According to an estimate by researchers at Northwestern University, food insecurity more than doubled as a result of the economic crisis brought on by the Covid-19 outbreak, affecting as many as 23% of households earlier this year.

A mini pantry is a small, weatherproof space into which anyone may place food available to anyone 24-hours a day, seven days a week. A mini pantry acts as an emergency food assistance gap-filler: minis are open when traditional providers close; minis serve those too ashamed to utilize emergency food assistance; minis serve those who do not qualify for means-tested assistance.

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage grassroots organizing
- Build community
- Fight food insecurity

PROJ. CYCLE

- Secure a location
- Make a mini pantry
- Promote the mini pantry
- Monitor and evaluate

PROJ. DESIGN

The mini pantry is a grassroots initiative. Those who launch minis install small, weatherproof spaces of their choosing. Projects may be built, purchased, or upcycled. Those who launch minis select the mini name. Names may promote project partners. Individuals and groups implementing projects assume all responsibility for administration, maintenance, and oversight.