

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





#### THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

MEETING AGENDA April 15, 2025 1:00 P.M. To Adjournment

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- 3. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from January 14, 2025, and February 11, 2025–Allison Herzik, Chair.
- **4. For Information Only:** Home Delivered Meals Program Presentation- Sara Meyers, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.
- 5. For Information Only: Nutritional Health Literacy Survey Presentation-Alex Neal, Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity.
- For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.4969 Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) –Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security.
- 7. For Information Only: Update on Office of Food Security (OFS), Council on Food Security (CFS) and Funds for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) Annual Reports, SFY26-SFY27 NOFO-Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security.
- 8. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action on State Health Improvement Plan to include but not limited to 2025 Food Security Conference, Allison Herzik, Chair.
- 9. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action regarding CFS Goals: Allison Herzik, Chair.

#### Outstanding 2025 Goals:

- 1. The OFS will coordinate with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) tribal liaisons to get CFS on the agenda for Intertribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) meetings to increase awareness of the Council among tribal members.
- 2. Review federal standards or policies that create barriers and food insecurity.
- 3. Subjects/topics related to Food Insecurity Statistics, such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.

- 4. Discuss changing the Annual Reporting period timeline to align with the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) versus a calendar year.
- 5. Explore the expansion of food hubs in Northern and Southern Nevada.
- 6. State Emergency Food Plan: written and shared widely with food providers (also identified in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)).
- 7. Prioritize building awareness of food distribution, support, and general food access throughout Nevada.
- 8. Continue addressing food insecurity in hard-to-reach areas and/or areas with food insecurity.
- 9. Review SFY25 Nevada's Home Feeds Annual Report.
- 10. **For Possible Action**: Discussion and possible action for the 2025 State Legislative Session–Allison Herzik, Chair.

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- AB116 Commerce and Labor concerning food delivery service platforms.
- AB325 Committee on Health and Human Services revises provisions relating to businesses.
- 8. <u>AB333</u> Committee on Government Affairs revises provisions relating to governmental administration.
- 9. **AB246** Committee on Judiciary revises provisions relating to offenders.
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- 8. **SB169 Committee on Commerce and Labor** prohibits a third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider from engaging in certain activities.

#### **Bill Draft Request (BDR)**

- 1. **BDR58-228** Revises the provisions governing energy.
- 2. **BDR32-426** Revises the provisions relating to agrivoltaics.
- 3. BDR34-674 Revises provisions related to school and community wellness.
- 4. **BDR50-911** Revises the provisions related to food insecurity.
- 12. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action of CFS 2025 Goals, Food for People not Landfills (FFPNL), and the SHIP Action Steps, which include conference information and ongoing food insecurity presentations covering the following topics:
  - Barriers preventing the production, sale, and use or expansion of local foods, particularly in systems that serve senior centers, schools, and childcare centers, and review policies and regulations that restrict the use of agricultural products on-site at schools and childcare centers.
  - 2. Generate baseline data on food waste and recovery in Nevada, including a list of food recovery partners.
  - 3. 2025 State Legislative Session review and discussion
  - 4. Discussion and consideration of future Office of Analytics Presentation(s)

- 5. Nevada's Emergency Food Plan review and discussion
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- 14. Adjournment: Allison Herzik, Chair

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- Three Square Food Bank: 4190 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89115
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### **Attachment for Agenda Item 3**

Joe Lombardo

Governor



### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Cody L Phinney, **MPH** 

Administrator

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Chief Medical Officer



MS **NEVADA DIVISION of PUBLIC** Director and BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

#### THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY MEETING AGENDA (CFS)

#### SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

#### COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2025

(Draft) Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

#### **Attendance:**

#### Members present:

- Allison Genco (Chair)
- Pamela Juniel
- (Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
- Charlotte Williams
- Vickie Ives
- Jeff Duncan
- Kelly Cantrelle
- Lisa Swearingen
- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- Brittany Mally \*proxy for Dr. Julian Goicoechea
- Dr. Sabina Malik
- Terry Everette
- Jill Moe
- Marcia Blake
- Maria Menjivar

#### Members absent:

**Gabby Everette** 

A quorum was confirmed.

