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Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Our mission is to provide nutritious food and support services to people in need with compassion, dignity and respect.

Date of Award:	Level:
2020 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Nourish Pierce County.

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Progress Report Nourish Pierce County

1. Narrative

a. Results/Outcomes

- i. Nourish Pierce County is pleased to report that we have met our single most important goal with 100% of our interactions in 2021-2022. Our simple goal is to provide enough food for each guest to make three meals a day, for three days, for each member of their family. Despite all unexpected changes, alterations and barriers that have been thrown at the Nourish Staff and Volunteers in the last few years, we have never lost sight of our mission. Nourish's mission is to provide nutritious food and support services for people in need with compassion, dignity and respect. No one in need is turned away. Our distribution methods, hours and volunteers may have changed during the pandemic, but we never stopped providing exemplary service to all of our guests.
- ii. This grant been used to focus on food distribution at our Mobile Food Banks. The pandemic and resulting "new normal" have given us the opportunity to change and enhance Mobile food banks to capitalize on the most marginalized, low income and rural communities in Pierce County. Our Innovative Mobile Food Banks have continued to service underprivileged areas in our community. In 2021 13,989 unduplicated people visited one of our mobile food bank locations. These are hungry people who may not have been able to feed themselves or their family due to any number of factors. Transportation is often a large factor in keeping our guests from being able to get the food goods they need. The Nourish Mobile Food Banks provide services to areas that may have no other access to fresh food.

Our Mobile Food Banks are not only supported by a full time driver/manager, but 964 volunteer hours were devoted specifically to the mobile food banks in 2021. Of our 13,989 visitors in 2021 4, 410 were children and 2,817 were adults over 55 years old. These two demographics have seen the largest growth in visitors to food banks in recent years. The Mobile Food Banks distributed 835,158 pounds of food in 2021. A life changing 125,901 meals were distributed through our mobile food banks in 2021!

- iii. One of the unexpected results was the success of our Salishan location. The Salishan location has quickly become one of our most popular locations. It is the most visited location within Tacoma with 1,737 unduplicated clients. Salishan is our second most popular mobile location overall. We knew that there was great need, but we are incredibly pleased to see that the members of that community are taking advantage of having our Mobile Food Bank location near them.

- iv. All of our Mobile Food Bank locations are allowed to park through generous accommodation by the landowners. We are working in collaboration with businesses, schools, community centers and individuals to provide consistent, convenient service to our guests. Nourish Pierce County does not own any of the properties where our food banks are located.
- b. Future Plans
- i. Nourish Pierce County has no plans to discontinue the Mobile Food Bank Program. We are always looking for new/different opportunities to remove barriers for our hungry neighbors. That may result in changing hours, dates or locations of our food banks, but as long as people are hungry, Nourish Pierce County plans to be there to feed our neighbors.
 - ii. We are still experiencing a shortage of volunteers for both our mobile and brick and mortar food banks. Many of our regular volunteers have never returned following COVID-19 due to health concerns and we are having ongoing trouble finding volunteers for shifts even as short as 2 hours a week.



These are photos of the National Guard that deployed to help us through the lockdown of COVID-19. We were the first food bank to receive National Guard assistance and had 23 members working with us at the height of our need.



Our Mobile food banks are one of a kind! Guests get a cart and walk through gathering items as they go through the truck.



Our volunteer George toward the end of a shift making sure there are enough choices and food items for the remaining guests at our mobile site in Spanaway.



Guests lined up waiting for service at our Salishan location.