

**Funds for a Healthy Nevada: Wellness/Hunger Services**  
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***1: Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada***

**Abstract:**

According to Feeding America, the 2020 projected overall food insecurity rate for the 13 counties that make up northern Nevada is 15.3%. In response, two of the largest food distributors in northern Nevada, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, have come together to uniquely address wellness/hunger needs in six food insecure regions through food, nutrition, wellness case management, and homelessness prevention services.

Catholic Charities is requesting \$683,665 per year for 2 years to address wellness and hunger needs of rural communities in Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine Counties. Through this partnership, Catholic Charities and the Food Bank will procure fresh and shelf-stable foods for food box distribution to these regions. The Food Bank's purchasing and storage power ensures maximum efficiency for this program.

Together, Catholic Charities and the Food Bank will provide 45- to 65-pound meal-kit style food boxes with a menu of items to clients within six food insecure regions of northern Nevada. By mobilizing field office trailers purchased through this grant, Catholic Charities' wellness case managers will attend food distribution events to address wellness and homelessness needs through our broad range of services. Having a wellness office trailer with office hours and scheduled appointments will allow the wellness case managers to address the needs of the clients while becoming a familiar face in each community.

In addition, Catholic Charities' chefs will record nutritious cooking videos to complement each month's meal-kit style food box, and clients will also be encouraged to participate by uploading their own videos or pictures. Videos will be uploaded at least twice a month on YouTube, Facebook, and other social media sites. Other videos may include nutrition educators, kid friendly meals, budget-friendly SNAP shopping tips, and more. The integration of Catholic Charities and the Food Bank's resources is designed to optimally use program funding while ensuring maximum benefit to clients.

Since 1983, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, a SNAP trusted partner, has provided emergency food services to families in need through their network of more than 140 partner agencies in a 90,000-square-mile service area of northern Nevada and the eastern Sierra. As a member of Feeding America, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada has access to millions of pounds of additional food and grocery donations. Since 1941, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, a SNAP trusted partner, has been serving the most disadvantaged members of northern Nevada. They do this through a broad range of services, including food resources, wellness and case management, homelessness prevention, immigration assistance, family development, and sober living. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada helps people of all cultures and beliefs rise up out of poverty and overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency.

**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 1:</b>	<b>Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada</b>
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Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– long term partner under this funding, good grant outcomes in previous years, inclusion – concept of purchasing food truck like vehicles and using as mobile outreach vehicles, good data gathering, well established partnerships.</li> <li>– collaboration with Food Bank to avoid duplication of services.</li> <li>– service area, regions and communities covered, partnership with Food Bank.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– no clear objectives re: how often meeting in trailers, trailers not in funding, unknown other funding, some areas unclear re: number of individuals served and food budget, video not realistic, technology may not be available in rural areas and may be a barrier.</li> <li>– partnership with Food Bank of Northern Nevada not clear.</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$20,000 may not be enough for outreach vehicles.</li> <li>– NOFO states budget must be 50% for food, proposal budget for food not 50%, only one community partner, \$20,000 may not be enough for outreach vehicles.</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– scope is comprehensive, could be fine-tuned re: specifics related to how often trailers will be used, how many clients hoped to reach, video views &amp; behavioral outcomes, all scopes of work were output focused and it would be better to have the focus on outcomes.</li> <li>– vague on number of people served, information was missing, video information vague.</li> <li>– would nutrition education services be eliminated from budget?</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of nutrition education?</li> <li>Eliminate food nutrition videos from budget?</li> <li>Clarify partners?</li> <li>Is additional funding secured for vehicles?</li> </ul>

**2: Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada**

**Abstract:**

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN) is requesting \$299,897 from the State of Nevada’s Department of Health and Human Services Fund for a Healthy Nevada Wellness/Hunger Services. If awarded, the funds will be used to support salary costs, food expenses, and indirect costs for CCSN’s Meals on Wheels (MoW) program in order to promote public health and improve services for homebound seniors in Southern Nevada. CCSN’s MoW program provides seven nutritionally balanced meals directly to the doorsteps of 2,400 homebound seniors each week throughout Southern Nevada at no cost. CCSN will collaborate with Three Square Food Bank to reduce the rates of food insecurity throughout Southern Nevada. This partnership assists CCSN in providing nutritionally balanced meals to homebound seniors at no cost.

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<b>Proposal 2:</b>	<b>Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada</b>
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Positive Components	– long term community service organization, huge infrastructure capacity.
Negative Components	– recommended no funding, only one community partner, only addresses seniors, coverage area unclear - Southern Nevada vs. Clark County (Nye County is part of Southern Nevada). – The application should have a box checked indicating areas served. – Clark County is checked. – recommended no funding, poorly written application, collaborative partners vague, existing meals on wheels program, application does not meet needs stated in funding opportunity.
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	– budgeted 13% for food, huge indirect line, federally negotiated indirect rate but not appropriate for this funding source, recommended no funding. – budget has little funds going to direct services vs. indirect/personnel.
Scope of Work	– project limited so scope is limited but does address activities to provide services indicated, indicates services will be provide to homebound seniors in Southern Nevada, funding opportunity is for all ages. – not even accurate if aren't including Clark County, looks like only talking about Las Vegas, not all of Clark County nor even Southern Nevada. – individuals served measure was hard to compare and cross reference.
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	– most likely this application will not be eligible for funding, but if it was then the questions above would need to be answered.

### ***3: City of Mesquite***

#### **Abstract:**

The targeted project area is Mesquite and the outlying town of Bunkerville. The City of Mesquite has a population of 19,097 Census (census.gov) (July 2019 estimates), and Bunkerville 1,303. Mesquite is a rural city situated in the Virgin River Valley located in Clark County, which is the southernmost county in Nevada. Both rural communities are underserved and have extremely limited food and social services resources available.

A participant is eligible for the program, if they have potential to be affected by COVID-19/or have already been affected, have limited resources available, such as lack of family support, and not be currently receiving any other services, such as Senior Homebound Meal Program. This program is available for all ages, not just seniors. This would be most beneficial either for families, that may have been affected health wise or financially by COVID-19. The targeted population would serve a geographically diverse area of Clark County, as well as serving a range of populations that are most in need, including families of color, seniors, veterans, and physically or mentally disabled individuals and/or family members.

The proposed project will address both short-term and long-term solutions to food insecurity, by providing immediate food assistance, as well as additional case management to provide support and encourage self-sufficiency. Six nutritional meals

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prepared by local restaurant businesses, will be delivered twice weekly (three each time) by volunteer drivers, to ensure every household member receives at least six healthy and complete meals weekly. This proposed project not only provides immediate food assistance, but it also increases opportunity to assist families who otherwise may not be accessible. The case manager will work with households to determine and make necessary referrals to additional resources.