#### Others Present:

- TaShika Lawson
- Sarah Rogers
- Michelle Harden
- Lori Taylor
- Rory Fuller
- · Theresa L. Reyome
- · Anais Infante
- · Alexis Hogan
- · Allen (Chungten) Pai
- · Amber Hise
- Anakaren Lamas
- Bjorn Blomquist
- · Darlene K. Douthitt
- Emily Sanchez
- Eser Irshad
- · Imran William
- · Tami M. Conn
- · Tammera Brower
- Taylor Moseley
- Troy Lovick
- · Yanyan Qiu
- · Patrica Hoppe

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:15PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Genco

#### 2. Public Comment:

#### First Public Comment Period:

TaShika Lawson inquired if there was a task force and how often the task force meets. She also wanted to know how often the Governor's office touches base on this with regards to the Southern Nevada Region on the historic West side. Chair Allison Genco clarified TaShika's inquiry by informing the task force meets quarterly but the Southern Nevada Council meets regularly. Chair Genco asked Dr. Sabina Malik to provide more clarity, which Dr. Malik confirmed that the Southern Nevada Food Council meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 2PM.

Vickie Ives wanted to let folks know that the Maternal Child Health Title V needs assessment which determines how funding is spent on that award for the next five years will be launching soon and shared information for those that may be interested can participate in Spring.

#### 3. Approval of September 30, 2024, and October 15, 2024, meeting minutes:

Chair Genco asked for a motion to approve the 2024 meeting minutes (September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>). First Motion was moved by Jeff Duncan. Motion second by Dorian E. Stonebarger. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 4. Virtual and In-Person Meeting Date Confirmation

Virtual and in-person meetings will go on as intended. Sarah Rogers stated that we will need to address a location in the South. Sabina offered UNR extension as a location for meeting in the South.

#### 5. Discussion and Approval to review and recommend Vacant Council Seats

Discussions were held regarding the applications for vacant council seats. Deacon Tom retired, and Sara Ramirez has applied for the position "A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services" and is currently awaiting approval. Carlos Carrillo was previously approved by the Council but has not submitted needed paperwork to complete appointment. Maria Menjivar is transitioning from Rural Representative to of Local Health Authority. Charlotte Williams announced that she will be stepping down and a Representative of a Food Bank in Northern Nevada and recommended Amber Torres to occupy this seat to allow for more diverse representation as Amber is Native American. Resumes and letter of interests were reviewed and approved for Amber Torres for "A person representative of a food bank in Northern Nevada", Maria Menjivar for "A person representative of a Local Health Authority", and Nishat B. Gould for "One member who is a representative of a retailer of food". Chair Genco asked for a motion to approve applications. Dorian E Stonebarger provided first motion and. Charlotte Williams seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 6. Home Delivered Meals Program Presentation:

Sarah Meyers of Catholic Charities of South Nevada's presentation was moved to April 15th meeting.

#### 7. Nutritional Health Literacy Survey Presentation:

Alex Neal of Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity's Presentation was moved to April 15th meeting.

### 8. Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) Updates and Recommendations – Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security

Food for People Not Landfills Program update has been postponed to April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Six AmeriCorps members with the Office of Food Security will help with efforts related to food security. At least two are assigned to the Council. Current FFPNL member positions have been confirmed except for Gabby Everett and Cassie Snow. Marcia Blake informed everyone that Gabby Everett appears to no longer be with Three Square. Chair Genco asked for a motion to add a community partner that does food rescue to FFPNL. First motion by Jeffrey S. Duncan. Motion seconded by Dorian E. Stonebarger. Motion unanimously approved.

#### 9. FHN Hunger Funds (NOFO and Annual Report) – Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security

Lori Taylor provided updates that the Funds for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) Hunger Funds next annual report is in draft form. FHN NOFO's have been updated to include a requirement to display SNAP-Ed materials provided by DPBH for state fiscal year 26 and 27. FHN Hunger Funds were increased from \$2,000,000 per year to \$2.4 million annually. New FHNNOFO is set to be released on or around January 17, 2025.

#### 10. State Health Improvement Plan Action Steps and Objectives

Currently there is one work group, the Northern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup along with plans to establish a Southern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup. The Council is uncertain on having the two groups work simultaneously, therefore it will push the inception of the second work group until October 2025. Members unanimously agreed to start the Southern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup at the end of the first conference so it can build off the existing work. Lori Taylor stated there is a current list of interested persons for potential work group participation, Dr. Malik offered assistance to

recommend additional people from the Southern Nevada Food Council. Dr. Malik provided suggested locations for the 2027 Food Security conference. Suggested locations included North Las Vegas or Las Vegas' Historic West Side, stating it would make the meeting available to consumers or stakeholders that wish to be involved. University of Nevada, Reno Extension was also considered.

