

The following points are the reasons behind the budgeted increase to the Hub food line.

- We have been seeing higher attendance ([Record high sign ins at the Hub for six out of the past seven months](#)) Since we've kept attendance records, the Hub food line positively correlates with sign ins.
- Food is more expensive now than pre-pandemic ([Food Prices up 6.1% 11/20-21](#))
- During the 2020-2021 fiscal year we were closed for 5 months and had record low attendance for 9 of the 12 months due to the restrictions we put in place regarding the pandemic. This led to us spending significantly less on food. In addition to record low attendance, most Hub expenses were charged to grants when possible.
- We have currently spent 56% of the budgeted amount with about 5 months of the year left. If we stay on this track we expect to meet our budgeted amount by the end of the fiscal year.
- This does not take into consideration the \$272.20 we have charged to a food grant. Had we spent all that money to our food line we would be at 83.92% with 5 months to go.
- We are implementing more teen led meals and culinary education opportunities, meaning we have to purchase specialty ingredients more often. [Examples include, making dishes from scratch, decorating Christmas cookies, and preparing meals that meet with dietary restrictions.](#)