**Project Partners:** This project will collaborate with the following local restaurants: Chicago Greek, Hole Foods Bakery, Los Moritas, Table of Contents and Thai House. Each restaurant is required to sign an agreement to commit to preparing nutrition meals. Each meal must include a protein, starch and fruit or vegetable. The case manager will collaborate with the Salvation Army to provide any necessary referrals, such as rental/utility assistance, etc. The program will collaborate with local employment agencies, education programs and parent organizations, when applicable.

The proposed budget will ensure up to 67 participants to receive 17,420 nutritional meals weekly, and to hire a Project Coordinator/Case Manager (PC/CM). The PC/CM will be responsible for advertising the program, enrolling participants, maintaining and developing partnerships with local restaurants and community partners. The position will also recruit volunteer drivers, provide training, determine delivery routes and provide case management to participants.

There is an overwhelming need for this program due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All individuals have been encouraged to quarantine, and limit interaction with other people. This program provides contactless delivery of nutritious meals twice weekly. It ensures six meals weekly per household member. The COVID Pandemic affected everyone, but especially those most vulnerable and if people contracted the virus they are required to quarantine, as well as their entire family.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 3:</b>	<b>City of Mesquite</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– creative, grass-roots community-based solution to problems experienced Mesquite and Bunkerville.</li> <li>– likes the help given to local restaurants and businesses.</li> <li>– aid to struggling businesses and strengthening community as a whole good.</li> <li>– good that assistance will be given to a far reach.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– new venture, received some CARES funding, if/when everything goes back to normal, if before end of 2-year cycle, does community will, ability, and need to continue program exist? Will restaurants partnered with have capacity to continue to partner after operations return to normal? If program is COVID specific may not be able to pivot or change.</li> <li>– case management component good.</li> <li>- due to length of recovery project would probably remain relevant.</li> <li>– food banks are limited in service; low income needs for food will still exist</li> <li>– asked if Mesquite is a rural area?</li> <li>– hour and half from Las Vegas and a relatively small community.</li> </ul>

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	– community has pride, close to Utah border, government cares for population, restaurants are not chain entities.
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	– will program be able to adapt and continue when pandemic is over? - new case management position may be underfunded, maybe position is aligned with other positions in the city structure.
Scope of Work	– comprehensive except unclear measure indicators, good that they will be using volunteers for drivers, bolstering their community spirit by engaging with folks to care for their fellow residents. – comprehensive and has good detail, quarterly report evaluation could be stronger. – good that it reaches Bunkerville.
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Is program able to adapt and continue when pandemic is over? Is case manager salary adequate? Abstract says 6 meals but everywhere else says 5 meals?

#### ***4: Communities in Schools***

##### **Abstract:**

Communities in Schools of Nevada is the local affiliate of the Nation’s leading drop-out prevention organization. CIS of Nevada operates in four school districts across Nevada: Clark County, Washoe County, Elko County and Humboldt County. CIS Nevada provides holistic wrap-around student supports and services to achieve our mission of helping kids to stay in school and achieve in life. We broker services and supports based on the needs of the school, communities and students we serve. A cornerstone program in our rural affiliate is our Hunger Prevention Partnership Program. In place since 2006, our Hunger Prevention Partnership Program is a collaborative effort between nonprofit partners to reduce food insecurity in Northern Nevada.

CIS of Nevada, Elko F.I.S.H. and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada have been working in partnership since 2018 to provide emergency and supplemental food relief to the Elko area. Through this partnership, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada provides monthly supplemental food deliveries to CIS of Nevada and Elko F.I.S.H. These food deliveries support food distribution efforts that impact 400 unique student clients per month with CIS of Nevada and 400 unique individual/family clients a month with Elko F.I.S.H. In addition to providing supplemental food support, Elko F.I.S.H. provides case management support to clients to ensure that needs outside of hunger prevention are being met, and clients are set up with the skills and resources they need to support themselves fully.

CIS of Nevada will provide supplemental food packs to 400 students across 20 school and community sites in the Elko Area. Elko F.I.S.H. will provide supplemental and emergency food services to 400 clients a month in the Elko and Jackpot areas of Nevada. In total, an estimated 800 unique clients will receive supplemental food support monthly. As the lead agency, CIS Nevada will provide oversight and grant/reporting management

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for the grant. CIS of Nevada will work with partners to assess barriers to program performance and additional needs/opportunities that arise. CIS of Nevada will provide grant monitoring and oversight, ensuring accurate reporting and seamless delivery of services.

Across the lifespan of the COVID-19 pandemic, CIS of Nevada and our partners have seen an increased demand for basic needs services in the Elko area. This partnership and program aims to provide relief to the growing number of food insecure Nevadans in their time of need. The Hunger Prevention Partnership Program fills an immediate and urgent need in the Elko community, and we are proud to submit our application for support.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 4:</b>	<b>Communities in Schools</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– good to serve Elko, good history of establishment, program specified more students than other age groups.</li> <li>– questions re: is backpack program best strategy for feeding children on the weekends, many organizations moving toward school pantry program, if more efficient way of going about it then look at that model.</li> <li>– good job highlighting increased need due to pandemic, rural disparity in Jackpot.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– programs have shifted to pantry model because it’s more cost effective, has this program considered a school pantry model? This program is partnered with FISH, focus of grant is self-sufficiency for individuals but no discussion of referrals, or specific programs not mentioned just called wrap-around services, might not have an existing process for collecting data.</li> <li>– case management piece vague, not enough info on how data will be collected.</li> <li>– performance measures not addressed, limited info re: number of meals served through pantry services.</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	- requested funding vs. services to be offered was high per meal, cost per meal seems off base, budget not specified in abstract.
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– info for second year not included, vague and redundant.</li> <li>– scope is in line with narrative but is too general, not enough specific details, states “Ongoing” as answer to Timeline, not specific enough.</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a school pantry model in consideration?</li> <li>Number of meals served through pantry itself?</li> <li>Better explain outcome measures for food pantry, such as times clients will be served?</li> </ul>

#### **5: Desert Spring United Methodist Church**

#### **Abstract:**

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Desert Spring United Methodist Church, doing business as, Desert Spring Community Resource Center, is applying for a Fund for Healthy Nevada grant addressing the need for Wellness/Hunger Services. This grant is intended to provide food distribution/food pantry and community resource services to approximately 125,000 residents of five severely food insecure zip code communities located in northwest Las Vegas/Clark County.