#### 11. 2025 and 2027 Food Security Conference

- Inter-local with UNR in progress for October 6 7, 2025 conference.
- Logistics such as transportation, hotel, travel, etc. are still being configured.
- Survey will be resent to discuss priorities on what to place on the agenda and requesting proposals soon.

#### 12. 2025 State Legislative Session

- Special sessions were set to be held throughout legislative session, allowing the Council to discuss and address relevant bills.
  - o Special session dates: February 11th, March 11th, and May 13th
  - There is acknowledgement on the universal school meals and will soon expect to see a bill drafted
- Meeting with Small agriculture roundtables, expanding cottage food and craft food cap on Thursday January 16, 2025, at 1PM virtual.
- Hunger Action Day for legislature is set for February 17th.
- Northern Nevada Food Bank and Three Square Food Bank were each given \$2,000,000 to address
  food insecurity during the 2023 legislative session and will provide information on how the dollars
  were used during the 2025 session.

No BDR set to put forward for this legislative session. Additional federal funding from USDA has been received by Home Feeds Nevada., which is also referred to as LFPA Motioned by Dr. Sabina Malik for approval. Motion seconded by Jeff Duncan.

#### 13. CFS 2025 Goals

- Increase council on food security seats to include representation from tribal, housing, and transportation sector, and individuals with lived experience.
- CFS members hope to attend Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada meetings and if able.
- Review federal standards or policies that create barriers and food insecurity risks.
- subjects and topics related to food insecurity. Statistics such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.
- Discussion on potential change to the CFS annual reporting period timeline to align with federal fiscal year versus a calendar year.

#### 14. Future Agenda Items

- UNR received a food hub planning grant feasibility study and a business plan
- Establishing the emergency food plan to be a part of the April meeting.
- Home Delivered Meals Presentation.
- Nutrition Literacy Presentation

Motion by Marcia Blake to add items to future agenda(s), second by Pamela Juniel. Motion was unanimous.

#### 15. Public Comment:

#### Second Public Comment Period:

Tashika Lawson inquired on a few concerns for the communities and how they will receive assistance:

- where to find an updated list for Food Security Council meetings that are projected for 2025:
- what the current process for identifying community resource partners, providing services and getting them into a pipeline
- expanding access to others, for example, adding a search tool to the governor's page that can connect to an app as the last update is dated from 2014 on Southern Nevada's Food Access page and current USDAs map was last updated in 2019
- include emergency adults for optimizing the modernization of the future
- Food preservation: if there a committee established that focuses on reducing food waste by encouraging safe food preservation, education and practices
- Nevada Feed Program: local farms had reached out about Nevada Feed discontinued services in December which left micro and small farms with unsold produce and trying to release it back to the public as the produce has a short shelf life

Tashika was assisted by Allison Genco after the meeting regarding her concerns. Jill Moe discussed key events coming up for Nevada farmers such as farmer's market promotion program trainings, urban agriculture conferences, beekeepers conference. Business Builder Grant Award Program was just released along with Technical Assistance rewards which aims to improve Nevada's capacity to provide food to the population.

#### 16. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Allison Genco, second by Maria Menjivar. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Anais Infante

#### **Next Meeting:**

Special Meeting: Counsel on Food Security Special Session

Date: February 11, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Joe Lombardo *Governor* 

Richard Whitley, MS *Director* 



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





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#### THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

Date: February 11, 2025 (Draft) Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting
Type of meeting: Special Session

#### Attendance:

#### **Members present:**

- · Allison Genco
- · Dr. Julian Goicoechea
- · Dr. Sabina Malik
- Dr. Pamela Juniel
- Jeff Duncan
- · Jill Moe
- · Lisa Swearingen
- · Marcia (Marsha) Blake
- · Maria Menjivar
- · Sara Ramirez
- Tori Lawson-Boffeli
- Vickie Ives

#### Members absent:

- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- · Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
- · Kelly Cantrelle

#### Others present:

Michelle Harden

Sarah Rogers

Amber Hise

Anais Infante

Rory Fuller Theresa Reyome Lori Taylor

#### 1. Call to Order:

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:09PM Name of the presiding officer: Allison Genco

#### 2. Public Comment:

#### First Public Comment Period:

Allison Genco opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were made via Microsoft Teams or by phone. The public comment period was closed.

3. Discussion and Possible Action for the 2025 State Legislative Session

The Council discussed several bills for the 2025 State Legislative Session, as listed and described below.

