%)
 - Proposed outcomes or learnings for session attendees (30%)
 - Session structure and interactive elements (20%)
 - Speaker's expertise or lived experience of the topic (10%)

Proposal Requirements

- Presenter Information
- Session Details
- Logistics Information

Please see the proposal question preview attachment for details of the form.

Proposal drafts can be saved and edited in the Whova portal. Proposals cannot be edited after submission. If you would like to withdraw your proposal and submit a new one, please contact the Breakout Session Managers at MHHSummit@2harvest.org.

Summit Speaker Benefits – Additional Information

All presenters will receive:

- A stipend
- 1 Free ticket to the 2027 Make Hunger History Summit

All presenters receiving a stipend will be asked to submit a W-9 Form. Presenters are welcome to invite colleagues to attend by registering for the Summit at the typical attendee rate.

2027 Make Hunger History Summit: Program Information

The 2027 Make Hunger History Summit will feature large group sessions, networking opportunities, and as many as 18 unique breakouts broken into four sessions. All breakout sessions will be 50-60 minutes long. All program components and breakout sessions will be held in-person, weather permitting. The full schedule will be shared closer to the event.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and to the information, ideas, and energy that you will bring to the 2027 Make Hunger History Summit! Please send any questions about the breakout sessions, proposals, or day-of logistics to MHHsummit@2harvest.org.