In this endeavor, we are partnering with Three Square Food Bank and with the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas. Three Square is providing mobile food distributions and pantry food stuffs; Culinary Academy of Las Vegas is also providing access to food stuffs for distribution. The project has organized an Advisory Board to oversee Desert Spring Community Resource Center operations and funding development.

Desert Spring is located in zip code 89144 and along with at least four other zip code communities (89134, 89128, 89138, and 89135) is in need of a range of community services due to experiencing severe food insecurity aggravated by the continuing pandemic. Families in these communities suffer high unemployment, very high food insecurity- 18.2% as reported by Three Square, and numerous other health and socioeconomic problems, all made worse as a result of the continuing pandemic. The Desert Spring Community Resource Center will serve residents of all ages.

Funds requested are in the amount of \$ 45,870 per year, including 10% indirect, and will be used to support the purchase of food, as well as costs of part-time pantry personnel and limited operating expenses.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 5:</b>	<b>Desert Springs Methodist Church</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– great job at identifying needs in communities, they reviewed statistics and did background research although it wasn't asked of them in that section, strong evidence of success and community support.</li> <li>– no food pantries in their zip code, in higher Social Economic Status (SES) part of town, statistics did not indicate a need for food banks, but important to expand food services into locales not classified as underserved, great need sometimes exists in areas with few available services, target population is 125,000, strong evidence of success and community support.</li> <li>– likes that zip code information was used to identify areas of need.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– didn't talk about organization or address what was asked per se, did not describe any relevant experience, major accomplishments or qualifications, more information re: are services duplicated needed, MOU with Culinary Academy of Las Vegas missing.</li> <li>– do they have the existing infrastructure to get started when funding period begins, data collection and evaluation piece could be stronger.</li> <li>– more detail needed re: what existing services are available in the area.</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– budget reasonable, under \$1 per meal, funding request is expansion of capacity so seems reasonable, reached a good number of families in the area, more information needed re: data collection capabilities.</li> <li>– budget is reasonable.</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– does such a small organization have the capacity to collect needed data?</li> </ul>

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	– lack of specific details re: how project will unfold.
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	What existing services are in the area? Is this a duplication of services already available? Details needed re: stronger data collection and evaluation.

**6: Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican (St. Rose)**

**Abstract:**

Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican (St. Rose) will establish a Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx) to address the social determinants of health for those with food insecurity in Clark County. This evidence-based program improves affordable food access and food security, increases consumption of fruits and vegetables, and enhances clients’ knowledge of a healthy diet. We will target people with food insecurity and underlying health conditions who live in underserved areas through our partnerships with organizations serving vulnerable populations including University Medical Center’s Healthy Living Institute and the Wellness Center, UNLV Medicine, Southern Nevada Health District, Volunteers of Medicine, and Horizon View Medical Center. These community partners will promote the program, screen clients for food insecurity, and refer eligible clients to St. Rose. We will also target people who live in the service area of our Wellness Center at the St. Rose North Las Vegas neighborhood hospital, a medical desert which encompasses an ethnically and socioeconomically diverse population. Our bilingual Promotora/Community Health Worker will reach out to the Spanish-speaking population. We will also collaborate with the Southern Nevada Health District’s Nevada Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education to provide nutrition information to our clients. We will partner with a local organic farmer, Cluck It Farm, to deliver two boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables (7- 10 pounds per box) each month to 100 food-insecure individuals for an estimated period of six months, thus serving 200 unduplicated clients per year. We will link clients to appropriate St. Rose nutrition education classes and health programs (some in Spanish and all currently provided online) and connect them to other community services to support and encourage self-sufficiency. Our proposed annual budget of \$126,696 will cover the cost of procurement of food that supports a healthy diet, personnel, and indirect expenses. The project performance goals include: 90% of clients will report they did not need to skip meals in the month following the FVRx Program and referral assistance; 60% of clients will report fruit or vegetable consumption of at least once a day; 50% of clients will be successfully linked with additional nutrition and/or social services that support self-sufficiency; 90% of clients will rate themselves as “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the program services provided.

**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 6:</b>	<b>Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican</b>
Positive Components	– evidence-based program, have appropriate partners in place, using community health workers, collaborating with a local farmer, abstract outlines outcomes, is an existing program but new focus to address chronic disease. – strongest element working with local farmer, abstract strong.



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	– well written overall, unique, outside of typical food pantry model, collaboration with local farmer, successes and capabilities described well.
Negative Components	– MOUs not attached, had letters of support, established partnerships not clarified, lacked detail under community organization and partnerships details, types of food being provided should be clarified, program is only offering fruits and vegetables, no carbs, proteins, dairy, may not solve calory deficit.
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	– cost of food baskets from local farmer significant impact on budget due to collaboration with local farmer, \$4.50 per meal to obtain food from local farmer.
Scope of Work	Discussion was stopped so that the meeting could be ended. Discussion resumed Wednesday, March 10, 2021. – was comprehensive enough, would like to know what else they plan to measure beyond fruit and vegetable consumption data, do they have the capacity to collect that data? – provided good overall structure of the project. – how well does program meet the needs, concerned only fruits and vegetables, no other food types.
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Clarify how many meals will be provided? What is the cost per meal?

### ***7: Food Bank of Northern Nevada***

#### **Abstract:**

Food is medicine. Nutritious food can promote improved health in a cost-effective way, an understanding that inspired the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) to launch the Prescription Pantry project in FY18 with funding through a two-year Fund for Healthy Nevada grant award. This innovative project joined the Food Bank with six Washoe County partner agencies and four local healthcare providers to reduce food insecurity and improve patient health through prescriptions for healthier foods.

Because of the positive health impact of the Rx Pantry Project, FBNN would like to continue the program with current Washoe County partners (Care Chest, Community Health Alliance (2 locations), Northern Nevada HOPES, Renown Health, Sparks Seventh Day Adventist Church, St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry, Center of Influence, and the Community Food Pantry) and expand to the Quad Counties, which includes Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County and Storey County with new partners, Friends in Service Helping (FISH) and Ross Medical Clinic. Each of the food pantries has been designed as a Healthy Pantry, meaning they have foods on hand that can promote and improve health, such as increased fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean or plant-based proteins and low-fat dairy products. In addition, canned vegetables are low sodium and canned fruit is packed in juice or water. Community Health Workers (FBNN

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SNAP Staff) are present during pantry food distributions in order to connect clients with federal nutrition programs they may be eligible for such as SNAP, WIC, School Breakfast and Lunch, and federal commodities as well as other human services including Medicaid and energy assistance.