#### Assembly Bill (AB)

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- o BDR34-674 Revises provisions related to school and community wellness.
- BDR16-686 (AB246) revises provisions related to offenders' rights. Food served in Nevada prisons.
- **BDR50-911** Revises the provisions related to food insecurity.

The Council made the following comments.

Vickie Ives brought up Senate Bill 78 regarding the boards and formation of a new office to oversee boards and commissions, along with the proposed changes to membership. Chair Genco informed the council that the Governor's Office staff is leaning towards changes being

made and potentially advisory councils being carved out, removing the Council on Food Security changes from the bill. Dr. Goicoechea elaborated on SB 78 and how it will impact 58 boards, then an amendment would follow up and remove those that are no longer needed. AB 116 and SB 184 were brought up by Jeff Duncan, as he believed they pertained to food safety.

Dr. Sabina Malik touched on the concern of bills regarding Community Gardens: supporting school gardens. If only one organization is funded, all stipulations apply only to that organization. There are a few in Nevada that support school gardens, but Dr. Malik requested to speak to legislators to see if an application could be submitted for multiple school gardensupporting organizations. Dr. Goicoechea had a chance to speak with Senator Pazina, Pazina explained that SB 104 will be open to all non-profits as well as a proposed amendment that would not have to weigh in and participate that way its open to more than just one group. Chair Genco checked in with Dr. Goicoechea for status on the bill on meat and poultry, he informed that this bill would allow for mobile processing facilities (i.e. the trailer of Cooperative Extension) to also expect inspections by Department of Agriculture. Those excluded from the statute could not be included in the regulatory process of the study. This places them in the same category as brick-and-mortar stores.

During the discussions on legislative days, Dr. Malik provided an update that Hunger Action Day was canceled. Marcia is set to attend Non-Profit Day at the legislature on March 19, 2025, and is currently waiting to hear confirmation on dates for Alzheimer's Day and Older American's Day in April.

Dr. Goicoechea stated that he hoped Bill 171, the Emergency Egg Bill, would be released by the morning of February 12, 2025. The legislature hopes to get eggs back on the shelves in an affordable way. The rest of the bills need language, and they have not been approached or asked to weigh in yet. He will update Chair Genco once there is a language available. Chair Genco hopes to arrange bi-weekly updates with the council. Dr. Goicoechea also shared the following information in a TEAMS chat.

Title 54, Occupational and Licensing Boards

- 1. The Nevada State Board of Accountancy
- 2. Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors

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- 3. The Board of Applied Behavioral Analysis
- 4. The State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design
- 5. The Board of Athletic Trainers
- 6. The State Barbers Health and Sanitation Board
- 7. Certified Court Reporters Board of Nevada
- 8. Chiropractic Physicians Board of Nevada
- 9. The Commission on Construction Education
- 10. The State Contractors Board
- 11. The State Board of Cosmetology
- 12. The Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada
- 13. The Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
- 14. The Board of Dispensing Opticians
- 15. The Board of Environmental Health Specialist
- 16. The Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board
- 17. The Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners
- 18. The State Board of Landscape Architecture
- 19. The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapist and Clinical Professional Counselors
- 20. The Board of Massage Therapy
- 21. The Board of Medical Examiners
- 22. The State Board of Nursing
- 23. The Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and medication Aides
- 24. The Board of Occupational Therapy
- 25. The Nevada State Board of Optometry
- 26. The State Board of Oriental Medicine
- 27. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- 28. The State Board of Pharmacy
- 29. The Nevada Physical Therapy Board
- 30. The State Board of Podiatry
- 31. The Commission on Postsecondary Education
- 32. The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
- 33. The Board of Psychological Examiners
- 34. Private Investigator's Licensing Board

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35. The Board of Examiners for Social Workers

36. Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

37. The Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Jill Moe requested an update relating to Home Feeds Nevada Bill and the Emergency Food Plan. She hopes the council will revisit this as there are many changes relating to food prices, impacts on the farm workforce, and potential impact on SNAP benefits. Vickie S. Ives responded and informed DEM was contacted and how they were interested in bringing information and discussions focusing on food security needs and functional needs population. Sarah Rogers and Vickie will try to arrange.

Dr. Malik clarified the process for speaking with legislators with Chair Genco. Requests would be sent through Chair Genco, who could arrange to set up meetings.

Chair Genco closed out agenda item 3 for discussion.

#### 4. Public Comment:

#### Second Public Comment Period:

Sarah Rogers provided an update to the Council on DPBH process in sending calendar invites and encouraged the public to reach out to update their information for the listserv as needed.

