



Chris Benson, executive director of Central Kitsap Food Bank

## Business Lighting upgrades provide major incentives to help feed the community

From feeding Central Kitsap to feeding energy into the grid, PSE is proud to partner with organizations that better our communities. The Central Kitsap Food Bank is an essential service, which has become even more vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Low lighting and extended use caused the food bank to reconsider its lighting needs, but the process of applying for and receiving upgrades was much easier than Executive Director Chris Benson expected. “Thanks to the upgrades, the overall lighting at the food bank is substantially brighter. I also don’t have to climb on a ladder about every other month to change out an expensive fluorescent bulb.”

PSE was able to provide 42,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) in annual savings thanks to these upgrades, which translates to about \$9,000 saved every year. **With savings like these, Central Kitsap Food Bank can provide 3,100 more meals to families in need** throughout the community.

Simply put, lighting projects like this offer greater energy efficiency, resulting in a decreased carbon footprint and increased savings, which can be reallocated and spent where it matters most. Chris said, “If any organization has been considering improving or updating the lighting at their business, organization or home, please consider the PSE lighting projects because for us at Central Kitsap Food Bank, PSE has ‘better lit’ the way for us to feed more clients in need in Kitsap County.”

Lighting can account for more than 40 percent of your business’s energy usage, but switching to energy-efficient bulbs and fixtures can yield long-term savings. No matter your business’s size, PSE’s Business Lighting Program has flexible options to help you affordably upgrade your lighting. Check out [pse.com/businesslighting](https://pse.com/businesslighting) for more details and application instructions.

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