In the 4 years that FBNN has operated the Prescription Pantry project, there has been significant progress. After distributing 2.3 million meals in the first two-year grant cycle, FBNN saw that 61% of the pantry clients were able to avoid skipping meals since they started visiting the pantry. (To determine meals provided, we use a calculation of 1.2 pounds = 1 meal. This is an approved value through Feeding America.) The second two years of this project (with 6 months remaining in the grant), FBNN distributed 4.1 million meals and focused on evaluation of health outcomes among clients. The pantry clients that were able to avoid skipping meals increased to 67%.

If awarded, in this third round of funding, we hope to expand the Prescription Pantry project into rural areas. The work that has been done over the past four years will allow for a smooth transition and addition of rural partners. We hope to make an impact on more areas within Northern Nevada.

The proposed total budget for this grant cycle is \$405,373, which focuses \$300,000 (74%) on healthy food purchase for Prescription Pantry clients, \$59,449 for SNAP Outreach staff, Project management, and partner coordination, and the remaining \$45,924 on nutrition education materials, travel costs, and indirect charges.

#### **Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 7:</b>	<b>Food Bank of Northern Nevada</b>
Positive Components	– well done proposal, met all NOFO requirements, long-standing partner with this funding source, reliably deliver on all scopes of work, positive aspect is the prescription for fruits and vegetables, good connection with primary care providers to facilitate prescriptions for food – well written application, touched on all components, good expansion
Negative Components	– re: expansion goal 2 - only mentioned Carson City, are they going into Douglas, Storey, and Lyon Counties?
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	– reasonable, met NOFO guidelines, nothing excessive or out of place
Scope of Work	– questioned whether program would expand to other three counties – listed other counties on objective 2.1, but other places just say Carson
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Will program expand into Douglas, Storey, and Lyon Counties?

#### **8: Jewish Family Services**

#### **Abstract**

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Agency is requesting \$300,000 (\$150,00 annually over two years) for our collaborative program to increase food security, quality of diet, and self-sufficiency for our community's vulnerable populations. Working in collaboration with a large, local apartment complex. We are proposing both short-term and long-term solutions to food insecurity. With the enhancement of a non-site mobile food pantry, we can address the short-term, immediate needs of 100 households. Long term solutions will be addressed with a Dedicated Case Management Program, serving 50 individuals.

We are proposing three major components (activities) that make it different from the traditional food pantry, each of which are designed to increase the food security and self-sufficiency of members: (1) fresh food, including fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy, is provided in client choice format where participants choose their own food and "shop" with dignity, and nutrition education is offered that corresponds with food items available for selection; (2) participants attend monthly case management meetings with a Case Manager during which they receive motivational interviewing; and (3) individualized referral services to community programs and social services, providing assistance with housing, education, employment, health care, and other basic needs, are offered to participants based on their identified goals.

The program will use a client-centered strategy. An individualized plan will be developed to improve the social determinants of health, connect them with appropriate local, state, and federal assistance programs, and provide on-going support to ensure that the client's new skills and strategies are maintained. Approximately 40% of the requested funds are for staff salaries working directly on this project: Case Manager, Food Pantry Manager, and their supervisor. Agency will utilize 50% of the requested funds to increase our capacity to offer various nutritious foods, including fresh produce, animal protein, and dairy products, through our existing food pantry and our monthly remote pantry located at the apartment complex. The complex has a high percentage of low-income families and seniors. The area has been hard hit by the recent economic crisis caused by COVID, and unemployment has dramatically increased those reporting food insecurity.

### **Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 8:</b>	<b>Jewish Family Services</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– bringing services to the community that they are serving, will help with utilization, ability to collect good data.</li><li>– already have HMIS system to help manage client referrals, they work closely with the community, smaller scale project, very client centered, individualized plans, tools to measure impact, food insecurity, quality of diet, and increased self-sufficiency</li><li>– eliminated transportation barrier, great data collection tools.</li></ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– discussion of project and community partners weak, small targeted population may not reach all who need services.</li><li>– also felt small scale could be a negative.</li></ul>

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	– needed more information re: going a step farther (providing resources), what other partners will be incorporated?
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	– is reasonable and applicable – asking for a fairly low amount, will be on site
Scope of Work	– in some areas more readable than the narrative. – good measurable outcomes. – more detail in goals and objectives than in narrative.
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Clarify partners

### ***9: The Just One Project***

#### **Abstract**

The Just One Project is requesting funds to support the Food for All Project from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Fund for a Healthy Nevada grant to provide hunger relief and connections to resources and nutrition education to 20,000 food-insecure individuals in Clark County, Nevada. This project proposes to host twelve (12) Pop Up & Give Mobile Markets each month at select Clark County School District schools and four (4) Pop Up & Give Deliveries each quarter at select Siegel Suites locations. The Pop Up & Give Mobile Market is one of The Just One Project's Food for All service models and is set up like an open-air Farmer's Market. The Pop Ups are generally held the last Saturday of each month and are setup in the parking lot of 12 different Clark County School District high school or middle schools. We mobilize over 300 volunteers to distribute tens of thousands of pounds of wholesome food to over 16,000 individuals within a few hours at these mobile distributions. In addition to food, we partner with organizations such as Project Marilyn for feminine hygiene products, United HealthCare to link uninsured clients to health insurance, and Nevada Behavioral Health for mental health support. We will also connect clients to SNAP, TANF, Energy Assistance, and nutrition education. Client culture is extremely important to the organization and we create a fun and safe space for our neighbors to receive services and for members of the community to give back through civic engagement. The Just One Project will be partnering with Three Square and Siegel Suites on this project and we also have a formal MOU with both organizations. Three Square will provide in-kind food for the Pop Up & Gives. Three Square will also assist The Just One Project with the procurement of food for this project. Siegel Suites will provide locations to coordinate Pop Up & Give Deliveries for their residents.

The Just One Project is requesting \$268,172 to support this project. The funds will be used for one full-time Pop Up & Give Manager, 25% of the Chief Operating Officer, office supplies, the procurement of food, truck rentals to deliver and transport the food, auto insurance for the agency vehicles, fuel costs for deliveries, vehicle maintenance costs, software for client data tracking, and 8% indirect for administration costs related to the program.

