

Program #25199B - COVID-19 Food Access for Culturally Specific Communities

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Department:County Human ServicesProgram Contact:Lee GirardProgram Offer Type:Innovative/New ProgramProgram Offer Stage:As Adopted

Related Programs: 25199A, 25199C, 25199D **Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate economic impact on Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities and older adults. Access to food and basic needs is one of the areas where economic impacts are felt the hardest. As the pandemic continues, the economic and health impact to these communities will persist. The County will utilize \$3,000,000 to provide direct benefits to families and individuals to address food insecurity.

Program Summary

ISSUE: The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate economic impact on Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and immigrant and refugee communities. Access to food and basic needs is one of the areas where economic impacts are felt the hardest. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) awards increased by 22% between February and April. Service industry workers, disproportionately represented by BIPOC communities, have been hard hit by lay-offs and furloughs. Older adults, people with disabilities, migrant farm workers and people working in food processing have been impacted by higher than normal outbreaks or health impact from outbreaks, requiring quarantining that impacts earning ability and access to basic needs. As the pandemic continues, the economic impact to these communities will persist.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide direct relief to individuals and families from BIPOC communities, immigrants and refugees, older adults and people with disabilities who are experiencing disproportionate food insecurity as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The County will utilize \$3,000,000 to provide direct benefits to families and individuals to address food insecurity. Funding will be provided directly to families and individuals through the County's culturally-specific programs or via contracts with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that provide culturally-specific services to BIPOC communities, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities and older adults. Allowable activities may include, but not be limited to: direct benefits such as VISA gift cards, grocery gift cards/vouchers or other direct income benefit; food boxes and supplemental food; hot meals or sack lunches/dinners for individual delivery or pick up; and related food delivery expenses (supplies, packaging, delivery costs, etc.). When contracting with CBO's, the County may also provide reimbursement for agencies administrative expenses.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer				
Output	Number of households receiving food access assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,000				
Outcome	Percent of funding distributed to CBOs or programs providing culturally-specific services	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$3,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000				

Explanation of Revenues

\$3,000,000 - COVID-19 Federal COVID CARES

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: