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Background

The Office of Food Security (OFS) continues to enhance collaboration between the Governor's Council on Food Security (CFS) and the administration of funds, to ensure food security programming aligns with the goals and activities of the CFS. The funds associated with the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) utilize 60% of tobacco settlements received/recovered by the State of Nevada. The Department of Health and Human Services Grants Management Unit (GMU) is directly responsible for administering certain grants in the Wellness and Disability Services categories of the FHN statute. The distribution of FHN funds in State Fiscal Year 2022 (SFY22) aligns with the results of the 2019 Statewide Community Needs Assessment conducted in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute [\(NRS\) 439.630](#).

In SFY22 and State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23), GMU distributed \$3,999,844 to 11 agencies to promote food security programs. This annual report covers year 1 of the grant for SFY22 (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022) in the award amount of \$1,999,922. All grantees were required to submit quarterly progress reports and monthly financial reports to the OFS. The goals and objectives of each organization are specific to the area they serve and designed to enhance food security in the state. Due to each organization creating its own objectives and goals, the expectations of what is measured are not consistent and do not allow for a comparison of accomplished outcomes between each organization. Each grantee met and/or exceeded projected goals and outcomes. The quarterly program activity tracking report completed by each grantee highlights the organization's success to serve a significant number of meals relative to their population served.

Fund for a Healthy Nevada Overview

As envisioned in [Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Action Plan](#), each partner provided individuals and families with food to meet their immediate needs and help them find long-term solutions such as enrollment in federal benefit programs, employment, and housing opportunities. The distribution was focused on fresh food and standard non-perishables to help supply protein throughout the state. The hallmark of these projects is the collaborative partnerships developed between community organizations. In total, 341,930 individuals were served, and 1,591,164 pounds of food were distributed throughout SFY22. The overall information regarding gender, ethnicity, age, and race is displayed in Figures 1-4 below. The SFY22 demographics exclude the unanswered data and indicates 51% of females and 49% of males were served by the FHN funds. There was a higher percentage of non-Hispanics (70%) to Hispanics (30%) while the predominant age range was between 18-59 years old, and the most common race was White.

The OFS distributed a survey to all FHN partners at the end of SFY22 which 8 out of 11 partners completed. Five (5) of the 8 partners reported distributing food to over 100 individuals weekly and being opened for weekly food distribution. The other partners worked with community stakeholders (i.e., schools and pantries) during their hours of operation. Overall, households can receive weekly, bi-monthly, or as-needed donations from the partners. The delivery and pickup process varied among partners and were fluid based on needs of the partner and/or clients. Mobile services (Instacart, transported by partner, etc.) were available for 4 of the 8 partners, while the larger distribution centers provided cafeteria-style food periodically to a specific community like senior centers and low-income housing.

Food waste is addressed by each of the 8 FHN provider who completed the survey and 6 of the partners reported partnering with local farms and repurposing their food through their own cafeterias. When the survey concluded at the end of December 2022, 2 of the partners reported experiencing excessive waste with fruits, in the past three months, due to being bruised/damaged. The affected areas were Sandy Valley, Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, and Storey County. Additionally, all 8 partners who completed the survey host volunteer organizations such as churches, schools, and local businesses. Five (5) partners consider themselves a distribution food bank and 3 of those 5 distribute to 31+ sites each month. None of the partners supply over-the-counter medication or prescriptions.

The partners' data intake process is collected through a data management system such as Oasis and/or a paper intake process. The purpose of collecting data is to enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies. In addition, data collection supports strategies to increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs; supports client-centered strategies to increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger, drives future strategies, and tracks progress in improving food security in Nevada. The majority of the partners use Oasis: a software designed to streamline the food distribution and reporting process of food banks and their partner agencies. The software was developed following the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina and designed through collaboration with food banks and contributors. The system tracks and shares case management in a more dignified manner for families in need, with more individualized service, and reduces duplication of services across the state. Oasis reports they currently have 140 active agencies across the State of Nevada with the ability to expand the services to include out-of-state agencies.

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NORTHERN NEVADA			
Partner Name/ Award	Counties Serving	Description/Objectives	Notes
<p>Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada</p> <p>\$290,558.00</p>	<p>Churchill, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine</p>	<p>Helps northern Nevadans of all cultures and beliefs rise up out of poverty and overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency through a broad range of services, including food and wellness, case management, benefits enrollment, immigration legal services, sober living, rent/utility assistance, personalized senior supports, parenting classes, economic mobility, workforce development, and more and residential programs.</p> <p>1.1 Distribute meal kits to 10,000 duplicated individuals monthly throughout a minimum of six (6) rural counties in northern Nevada.</p> <p>1.2 Offer case management and/or program referrals to 1,200 individuals served through the mobile outreach program.</p>	<p>Client Choice Pantries, Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry, Rural Outreach Pantries, and Mobile Food</p>
<p>Communities In Schools of Nevada (No Survey Data)</p> <p>\$137,627.00</p>	<p>Elko</p>	<p>Helps to reduce food insecurity in Elko County.</p> <p>1.1 Provide supplemental and emergency food to adults, families, and children in need in the Elko and Jackpot areas of Nevada.</p> <p>1.2 Evaluate and report on program outcomes and deliverables.</p>	
<p>Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)</p> <p>\$405,373.00</p>	<p>Carson City, Elko, Lyon, Douglas, Humboldt, Mineral, and Washoe</p>	<p>Increases food security in Northern Nevada and enhances health outcomes through the Healthy Pantry Initiative (HPI), including food insecurity screenings, food prescriptions, and program referrals. This partnership has been successful in improving food security for clients by offering “one-stop-shop” model of support.</p> <p>1.1 Provide 1.2 million meals to 30,000 food-insecure individuals in Washoe County through a minimum of eight (8) participating prescription pantries.</p> <p>1.2 Provide 440,000 meals to 5,000 food-insecure Individuals in Rural Nevada through three (3) new prescription pantries and one (1) healthcare provider.</p> <p>1.3 Refer 1,200 Healthy Food Pantry clients to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify.</p>	<p>Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry, Mobile Food</p>
<p>Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC)</p> <p>\$83,250.00</p>	<p>Carson City, Lyon, Storey, and Douglas</p>	<p>A volunteer-driven nonprofit organization with a mission to bring hope and relief to individuals and families in need by providing support and services that address hunger, poverty, homelessness, addiction, education, and well-being.</p> <p>1.1 Distribute food to food insecure individuals via three (3) methods of food delivery.</p>	<p>Drive Thru Food Distribution, Mobile Food Truck, Door-To-</p>

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		<p>1.2 Collaborate with the Greenhouse Project to collect and distribute gleaned produce to a minimum of three (3) pantries, including the Northern Nevada Dream Center’s Reach the Hungry Program.</p> <p>1.3 Conduct two (2) food distribution events in collaboration with community members and organizations.</p>	Door Home Delivery
<p>NYE Communities Coalition</p> <p>\$127,573.00</p>	Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln	<p>The mission of NyE Communities Coalition is to grow healthy organizations, people, and environments (HOPE) across Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln Counties by joining individuals, organizations, and agencies in a cooperative and collaborative effort to increase services and opportunities.</p> <p>1.1 Collaborate with 10 pantries to provide 20,000 meals to individuals residing in Nye and Esmeralda counties.</p> <p>1.2 Provide 50 K-5 students backpacks of food weekly (Approximately 2000 backpacks of food).</p> <p>1.3 Collaborate with the local farmers market and Lincoln Community Action Team (LCAT) to provide local food to 15 families for 16 weeks.</p>	Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry
<p>University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)</p> <p>(No Survey Data)</p> <p>\$77,830.00</p>	Mineral and Washoe	<p>Uses funds to decrease food insecurity in the rural towns of Mineral County, Pyramid Lake, and the Walker River Reservation with partnership through the surrounding school districts. The partnership has been successful in being able to provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables in these communities.</p> <p>1.1 Distribute pounds of fresh produce to 160 older adults (65 years and older) through a home-delivery program.</p> <p>1.2 Provide pounds of “Take Home” fresh produce to 400 in-school students to eliminate missed meals and increase fruit and vegetable intake.</p> <p>1.3 Link individuals/participating families in programs outlined in activities 1.1 and 1.2 to other nutrition and/or other social service programs for which they may qualify.</p>	
<p>Washoe County Human Services Partner (WCHSA)</p> <p>(No Survey Data)</p> <p>\$231,274.00</p>	Washoe	<p>Increases food security among Washoe County residents of all ages and at the same time helps educate them on healthy eating.</p> <p>1.1 Establish a nutritious breakfast/lunch/dinner program serving a total of 140 individuals daily via Our Place Women and Families Shelter and TADS shelter residents.</p> <p>1.2 Distribute 146 food baskets to 146 residents of CrossRoads Women and Children or CrossRoads Off-Campus (CROC) program.</p> <p>Provide seven (7) second home-delivered meals weekly to 207 unduplicated homebound seniors 60+ in Washoe County.</p>	OUR PLACE Women and Families Shelter, TADS Shelter residents, CrossRoads

SOUTHERN NEVADA			
Partner Name	Counties Serving	Description/Objectives	Notes
Desert Spring Community Resource Center, Inc. \$41,870.00	Clark	Focuses on improving food security and self-sufficiency among individuals residing in Desert Springs. 1.1 Provide 101,590 meals (121,908 pounds of food) to 1,000 individuals in Desert Springs via mobile food distribution. 1.2 Refer a minimum of 10 individuals to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify. 1.3 Provide 101,590 meals (121,908 pounds of food) to 1,000 individuals in Desert Springs via mobile food distribution.	Food Pantry and Drive-Thru Food Distribution
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican \$114,026.00	Clark	St. Rose Dominican: Provides immediate food assistance to Clark County residents affected by food insecurity and underlying health conditions. They link individuals with food insecurity to social services and programs that support and encourage self-sufficiency. 1.1 Enroll 200 food-insecure individuals into the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, FVRx. 1.2 Through June 30, 2022, St. Rose will engage 100 FVRx program participants in nutritional education and/or social services programs.	Fresh Produce Prescription Boxes, farmer's market program pilot
Keystone Enrichment Foundation \$26,819.00	Clark	Addresses food insecurity needs by providing a food pantry and other community services for residents of Sandy Valley, Goodsprings, and Primm, Nevada. 1.1 Provide 166,667 meals (200,000 pounds of food) to 1000 individuals in Sandy Valley. 1.2 Refer 500 individuals to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify.	Drive Thru Food Distribution
Three Square Food Bank \$463,722.00	Nye, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Clark	Provides wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger-free community. Works to increase food security in rural Nevada by enhancing the capacity of six rural food security partners. 1.1 Assess capacity needs for six (6) participating rural partner agencies. 1.2 Increase the distribution percentage via participating partners, collectively of nutritionally valuable food, specifically meat by 11%, produce by 9%, and dairy by 3%. 1.3 Assist a minimum of 300 individuals via the Three Square Call Center with applications and/or referrals to supportive services.	Walk-ins, Drive-thru, Pantry, Mobile Food

Successes

SFY 2022 FHN Funds				Overall Agency Pounds of Food Distributed (End of 2022)
Partners	Individuals Served (Duplicated)	Individuals Served (Unduplicated)	Pounds of Food Distributed	
Northern Nevada Dream Center	26,119	5,734	371,325	413,560
Three Square Food Bank	3,317	Not Available	42,741	51,129,098
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	48,901	Not Available	298,540	19,052,745
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada	179,335	26,150	140,472	3,083,975
Communities in Schools – Elko	5,793	5,793	58,851	587,358
Washoe County Human Services Agency	1,564	Not Available	77,251	551,088
Desert Springs Community Resource Center	15,444	Not Available	240,210	240,210
Keystone Enrichment Foundation	19,842	953	203,229	203,229
University of Nevada, Reno – Extension	1,032	Not Available	74,320	74,320
Nye Communities Coalition	39,981	3,709	70,810	72,845
Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican	602	200	13,415	13,415
Totals	341,930	42,539	1,591,164	75,421,843

Barriers

FHN partners continue to experience ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted their organization's processes and supply chain. Shelf-stable foods, refrigeration units, and/or storage necessities were limited or obsolete during all or a portion of the pandemic. Utilization of the SFY22-23 FHN funds were limited to the partners' scope of work and preapproved budget leaving little support for unforeseen circumstances and expenses during the pandemic. In addition, many partners had to regulate their programs to coincide with the regulations of COVID-19 resulting in drive-thru food distributions that lowered the in-person contact to safely serve their communities. Furthermore, the pandemic resulted in a lack of volunteers, especially for smaller organizations. The larger FHN partners such as Three Square, FBNN, and CCNN had established processes for volunteer outreach that resulted in better outcomes, but still reported difficulty in maintaining as many volunteers as they had prior to the pandemic. This change in volunteer capacity created a gap in food purchasing and program management. Despite these barriers, all 11 partners have successfully fed Nevadans and provided resources for referrals for other basic necessities, clothing, and/or toys.

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Another barrier is the understanding and collection of demographic information. There was a misunderstanding among some FHN partners regarding the difference between race and ethnicity. For the purpose of data collection, race includes White, Black, Asian, American Indian (AI) or Alaskan Native (AN), Native Hawaiian (NH) or Pacific Islander (PI), multi-racial, and other. However, the ethnicity collected only includes whether an individual is Hispanic or non-Hispanic. To improve the data collection process for demographics, the OFS recommended updating intake forms to ensure race and ethnicity are collected separately. The FHN partners are required to collect demographic information to better understand the population being serviced in the State of Nevada. Many FHN partners experienced opposition when asking for personal information from clients. This barrier affected the final data analysis due to the data being underreported. The underreported data was defined by having over 20% of “No Answer,” which affected the final percentages for race/ethnicity, age, and sex. It was consistently reported by the majority of FHN partners that many clients do not want to disclose their information. Overall, there was 44.8% “Other/No Answer” for male/female, 48.1% “Other/No Answer” for ethnicity, and 51.9% “Other/No Answer” for race. This data was excluded from the **Data 2022 FHN Statistical Report** below. The larger distribution centers, such as CCNN, rely on more than 40 outreach pantries to collect their own data using their own intake process. They have noted outreach sites are volunteer run which makes collecting demographics very difficult, as these small teams need reliable tools and training. Although training is offered, volunteer turnover makes it difficult to maintain. There was evidence to support clients being more willing to provide personal information when the FHN provider had an established trusting relationship, which seemed to be more common among smaller organizations. FHN partners reported that Oasis made demographic tracking easier as well.

Grant Summary

With the excellent work of the 11 partners, 341, 930 Nevadans were served with a total of 1,591,164 pounds of food distributed in SFY22. All 11 partners are continuing their progress in SFY23 and applied to receive FHN funds for SFY24-25. Despite the barriers that existed in SFY22, the FHN partners have a positive attitude toward making improvements to better serve their clients. Several FHN partners applied for the Nevada Community Food Access Grant Expansion through the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).

On April 1, 2022, NDA reported they released the Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) grant with the stated goal of increasing food access in underserved communities throughout Nevada with an emphasis on food distribution infrastructure enhancement and the provision of food to households in need. Through this grant, NDA awarded \$500,000 to 6 partners and to further expand the scope of this grant NDA released a second round of grant funding totaling \$6,000,000 to focus on food distribution and food storage infrastructure

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enhancement. Four (NNDC, FBNN, CCNN, and Keystone Enrichment Center) FHN partners were awarded these funds. NDA provided further detail on these funds below:

- Northern Nevada Dream Center received \$600,000 to increase food storage space, which will in turn increase distribution capacity. They will be collaborating with partners to increase food availability in rural counties.
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada received \$750,000 to establish a client-choice food pantry in Humboldt County with onsite case management and purchase foods from Nevada producers for distribution.
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada received more than \$500,000 to expand food access and support smaller neighborhood needs with mobile food distribution.
- Keystone Enrichment Foundation received more than \$435,000 to expand its food pantry and purchase foods for additional distribution.

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Figure 1: Females and Males served by all FHN Partners Partners

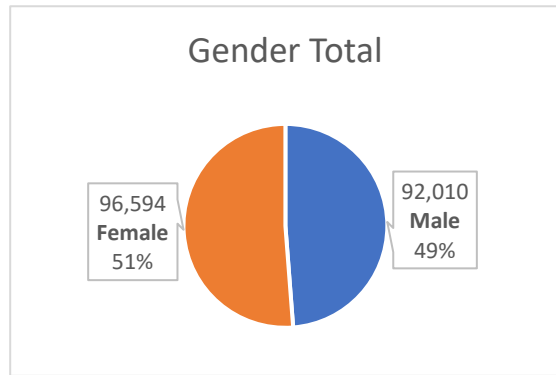


Figure 2: Hispanics and Non-Hispanics served by all FHN Partners

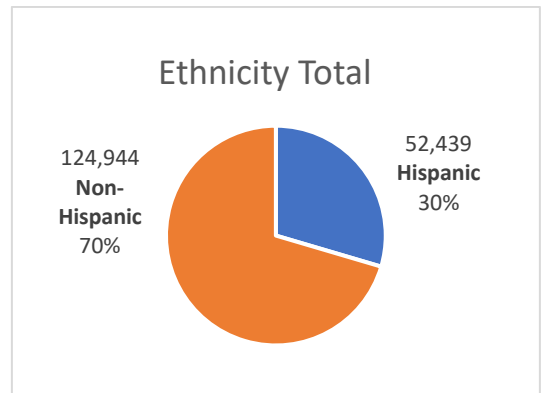


Figure 2: Individuals served by all FHN Partners displayed by their age range

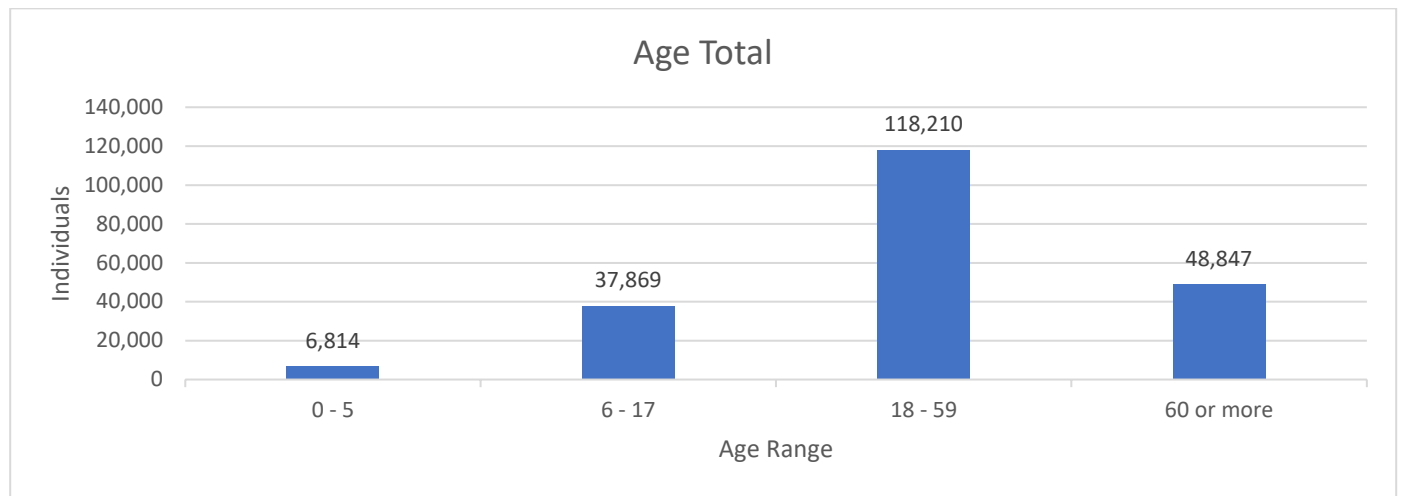


Figure 3: Individuals served by all FHN Partners displayed by their race