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<b>Proposal 9:</b>	<b>Just One Project</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– good connection with school district and use of neighborhood-based distribution sites using school property, apartment complexes appear to be low-income housing, good partnership with Project Maryland excellent connection and benefit to families served.</li> <li>- familiarity of neighborhood schools may be comfortable for families, well written proposal, meets needs of each specific neighborhood</li> <li>– Maryland Project unique and great to include in proposal.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– question re: how long has the program been grant funded - not answered,</li> <li>– concerned re: vagueness of mission statement, agency may seek funding just to seek funding, would have been good to see the focus “food insecurity issues” reflected in mission and vision statements.</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– was food budget 50% of entire budget? If the program doesn’t receive all funding would they still be able to hire a manager?</li> <li>– doesn’t know, total ask is \$268,000, food budget is just under \$130,000 so it’s just under that 50% mark, they are asking for full coverage for the manager</li> <li>– doesn’t know, no other concerns, budget seems reasonable.</li> <li>– could look at other funding sources to answer hire manager question.</li> <li>– only other information listed was ‘in-kind food donations.</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– scope of work does what it’s supposed to do, however in comparison to other scopes of work it is relatively short and does not include much detail, does describe what they say they will do.</li> <li>– looks short and simple but does cover what project will do, no issues with it.</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is sustainability assured if manager position is not funded?</li> <li>How long have they been grant funded?</li> </ul>

### ***10: Keystone Enrichment Center***

#### **Abstract:**

The Keystone Enrichment Foundation (KEF) is applying for a Fund for Healthy Nevada grant addressing the need for Wellness/Hunger Services. KEF is a 501 C3, non-profit organization whose mission is to “build, manage, guide, direct and promote cultural and community programs in Sandy Valley, Nevada”, located in southwest Clark County. Sandy Valley is a remote community approximately 52 miles southwest of Las Vegas. The area is rural, and residents have very limited access to traditional community resources (e.g. no banks, no restaurants, no medical services, no grocery stores, etc.). This grant is intended to provide food distribution/food pantry and community resource services to low-income individuals, children, youth and families who reside in Sandy Valley, Nevada. In Sandy Valley nearly 27 percent of residents are children under 18, and seniors represent nearly 19 percent of residents. In this endeavor, we are partnering with Three Square Food Bank and with the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas. Three Square is providing mobile food distributions and pantry food

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stuffs; Culinary Academy of Las Vegas is also providing access to food stuffs for distribution. The overall goal of our Hunger Relief Program is to maintain our Food Pantry services and to implement tools and services to assist an average of 500 residents that need weekly access to necessary health and social support resources, especially as a result of the COVID pandemic. The KEF Hunger Relief Program follows the FHN directive to provide “initiatives that address both short-term and long-term solutions to food insecurity, including offering immediate food assistance and linkage to additional social services and programs that support and encourage self-sufficiency.” Funds requested are in the amount of \$26,819 per year, including 10% indirect, and will be used to support the purchase of food, as well as costs of part-time pantry personnel and some operating expenses.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 10:</b>	<b>Keystone Enrichment Foundation</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– unique rural location, listed as servicing Clark County but really serving area that has no service, closest grocery store is 40 miles, no restaurants, no food sources in the city, underserved population (Sandy Valley), partnerships with Three Square and Desert Springs Methodist church really important, good longevity, they intend to expand the partnerships , not the strongest written but ultimately one of the strongest with regards to reach, achievability, person running program is uniquely qualified as has worked in hospitality and food services and in the produce department at Smith’s, could have portrayed the service area as low income low access “food desert”, instead classified service area geographic area</li> <li>– good that data was included showing great need such as low employment rate of residents</li> <li>– highlighted need in rural location</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– program referral was not to other federal nutrition programs, was focused on recreational programming for the children and addressing domestic abuse, when self-sufficiency is discussed does this type of program qualify?</li> <li>- funding request is not centered on educational and outreach component, budget addresses food insecurity, thinks the program would like to have that type of outreach</li> <li>– is program referral piece missing from application?</li> <li>– confused by that as well, written in narrative as if going to build those programs but written in scope as if going to refer, not clear either way</li> <li>- quality of composition of proposal may not be very good but should weigh overall program, purpose of proposal, and targeted need population.</li> <li>– referrals must be supported by transportation resources to be accessible.</li> <li>– although composition of proposal may not have been the best, inaccessibility is a large factor to keep in mind, proposal would bring food pantry to this area, ask is for a small proportion. Strong consideration is designation as USDA food desert in an actual desert. This funding it to increase capacity, food pantry is already established.</li> <li>– proposal committed to collecting data, what is the impact if don’t have capacity to track data?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– must have data to demonstrate integrity to legislative and public.</li> <li>– may partner with Three Square to track data</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– reasonable, \$1 per meal, able to achieve goals with requested budget.</li> <li>– no concerns, did not include year 2 budget.</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– relatively vague and short but narrative is adequately descriptive</li> <li>– if proposal is selected then agency would work with them</li> <li>– met matrix requirements but a bit vague</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Clarify program referral process.

**11: MMI**

**Abstract:**

**The Nutrition for Life (NFL) Partnership** is a collaboration between Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV), Lutheran Social Services of Nevada (LSSN), United Labor Agency of Nevada (ULAN) and Money Management International, Inc. (MMI). The NFL partners are well established and long-serving non-profit organizations in Southern Nevada. NFL partners provide food, nutrition education, cost-effective food delivery services, case management and referrals to other social services to food insecure residents in Southern Nevada. The NFL collaborative has been awarded multi-year funding from FHN since its inception in 2014. In the past fiscal year, NFL agencies provided 37,099 clients and their families with 463,394 pounds of food; nutrition classes; referrals to food service programs (*e.g.*, SNAP and WIC) and social service programs *e.g.*, employment assistance, rent and utility assistance, and financial counseling. The applicant organization, MMI, is requesting \$743,124 per year from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Food Security for Wellness/Hunger Services to support the NFL program. The partners anticipate providing food and assistance to more than 35,000 unduplicated individuals and their families during the next two fiscal years. More than half of these funds will be used to purchase food for low- to moderate-income (LMI) clients, with the remaining funds to be used for personnel providing direct services and for the operation of three food pantries and food delivery services.

The NFL collaborative project’s target audience includes residents of Southern Nevada with an emphasis on LMI households, older people (age 60+), school age children, rural communities, and minority populations. HHOVV serves older people through its free food pantry and home delivery of groceries. LSSN opens its free food pantry for low- to moderate-income, food insecure individuals. LSSN also offers its Open-Air Markets, a traveling food distribution program, which bring fresh, healthy food to food-desert neighborhoods. ULAN provides healthy and nutritious food from its centrally located food pantry for families who are experiencing hardships. As the direct grantee, MMI will serve as project lead with oversight responsibilities for all collaborating agency activities.