#### 5. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Allison Genco. Motion moved by Jeff Duncan; motion seconded by Marcia Blake

The motion was carried out unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM on that day.

#### **Next Meeting:**

#### **Special Session Meeting**

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams and Telephonically

### **Attachment for Agenda Item 4**



Meals on Wheels Program Update January 14, 2025

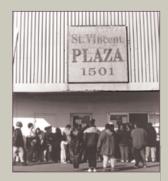
### HELP AND HOPE

A GIFT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES





The 1960s were a time of development for the thrift stores, a child care center and the St. Vincent Dining Facility.



1980's



In 1995, the name Catholic Community Services of Nevada was changed to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, reflecting our outreach to Clark Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine counties. The southern Nevada population had tripled to more than 700,000 residents. As more seniors migrated to southern Nevada, the Senior Services division was created to assist those in need. Catholic Charities began the process of a five-year plan to rebuild St. Vincent Plaza in 1996.

1990's

#### 1940's

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada began in 1941, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman acknowledged the need for a social service organization that would benefit Nevada. As the southern Nevada community began to grow, so did the need for additional programs and services for our residents.



1960's

#### 1970's

During the 1970s and 1980s the population of southern Nevada doubled, requiring new programs for senior citizens, refugee and immigration services, a home for girls in crisis, an emergency shelter, a work program for homeless men, and an employment services center.





# SNAPSHOT OF OUR HISTORY

### Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN's Meals on Wheels (MOW) program provides seven nutritionally balanced meals to an average of 2,450 seniors in Southern Nevada each week.
  - Seniors enrolled in the program are homebound, many living with disabling conditions.
  - Each delivery comes with 7 nutritionally balanced frozen meals, a half gallon of milk and fresh fruit.
- Seniors receive additional support including access to modified meals, nutrition supplements, and Case Coordination services.
  - Modified meals includes pureed and chopped, while Supplements include Nepro and Ensure.

### Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN delivery drivers go into seniors' homes, placing the meals in their freezer and providing weekly check-ins
- Meals on Wheels helps seniors stay independent and in their homes
- CCSN also provides pet food to seniors with animal companions









### Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN recently completed a warehouse and tray line expansion to increase capacity for the program
  - Can produce 1,500 meals in one hour
  - 10% decrease in product waste
  - Capacity to prepare & store meals for up to 3,500 seniors daily

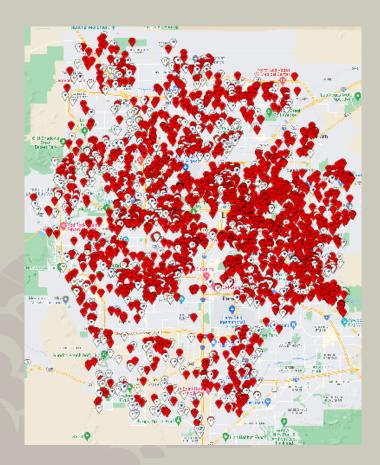








### Meals on Wheels Program Demographics



**2,463** ACTIVE PEOPLE RECEIVING MEALS ON WHEELS

**910** HOMEBOUND SENIORS WAITING FOR FOOD

#### **RECIPIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Average Age: 74 Female 57%

Male 43%

62% White or Caucasian

25% Black or African American

8% Asian

2% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

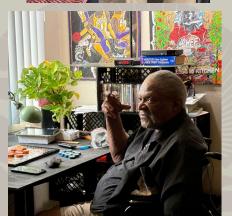
1% American Indian or Alaska Native

1% Other

1% Refused to Answer

### Meals on Wheels Program Impact





Robert played professional football in the 1970's. In 2006, he relocated to Las Vegas for an employment opportunity in the resort corridor and later retired making Nevada his new home. In 2020, Robert was referred to Meals on Wheels due to different health issues.

Robert is wheelchair bound and it is difficult for him to leave his home and go to the store. Standing to prepare food is very difficult. "If you got food in your corner you got everything, it is really important to me because I cannot leave my home very easily," said Robert. Cupping his hands Robert stated, "I got the meals so I am ok, I am so grateful!"

### **Meals on Wheels Program Cost**

- Each Meal is \$8.90 to produce, package, and deliver
- FY25 operating budget for CCSN's MOW program is \$7.8M
  - Funding comes from government and private funds

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Cost Per Week \$62

**\$3,250** 

#### **Assisted Living**

Cost Per Week \$1,140

Cost Per Year **\$59,400** 

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## **Nutritional Health Survey!**

Where we purchase food and what we eat affects our health. Your experiences matter!

Help us understand your grocery shopping and eating habits so we can plan for the future.

Take the nutritional health literacy and access survey linked below.





Scan or Click QR Code to access the survey



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**Dear Director Thornton:** 

Please find attached for your review the 2024 Annual Report of the Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) due to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau by January 31, 2025, per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.4969. This report must cover FFPNL accomplishments and the impact of the Program on food security in the State of Nevada.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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## FOOD FOR PEOPLE NOT FOR LANDFILLS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Food waste is a challenge in Nevada which impacts food security sustainability, the environment, and the economy. Since a significant amount of perfectly good food ends up in the landfill every day, with Nevada having the highest rate per capita of eight (8) pounds per person disposal rate per day.¹ Reducing food waste is an opportunity to reduce costs and tackle some of the pressing social and environmental issues of our time, such as addressing food insecurity and combatting climate change.² The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is entrusted with the Food for People Not for Landfills (FFPNL) Program to support Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.4969 on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director's Office. In addition, the Director's Office has tasked DPBH with providing administrative support to the Council on Food Security (CFS) which created a FFPNL subcommittee to further support food waste initiatives, which include enlisting the support of organizations and programs to enhance statewide collaboration around food waste reduction. The history of FFPNL deliverables is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. 2019-2024 FFPNL Background

2019	Nevada took action to increase the amount of food diverted from landfills to increase food security by developing Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) <u>232.4969</u> (unfunded mandate).
2020	FFPNL was created to increase food security by decreasing food waste and redirecting excess consumable food. The subcommittee completed activities resulting in a donor toolkit outline, a draft program seal, and criteria for partner participation.
2022	The subcommittee meetings paused due to the lack of funds.
May 2023	To support FFPNL, the Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Health Equity Unit applied for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) grant and CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant. Nevada's applications were not selected.
June 2023	OFS partnered with KPS3, a local marketing firm, to assist with developing a range of program initiatives, should funding be secured. These initiatives range from creating awareness of an overall visual identity to an immersive plan focused on a multi-channel campaign to promote efforts through digital, media, and public relations.
2024	OFS partnered with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to host three (3) part-time AmeriCorps members (1200 hours for up to a year). Two (2) members are assigned to food security issues, which include the FFPNL program. AmeriCorps members have begun reaching out to agencies recommended by CFS to identify subcommittee members (Table 2).



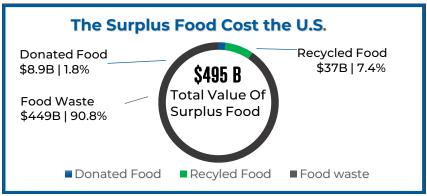
#### **FOOD WASTE DATA OVERVIEW**

Food waste is an issue which impacts the environmental, social, and financial aspects of one's life. In 2020, the World Bank estimates food waste costs the global economy more than \$1 trillion (U.S.). In addition, it is thought an equivalent of 1 billion meals of edible food are wasted every single day worldwide.<sup>3</sup> However, this is likely an underestimation with the real amount much higher. This conservative estimate is equivalent to 1.3 meals lost per person per day. Food waste represents one-third of all the food produced globally and nearly 30% of the world's agricultural areas.<sup>3,11</sup> This waste has potentially devastating effects on both the planet and people. In 2022, an estimated 30% of the global population was moderately or severely food insecure, and up to 783 million were affected by hunger, which is around 122 million more than in 2019.<sup>3</sup> The reduction of food waste has the potential to increase food availability for those in need. In addition, food waste is responsible for up to 10% of greenhouse gas emissions<sup>3</sup> and is a significant issue on the global policy agenda. The United Nations, the U.S. Government, the European Parliament, and global business coalitions have all set goals to cut food loss and waste in half by 2025 or 2030. <sup>4</sup>

In the United States, food is the single most common material sent to landfills, comprising 24.1% of municipal solid waste.<sup>5</sup> Also in the United States, 38% of 235 million tons food go unsold or uneaten.<sup>4</sup> Another term for this is surplus food, and while a very small portion of it is donated or recycled, the vast majority becomes food waste in the form of landfills, incineration, washed down the drain, or left in the fields to rot. It is estimated that 33% of all food in the United States (78 million tons) and 145 billion meals' worth of food goes unsold or uneaten each year. <sup>4</sup> In Figure 1, 90% of the \$473 billion of surplus food is due to food waste, with the greatest financial burden on the consumer.



