

Jefferson County
2011 Letter of Interest
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
SECTION 1 (Fillable Form/No Points)

The goal of the Community Services Block Grant is to provide financial support for programs that have a measurable and potentially significant impact on the causes and effects of poverty. CSBG funds are limited to assisting individuals/families whose incomes do not exceed 125% of poverty level. The deadline for submission is 3:00 pm Friday, July 9, 2010. PLEASE PROVIDE 1 HARD COPY AND 1 CD OF ENTIRE SUBMITTAL.

1. Organization Name:

Address:

Contact Person for this Letter of Interest:

Phone:

E-Mail:

2. Mission Statement:

3. The applicant is a:

501(c)(3) Housing Authority

Governmental Agency Quasi-Governmental Agency

4. Amount of Funds Requested: \$

5. Which Jefferson County Goal does this project address?

a. Fiscally Responsible Government b. Quality Customer Service

c. Safe Communities d. Predictable Growth

e. Mobility Options

6. The focus of 2011 CSBG funds is in meeting National Goal #6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments, specifically within National Indicator 6.2, Emergency Assistance (see National Indicators Summary, attached, for further detail). Please briefly describe how your program will provide emergency services and ultimately help move people toward self-sufficiency.

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(Point Section)

PLEASE LIMIT THIS SECTION TO 2 PAGES
(you may use separate sheets of paper for this section)

1 Provide a 250 word abstract describing your project or program. (30 points) The Arvada Community Food Bank is requesting funds for the purchase of food for two of its key programs. We are requesting funding for our Client Choice Food program and the Feeding the Future Backpack program. These programs serve at risk low income populations. Through the Client Choice Food program households living in our service area (38th Avenue to 120th Avenue and Sheridan Blvd to Hwy 93) may receive a three day supply of food based on family size. The food choices available to them meet USDA guidelines for a 3 day supply of emergency food. The Feeding the Future Backpack program this year will operate "full service" out of eight schools 6 in Arvada and 2 in Wheat Ridge in addition three schools with a high percentage of homeless children will have their homeless children served through the program. The program provides a weekend backpack of food to hungry children. This service provides food over the weekend when the Free and Reduced Lunch school program is not available to school children. Each Friday, during the school year over 1,000 children will take home a backpack filled with food to eat when the safety-net of the free and reduced is not available to them on weekends. Working households, the recently unemployed and poor individuals and families will receive food to supplement their nutritional needs, promote greater stability and continued family functioning.

2 Describe the problem and provide data/factual evidence and list sources. (20 points) The Food Bank of the Rockies in its report "Ending Hunger in Colorado" report estimates that 9,896,094 pounds of food are needed annually to address hunger in Jefferson County. Colorado has the fastest growing rate of childhood poverty according to Kids Count 2008 with an increase of 84%. The projected poverty rate will peak at 14.5 % in late 2011-early 2012 and is not projected to be below the 2008 rate of 13.2 until 2019 (Congressional Office of Management & Budget). The unemployment rate is not projected to be below 9 % until late 2012-early 2013 and not projected to be below 6% until mid to late 2015 (US Department of Labor). The need for private food assistance (from food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens and shelters, etc.) will increase annually for at least the next 3 years (the comments are taken from a presentation by Sheila Zedlewski of Feeding America entitled "What Will the Future Hold").

3. How will your proposal specifically address this problem? (10 points) Clients registered with the Arvada Community Food Bank will be provided a minimum of 6 visits to the Food Bank per year to address their food insecurity. These clients will receive a 3 day supply of food which will enhance their nutritional needs. In the Feeding the Future Backpack Program once a parent has registered their child in the program the child will receive two breakfast and two lunches, fruit and snacks for the weekend during the school year.

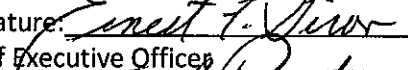
4. What are the outcomes that will indicate that you are addressing the problem? (10 points) Clients who participate in the Client Choice program will have a 3 day supply of food which will

enhance their nutritional needs. Children who participate in the Feeding the Future Backpack program will enhance their nutritional needs with a two day supply of food over the weekend during the school year.

5. Describe who and why you targeted the population identified in your proposal; include things such as age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area, etc. (10 points) The households living in northern Jefferson County experiencing food hardship – running out of money to buy food that families need- and experiencing food insecurity are the populations served by our programs. This includes working households experiencing food hardship, due to the current recession which has eliminated what gains these families had made in the past five years. The data shows the devastation of the recession through various economic indicators such as unemployment and under employment. The national poverty rate has risen to 13.2%, the highest level since 1997. The new data cast a spotlight on the recession's principal victims: children, seniors and minorities. Currently the Arvada Community Food Bank serves 40% children, 35% low income seniors and 25% adults between the ages of 18 and 60. The number of children younger than 18 living in poverty in Colorado has increased. Twenty nine percent of Jefferson County Public School children are on Free or Reduced Lunch.

6. How many people will be assisted through your project/proposal and what is the cost per served party? (10 points) In Feeding the Future Backpack program 1,000 children will participate. CSBG funding will provide 3,105 weekend sacks for children. The average cost for a sack of food is \$1.61. In the Client Choice Food Program 200 households will be assisted with emergency food with CSBG funds. The average cost of a box of food is \$25.00.

7. How will you collect data and measure effectiveness? Provide an assessment plan. (10 points) Surveys and data collected on intake for services will provide the data and measurement of our effectiveness to reduce food insecurity. Clients feedback collected from quarterly surveys will determine the quality of service and need for improvement in services. Our data base will provide demographic information on those who receive services.

Signature: 
Chief Executive Officer

Signature: 
Chairman, Board of Directors