NFL partners collaborate with other local pantries, including the food bank, Three Square, to reduce costs and duplication of service. NFL partners utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database to track client services. If a client has already received services, the partners

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will refer the client back to their original agency. MMI has a signed Memorandum of Understanding with each of the partners, detailing partnership expectations and reporting requirements.

**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 11:</b>	<b>Money Management International</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– current sub-recipient, diligent re: data, always meets goals, good program model, connector between smaller programs, reaching families and seniors, data collection is good.</li> <li>– proposal written by a professional, comprehensive.</li> <li>– history of success in implementing, strong collaboration.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– did not include MOUs, doesn't list any grant funding sources, asking on behalf of partnerships, all contracted out, no funds go to MMI, they are an overseer, is this a normal process? Size of ask is a concern, campus moving was a problem, evaluate a reduced budget.</li> <li>– proposal says Southern Nevada, is that just Clark County?</li> <li>– yes, Clark County</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	- budget summary didn't differentiate between staffing and operating costs, budget summary not complete, did not include year two budget summary
Scope of Work	– detailed enough, no issues
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	Can be budget be revised – scaled down?

**12: Northern Nevada Dream Center**

**Abstract:**

The Northern Nevada Dream Center signature program “Reach the Hungry”, addresses the issues of hunger and food insecurity throughout the Quad-County of Northern Nevada. With a program budget of \$187,257, we are projected to provide 428,400 meals to 4,200 unduplicated individuals in 2021. The funds from the Office of Food Security will be used to procure the food and other expenditures needed to ensure that families and individuals have the stability and consistency of food on their shelves, and meals on their table.

Throughout these rural counties of Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey, the program provides residents of all ages, short- and long-term solutions to the issues, challenges, and resulting negative health impacts when a household cannot acquire enough food to meet the needs of the members. Each month, the program provides three delivery methods that specifically address the needs amongst the families and individuals we serve. The delivery methods are: Pantry; Mobile Food Trucks with scheduled deliveries to low-income neighborhoods; and Door-to-Door deliveries serving the homebound, elderly, and disabled. Each distribution provides a varied selection of dry and canned goods, fresh produce, meat/ poultry, eggs and dairy, for seven days, three meals per day, for each household member. The Mobile Food Truck and Door-to-Door deliveries reach those isolated by lack of transportation, and other economic and physical limitations. These delivery methods bring the food to their residences.



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Two of our partners for the project, the Carson City Senior Center, and the Carson City School District-Mark Twain Elementary School, enhance our ability to ensure we are filling the gaps for two of our most vulnerable populations: elderly and children. Our third partner for the project, The Greenhouse Project, will enable us to access locally grown produce, ensuring that we address the sustainability provided through the Nevada “Food for People Not Landfills” initiative. We also collaborate with additional agencies, service providers, churches, and health care providers who contact us monthly with referrals for our services, avoiding duplication, to work collectively for positive impact.

In addition to the immediate need of getting food to those in need, the Reach the Hungry program also includes health and nutrition education from our supportive partners at the Northern Nevada Food Bank, University Nevada Reno/Agricultural Department, and the Healthy Communities Coalition. We will also be scheduling individuals, businesses, and agencies to meet with our clients to help support them with community connections through a Dream Center initiative called “DC Connect”, providing them information including financial literacy, housing, medical, employment, and access to other services and resources.

The culture that has been created at the Northern Nevada Dream Center, and the relationships of trust that are built with our clients, have enabled programs like our Reach the Hungry, to empower our clients to restore their dignity, maintain their independence, and recognize their value to our community. We are proud to be a contributing resource for our communities by serving our valuable citizens in order that they may live healthy and productive lives.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 12:</b>	<b>Northern Nevada Dream Center</b>
Positive Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– partnerships with local growers, quarterly nutrition education workshops and enrollment in other nutrition programs, using own data base to collect data,</li> <li>– good collaboration with Food Bank of Northern Nevada, have access to food truck, including food from local greenhouse project</li> <li>– comprehensive program, achievable plan, large reach, high hopes of strengthening the program, variety of types of food being distributed strong attribute, included 3 clear MOUs.</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– came in on low side considering amount of money asked for and number of meals produced</li> <li>– needed more details on food sources, how much food can be obtained from the greenhouse project? Needed more detail for the program referrals.</li> <li>– is this a different applicant than Food Bank?</li> <li>– how are connections with partners made?</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/Applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- overall cost of food seems low, good that info re: pending items was included.</li> <li>– no concerns</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– gave a general overview of the project, some details were missing</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– would have liked to see more quantifiable outcomes and indicators</li> <li>– seemed more comprehensive than other proposals</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU Questions to clarify	<p>What is meant by ‘informal and supportive partnerships’?</p> <p>How much food can be obtained from the greenhouse project?</p> <p>How to augment the food budget to remain sustainable?</p>

### ***13: NyE Communities Coalition***

**Abstract:**

NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) Food Security Project will serve Nye (population 45,346), Esmeralda (826), and Lincoln (5,201) Counties. NyECC will serve as the backbone organization, supporting the all-volunteer, faith-based food pantries across the three counties. NyECC will focus on purchasing healthy, economical foods for the pantries and on establishing a linkages process through the pantries so that community members will improve their self-sufficiency.

Memorandum of Understanding partners include the pantries / commodities distributors that serve the three counties including Amargosa Senior Center, Beatty Baptist Church, Esmeralda County, Faith Fellowship, Tonopah First Baptist Church, Pahrump Oasis, Salvation Army, United Methodist Church and Path of Hope along with food partners Lincoln Communities Action Team, Esmeralda County School District, Nye County School District and Caliente Farmer’s Market. Additionally, NyECC has more than 60 organizations, agencies, and governmental entities across the three counties that are partners of the coalition and engage monthly with NyECC on projects and events. Together, these collaborators have the ability to make significant changes in communities with limited resources.

NyE Communities Coalition is requesting \$141,748 of which \$67,500 will be food purchases. Staff, AmeriCorps, and VISTA members will support the pantries, assisting in the delivery and storage of food, distribution of food, collection of data, and creation of systems and processes. NyECC will coordinate the delivery of the backpack food program for students for weekends, making sure the food is nutritious and easily consumed, assisting school districts with paperwork, policies, and storage and delivering to outlying areas. Additionally, NyECC will facilitate food security meetings that engages all of the food systems in the areas. NyECC will develop and implement the distribution of surveys, data collection and will facilitate a review of information and make improvements to the systems based on that data.