Figure 1. The Surplus Food Cost the U.S (November 2024)



Data Source: ReFED

Food waste creates many economic challenges, including cost related to labor, logistics and transportation, handling, selling, and the value of the product.<sup>5</sup> Each year Feeding America rescues around 3.6 billion pounds of food,<sup>6</sup> and although substantial, is still only a fraction of the food ending up in landfills. This is concerning since one in eight Americans (many of them children) are food insecure, meaning they lack reliable access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, which could potentially be alleviated through the perfectly edible food considered waste.<sup>4</sup> The impacts of surplus food and food waste on the climate and environment are additional reasons to adopt food recovery plans since uneaten food still requires resources to grow, harvest, transport, cool, cook, or otherwise prepare, even when it ends up being disposed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wasted Food Scale provides examples to help reduce the impact of food waste (Figure 2). <sup>7</sup>



Figure 2. Wasted Food Scale (October 2023)



Data Source: U.S. EPA

Nevada has the highest national per person disposal rate of eight (8) pounds per day compared to the average in the United States of 5 pounds per day. Over one year this equals 1,825 pounds in the United States and 2,920 pounds per person in Nevada. A portion of this waste is generated by the Las Vegas Strip area, which produces 160,000 pounds of food waste per day.

Food waste and food insecurity are closely linked. An example of this can be seen in Nevada where hundreds of thousands of people struggle to access to nutritious food and significant amounts of edible food ends up in the landfill. Based on USDA data in 2023, the food insecurity rate in Nevada was 12.5%. 8 On the other hand, Feeding America indicated the rate of food insecurity among children is 20.9% (144,290) in 2022.9

Some organizations such as regional food banks, local food pantries, homeless shelters and charities have strategies to reduce food waste. During the Impact Presentations given to CFS on July 16, 2024, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) reported rescuing nearly 5 million pounds and Three Square recovered more than 14 million pounds of quality food from retail food partners. In Las Vegas, the EPA recognized MGM Resorts International for implementing a new program to donate unserved food from hotel events, mini-bars, and warehouses to Three Square Food Bank. This program totaled 54,400 pounds of donated food, which is the equivalent of 45,000 meals. <sup>10</sup> According to the SFY24 Fund for Healthy



Nevada (FHN) Hunger survey conducted by Office of Food Security (OFS), four (4) of the eleven (11) FHN partners reported addressing food waste by collaborating with local senior centers, gleaning programs, local farms, Olsen Farms, Begonia Farms, Green Life Produce and other businesses (i.e., Smiths, Albertsons, Starbucks, KFC, Walmart, and Raleys). Eight of the partners reported major food supply chain management (retailer to consumer operations) as the major barrier to reducing food waste in Nevada. Additional barriers included funding, education, policy, and refrigerated trucks.

## **2024 FFPNL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The CFS discussed the FFPNL Program at four meetings in 2024 (01/16/24, 04/02/24, and 07/16/24, and 10/15/2024), which included status updates and finalized the program logistics and a FPPNL subcommittee member list (Table 2). The CFS determined the FFPNL Program will remain as a running agenda item for CFS to monitor activities, deliverables, and provide expert guidance as needed. Additionally, DPBH partnered with National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to host several AmeriCorps members. Two (2) were assigned to the food security, including the FFPNL Program. To date the FFPNL remains an unfunded mandate and DPBH continues to explore funding opportunities.

Table 2. FFPNL Subcommittee CFS Recommended Agencies

United States of Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

Three Square

University of Reno Extension Program

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, includes food rescue

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Food Bank Northern Nevada, includes food rescue

North gaming industry

South gaming industry

Retail or grocery

Reno Gleaning Project

A representative from an organization that does farmers market buy back and/or food rescue from agricultural producers

Helping Hands of Vegas Valley

A representative from food service



## **FFPNL FUTURE FOCUS FOR 2025**

OFS intends to reconvene the subcommittee in 2025 and DPBH will continue to explore funding opportunities. Once the new subcommittee members convene, future goals will be developed. The anticipated goals may include:

- Establishment of program goals.
- A meeting guideline which will include the duration of meetings.
- Development of a financial plan to identify and apply for funding opportunities.
- Establishment of program initiatives and priorities.
- Development of a sustainability plan.
- Determine data that will be used to show the impact of FFPNL on food security in Nevada.
- Establish the criteria for eligibility for a food donor to participate in the Program.
- Gather existing Nevada data on food waste.
- Identify food waste partners.
- Finalization of the program seal and development of a process to allow a food donor who participates in the Program to display or otherwise use the official seal of the Program.
- Finalize the FFPNL toolkit.

