

FHN 2015-16 Additional Funds

Narrative Questions

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1. Geographic areas to be served:

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada currently provides free food and complimentary resources for people in need in eleven of Nevada's seventeen counties, and is actively pursuing new agreements to do the same in four additional counties. Through our existing agreement with the GMU, supplemented with proprietary resources, we already provide services in the other stipulated areas of Washoe County (Nixon, Gerlach and Via) through existing pantry expansion and our recently added Senior Nutrition/Meals-on-Wheels program. We also distribute to three partners in Storey County; a pantry in Virginia City, a day-care center (where we distribute snack-packs to hungry children), and the Senior Center in Gold Hill. These facilities serve over 1,000 residents, the majority of whom are low income. They are also accessed by people in need from Mark Twain and Virginia Highlands. Although we currently have no distribution sites in Carson County, several of our pantry partners serve clients from Carson, and are offered the full One-Stop-Shop resources. We are currently finalizing new agreements to begin food distribution and support outreach in White Pine (Ely), Lincoln (Pioche), Esmeralda (Goldfield), and Nye (Tonopah) Counties, within two months. Additional funds will enable us to quickly extend the reach and scope of extended food and support services, and to tailor actual provision to the real needs of each community.

2. Total funds requested.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada is requesting \$128,569 to increase distribution in the areas outlined in (1). We anticipate providing 158,400 additional meals with this sum, at a cost of \$0.8117 per additional meal. We anticipate that over time, we may be able to reduce our cost of food, through efficiencies of scale and more favorable purchase options from vendors.

In 2016, we anticipate reaching 1,200 new, unduplicated clients not included in the outcomes for our original agreement. This would indicate a cost per additional client of \$107.14.

These forecasts include not only food, but also all the auxiliary services and outreach which will be provided at the new distribution sites. If we were to subtract the cost of the Outreach Worker from the total costs, our cost per meal would be just 62 cents. If we factor in the added value of donated items, volunteer hours, and proprietary resources, the actual costs to FHN, per client and per meal, are considerably lower.

3. Proposed services.

An example of the additional services offered with each of our distributions may be seen in Hawthorne (Mineral County), where we distribute at two sites on a monthly basis. At the local Parks & Recreation Department, we provide 450 local school students with nutritious snack-packs to last them for four weekends until the next delivery. At CAHS (Consolidated Agencies of Human Services), we not only offer a full pantry distribution, but also CCNN social services staff help folks in need to access a wide variety of support services, all of which are designed to help ease the pain of poverty and to support individuals and families as they transition from poverty toward personal independence and financial security, to the best of their personal ability. We also provide outreach for families to access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,

on-site at pantry distributions. From this location, we are investigating the possibility of home delivery of food boxes to home-bound clients, through their existing Meals-on-Wheels program.

Our social services outreach team has created a “welcome” package for each new client. In addition to their nutritious food boxes, each family or individual is invited to complete a resource needs checklist, indicating each and every service they believe might help them. They may need to stabilize in their current situation, avoid impending crisis, or even wish to break out of poverty for good. We offer help for all. For each community we serve, we are creating a resource referral guide which lists every agency and service available in that area, to better empower people in need to access local services wherever and whenever possible.

It is our goal to offer our One-Stop-Shop model of food distribution and wide-ranging support services at eight sites in Mineral County and remote areas of Nye County (Gabbs, Ione), by the end of 2015, in addition to the existing site in Tonopah. White Pine County (Ely) will be added by the end of 2015, with the possibility of distribution in more remote places at a later date. Our record shows that we are conscientious about reaching as many people in need as we possibly can, in the most remote areas, with as many services as they need. We request these additional funds to enhance our ability to do this critical work, with no reduction to existing provision.

4. Revised projections.

Poverty support services in rural Nevada are sparse due to the vast distances between these very small communities. Service delivery under these conditions is more expensive, and reaches fewer people. We simply cannot distribute to as many people in isolated areas as in the larger towns and cities, yet we must spend more on gasoline and labor to get there. However, our existing network of partner organizations (which includes new agreements in the targeted areas) means that Catholic Charities can devote these additional funds to providing nutritious food and essential support services, not to building a network. As a result, we anticipate that we will be able to reach 1,200 new, unduplicated people in need with these additional funds in SFY 2016. The additional funds available represent 13% of the existing CCNN award through FHN, but we anticipate increasing the number of actual meals distributed 158,400 meals, which is **20%** more than our current agreement. We will survey 600 new recipients, and anticipate that 86% of them will be skipping fewer meals, thanks to this expanded service.

Outcome 1. With this additional funding, a total of 39,850 unduplicated people will receive food in SFY16. Of these, 19,146 unduplicated people will be surveyed. 86% of those surveyed, or 16,265, will have skipped fewer meals as a result of food received from our pantries.

Outcome 2. 38,650 unduplicated people will receive USDA Commodities through our St. Vincent’s Food pantry. 100% of recipients will be linked to federal food assistance programs, including SNAP, as all clients must first meet USDA guidelines.

Outcome 3. With the total funding from our original award and these additional funds, a total of 950,400 additional meals will be distributed in SFY16, or a 20.7% increase.

Outcome 4. In 2016 our partner pantries will distribute more than 490,000 pounds of fresh produce, an increase of more than 20% over 2015.