NyECC and ten partnering pantries will provide 25,000 meals and 2000 backpacks of food, with a focus on seniors, children and families in Nye and Esmeralda counties. In Lincoln County NyECC will provide fresh produce to 15 families for 16 weeks for a total of 1200 meals. NyECC will distribute information to recipients of food that will engage them to participate in SNAP Ed, wellness, nutrition, economic assistance, and employment services that will increase self-sufficiency. NyECC staff and pantry partners will identify 100 of the most at risk recipients and provide

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linkages and support for these individuals as they build the support system to gain self-sufficiency. And to constantly improve and enhance food security NyECC will facilitate collaboration among the food systems, addressing cultural competency, access, barriers, and disparities amongst the communities.

The pantries that serve Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln counties are volunteer operated and have been especially impacted by COVID due to the age of their volunteers. NyECC will help rebuild their systems and processes to ensure sustainability and stability while ensuring that community members have nutritious food and are linked to services.

#### **Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 13:</b>	<b>Nye Communities Coalition</b>
Positive Comments	– serving some of the most remote counties in the State, have a complete list of MOUs and community partners, good that they are leveraging the use of Vista and AmeriCorps volunteers
Negative Components	– budget is not 50% allocated to food
Reasonableness/applicability of Budget	– food expenditure does not meet 50% threshold – budget good overall other than percentage issue – provided both year one and year two budgets
Scope of Work	- scope detailed and one of the better ones, included outputs and outcomes – comprehensive goals and outcomes
OFS/GMU questions to clarify	no questions

#### ***14: Reno Food Systems***

##### **Abstract:**

This proposal seeks to reduce food insecurity in the Reno-Sparks area by implementing a gleaning program modeled after the USDA’s Gleaning Toolkit and Farmers to Families Food Box Program but on a smaller scale to harvest fresh and locally grown produce and other perishable food items that would otherwise contribute to food waste in our community. Reno Food Systems is the lead organization in this collaborative project with the Women and Children’s Center of the Sierra, the Reno Gleaning Project, and Health Plan of Nevada. Reno Food Systems will purchase leftover fresh fruit and other perishable food items at a discount from local suppliers at the end of Reno area farmers markets during the period July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023 as well as aggregate gleaned fruit and vegetables from backyard growers with the assistance of the Reno Gleaning Project in order to distribute this fresh food to clients of the Women and Children’s Center and other hunger-relief agencies in the Truckee Meadows. Food insecurity has become a top issue in Nevada, especially for families headed by single women. The food insecurity rate among children in Nevada is at the highest level anywhere in

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the nation. Numerous articles and studies have pointed out the disproportionate impact of the pandemic-caused-recession on women and particularly women of color. While this gleaning project will serve Nevadans of all ages by distributing gleaned surplus produce from farmers markets and donated produce from home growers, it will prioritize serving the client population at the Women and Children’s Center, primarily single moms with young children. Fifty percent of the proposed funding (\$75,500 over two years out of a total proposed budget of \$150,000) will be used to buy back surplus fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices from farmers at the end of farmers markets as well as from Reno Food Systems own urban sustainable farm located in West Reno. This collected produce will be distributed for free at several sites in the Reno-Sparks area including daily at the Women and Children’s Center located in East Reno and through other local hunger-relief agencies such as the St. Vincent’s Dining Room Program. Our aim is to support the self-sufficiency of our area’s most food insecure by partnering with Health Plan of Nevada to promote social safety-net programs such as SNAP benefits, inform the public about the importance of fresh fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet, and provide experiential education opportunities for struggling families at our farm site that focus on home gardening and food preparation.

#### Review Comments:

<b>Proposal 14:</b>	<b>Reno Food Systems</b>
Positive Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– creative activities with gleaning and connecting with grass-roots community level food acquisitions</li> <li>– good to have creative, thinking outside the box, ways to get food to people</li> <li>– good that the applicant is purchasing the food which helps to create a strong, resilient food system and support local farmers and the local food economy</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how many served, accomplishments and success not addressed well</li> <li>– not sure of relationships with partners, infrastructure, how many people served, food budget not 50%</li> <li>– talked about leveraging partners, not clear how</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- seems applicable and sufficient</li> <li>– no concerns with the budget</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– could have been more quantifiable</li> <li>– evaluation is quarterly reports, more detail and information re: how data would be collected would be good</li> <li>– no specific info on how many people would be served</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU questions to clarify	<p>How many people will be served? Describe data system.</p>

#### *15: Three Square*

#### **Abstract:**

Three Square’s Rural Capacity Project will address the disparities between the rural and urban food insecure populations in Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln Counties. The distances between the different rural communities and from Las Vegas have caused the agencies serving

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those communities to receive disproportionate aid for capacity building and a disproportionate variety of food for a healthy diet.

The project will have the following three goals:

1. Increase the capacity of 6 rural agency partners in the first year and 3 additional ones in the second year to distribute an increased amount of food and a better variety of food to their clients.
2. Reduce food insecurity in Southern Nevada’s rural communities.
3. Link food-insecure individuals in rural communities with supportive services and nutrition programs for which they qualify.

The first goal will be accomplished by working with the rural agencies to assess their needs in order to build their capacities to distribute more quantities and a healthier variety of food-to-food insecure people in their communities. Once their needs are assessed, we will purchase supplies and equipment for them that will best meet their needs for capacity building for storing and distributing food.

Secondly, we will reduce food insecurity in these rural communities by purchasing and distributing to them a variety of healthy food, including protein, dairy and fresh produce. These agencies currently receive mostly donated and TEFAP product to distribute, so they are not always able to offer varied and healthy choices of food to their clients.

In addition to the food the clients will receive from these agencies, we will link some of them to supportive services through Three Square’s Call Center. Each agency will receive flyers to have available at all of their food distributions for their clients. The flyers will have information about other assistance they can receive and the call center’s phone number. People who phone into the call center can not only receive referrals to supportive services but can also receive over the phone assistance with applications for programs such as SNAP, Medicaid or energy assistance. The project partners in the first year will be Sandy Valley Food Share in Clark County; Colorado River Food Bank, which serves Laughlin and Searchlight in Clark County; Lincoln County Human Services, which serves Alamo and Caliente in Lincoln County; Pahrump New Hope Fellowship in Nye County; Virgin Valley Family Services serving the Mesquite area in Clark County, and New Hope Assembly of God in Tonopah, which is in Nye County. In the second-year three additional partners will be added: Moapa Band of Paiutes, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe and an agency in Goldfield in Esmeralda County.

The annual budget for the project for each of the two years will be \$409,422. The majority of the budget will go towards purchased food for the agencies to distribute and supplies to help them build their capacity. It will also cover the costs of staff implementing the project and of delivering the food to the agencies.

**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 15:</b>	<b>Three Square Food Bank</b>
Positive Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– developing additional partners in first and second years, going into places that need the help.</li> <li>– helping small rural food pantries build physical infrastructure, serving rural frontier, inclusion of tribal communities</li> <li>– equipment valuable to smaller entities to store food</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– may be duplication</li> <li>– many other agencies getting food from Three Square</li> </ul>

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	– during final discussion the overlapping areas will be considered
Reasonableness/applicability of Budget	– no issues
Scope of Work	– does not include much detail, includes required elements but evaluation tools not specific enough – scope gives the essential information but not much detail re: quarterly reports, need better tools to evaluate success – goal says going to 8 areas but everywhere else says 6, distributing to 12 unclear if that means after adding partners
OFS/GMU questions to clarify	Are there duplication of services? Areas of service?

#### ***16: University of Nevada, Reno Extension***

##### **Abstract:**

University of Nevada, Reno Extension’s mission is to “discover, develop, disseminate, preserve and use knowledge to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of people.” Mineral County Extension is the county unit of Extension that serves Nevada residents through county, state and federal partnerships. Historically, Extension has assisted stakeholders in growing food and crops to sustain the quality of life. During World War I, Extension mobilized to spearhead the national food production effort encouraging crop and livestock production, food production and preservation, and cloth conservation projects. The long-term goal of this project is to decrease food insecurity in rural towns located in Mineral County and Pyramid Lake and Walker River Reservations. There are two different programs that service different demographics called *Veggies for Seniors* and *Veggies for Kids Take Home*. *Veggies for Seniors* is a nutritional education and locally sourced food distribution program that takes place in Mineral and Washoe County. *Veggies for Kids Take Home* is a nutritional education and locally sourced distribution program that will be taking place in Mineral and Washoe County that coincides with the Veggies for Kids elementary educational component funded by SNAP-Ed taught in the Spring. *Veggies for Seniors* is designed to introduce seniors age 65 and older to a new variety of fruits and vegetables and teach them how to prepare them in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Mineral County Extension runs *Veggies for Seniors* in collaboration with Mount Grant General Hospital’s Home Health program, the Mineral County Care & Share Senior Center, Walker River Paiute Tribe and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to serve Hawthorne, Walker Lake, Schurz, Mina, Wadsworth, Sutcliffe and Nixon communities. *Veggies for Kids Take Home* is designed to continue introducing elementary age children and youth in need to fruits, vegetables and nutritional snack options. The take home program will be run in partnership with Hawthorne Elementary and Schurz Elementary to serve Mineral County and Natchez Elementary in Washoe County. This program will include any elementary aged children and by request or referral, junior high and high school students. The budget is \$86,478 in Year 1 and \$87,503 in year 2. The budget is increased in year two based on staff projected salary increases. The main cost in the budget is for food allocations. Other budget items are travel, staff time and indirect costs. Program evaluation will measure short and medium-term impact. The long-term impact aligns with the overall goal of decreasing food insecurity in rural towns located in Mineral County and the Pyramid Lake and Walker River Reservations.

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**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 16:</b>	<b>University of Nevada Reno</b>
Positive Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– good that have staff, expanding on existing program, collaboration with local food sources, had data system in place</li> <li>– reaches rural areas</li> <li>- good project for providing services to the rural areas, well qualified, good description of the program</li> </ul>
Negative Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– backpack program may not be the best process to address food insecurity, referral piece not detailed enough, ages served unclear, integrated food system not expanded not enough information</li> <li>– does not serve all ages, MOUs and collaborative partnerships not included, not easy to assess reach and factors such as cost per meal, total number of meals</li> </ul>
Reasonableness/applicability of Budget	– other funding sources purposes not listed on budget summary, items B and C are blank, cost per meal data not provided,
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– data points are missing, evaluation measures are included</li> <li>- details that were included were adequate, age groups not specified</li> <li>– evaluation tools were helpful but scope was too general</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU questions to clarify	What ages are served? How will all age groups be served? How many meals will be served? What areas will be reached?

**17: Washoe County Human Services Agency**

**Abstract:**

Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) is requesting funding for a three-pronged approach to address food insecurity in vulnerable populations of Washoe County. Services will be provided to Washoe County residents of all ages, including children, adults and seniors. First, WCHSA proposes to provide a breakfast meal to the individuals and families experiencing homelessness and residing at OUR Place Women and Families shelter and to the seniors residing at the Temporary Assistance for Displaced Seniors (TADS) shelter. Funding will be used for the meals and software licenses for data tracking. Second, WCHSA proposes to use this funding to provide nutritious food baskets to the women and children residing at CrossRoads and to participants of the CrossRoads Off Campus (CROC) program. Third, WCHSA requests to use this funding to provide the second daily meal for homebound seniors 60+ in need of meal services. These programs will be supplemented by Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with three community partners: Soulful Seeds, the Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE) and Alta Vista Community Resource Center. Soulful Seeds will design and plant a community garden on the OUR Place campus and will provide fresh produce to the residents. Soulful Seeds will also provide learning opportunities for the residents of OUR Place and TADS in the areas of planting, growing and

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harvesting fresh produce. RISE and Alta Vista will provide staffing and support for data collection for these programs. Alta Vista will also provide nutrition education opportunities. WCHSA is requesting \$256,971 in Year 1 and \$256,718 in Year 2 of the grant award for a total of \$513,689 to support breakfast meals, food baskets and 2nd home delivered meals.

**Review Comments:**

<b>Proposal 17:</b>	<b>Washoe County Human Services</b>
Positive Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– clear objectives, scope seemed achievable with , serves all ages and vulnerable populations, strong collaborations in place, almost 100% of funding goes to food purchases, has support elsewhere to keep proposal going, outcomes clear, education includes how to grow food, education through partnerships, information was comprehensive enough</li> <li>– collaboration, infrastructure in place for referral system, provide nutrition education opportunities by a registered nurse, data collection system in place, application was organized</li> <li>– strong community partnerships and who was responsible for what, partnership with local grower, questions were answered with clear information</li> </ul>
Negative Components	– length of time to put together a local garden
Reasonableness/applicability of Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– fantastic budget in terms of how money will be spent on food purchases, cost per meal in line, spot on in terms of achievability, detailed in budget summary (other funding sources)</li> <li>– budget fell in line with narrative</li> </ul>
Scope of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– provided enough indicator information</li> <li>– program is clear enough the proposal could be handed to another person and they could achieve it</li> </ul>
OFS/GMU questions to clarify	<p>How long does it take to construct a community garden? Donated land and program implementation timeline?            Are non-profit partners involved in land donation?            Cross-over with Reno Food Systems application? Same land being used?</p>