## **CONCLUSION**

Food waste is a significant problem in Nevada with social and environmental impacts to the state. DPBH will continue to take measures to secure funding for the program and assist in reducing food waste throughout Nevada. This will include OFS working with the CFS and the subcommittee to provide concerted efforts in establishing FFPNL initiatives and priorities, as well as exploring opportunities with community and state partners.



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# **Link for Agenda Item 7**

Reports Submitted to the Nevada Legislature for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025

# **Attachment for Agenda Item 7**



# SFY24 ANNUAL REPORT FHN HUNGER FUNDS







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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The annual report time-period is State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024), which is considered Year 1 of the grant period. The Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) funds utilize 60% of tobacco settlements received or recovered by the State of Nevada (Fund For A Healthy Nevada.)1 The statutes require funds to be allocated based on services for persons with disabilities, tobacco use prevention and cessation, children's health services, and others based on community needs assessment outcomes. The Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) is responsible for the approval of FHN funds including the \$2,000,000 portion of FHN dedicated to food security services in SFY24. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Grants Management Unit (GMU) is responsible for distributing these FHN funds upon GMAC approval.<sup>2</sup> All funds are distributed over a twoyear period, which includes State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24) and 2025 (SFY25) per the Wellness and Disability Services categories of the FHN statutes. During SFY24, GMU distributed \$1,999,999 to eleven (11) agencies to promote food security programs in Nevada with \$1,994,358.63 of funds being spent. The Hunger Funds were initiated to support the 2018 Statewide Community Needs Assessment conducted in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 439.630, which was also integrated into the current 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan. The Hunger Funds portion of FHN are to be used for the following:

- Align and enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies.
- Support strategies that increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs
- Support client-centered strategies that increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger.
- Establish evaluation and reporting processes to enhance data collection to drive future strategies and track progress in improving food security in Nevada.

FHN Hunger Funds projects align with the following objectives:

- Provide cost-effective services that are accessible, available, and responsive to the needs of individuals, families, and their communities.
- Foster a service delivery system responsive to the individual and cultural diversity of the people and communities served.
- Provide a comprehensive and integrated system of services to promote selfsufficiency.
- Conduct a systematic evaluation of program activities to improve the effectiveness of the FHN Hunger funds.



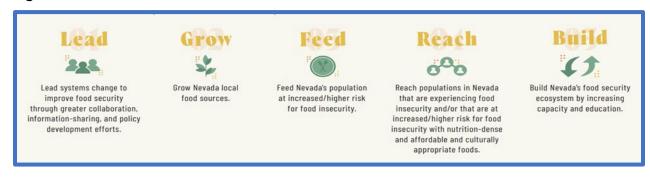
To improve food insecurity, all 17 counties in Nevada were served by at least one of the eleven (11) partners in SFY24. All partners are required to provide quarterly progress and monthly expense reports. Grantees were also required to submit monthly financial reports to monitor expenses per the FHN Hunger Fund notifications. This report highlights those barriers, successes, and gives a general overview of the SFY24 FHN Hunger Fund Program.

#### **HUNGER FUNDS OVERVIEW**

The Office of Food Security (OFS) is responsible for monitoring the FHN Hunger Funds and providing administrative support to the Governor's Council on Food Security (CFS). The goals and objectives of each organization are specific to the area they serve and are designed to enhance food security in the state. Each partner organization creates its own objectives and goals to best meet the individual needs of each area and population served. These expectations increase the ability of food security providers to meet the needs of their population; however, this does create some reporting inconsistencies across organizations that creates some limitations to comparing data and accomplishments across hunger fund awardees. In SFY24, each of the 17 counties in Nevada had at least one of the eleven (11) partners working in their community to improve food security. The grantees were required to submit quarterly progress reports that highlighted their organization's successes and barriers with serving meals relative to their target population. Grantees were also required to submit monthly financial reports to monitor expenses per the FHN Hunger Fund notifications.

As envisioned in the <u>2023 Food Security Strategic Plan</u>, the five foundational themes (Figure 1) of lead, grow, feed, reach, and build were consistent with the partner's objectives and activities. These foundational themes of the Food Security Strategic Plan are in place to promote food security efforts across Nevada. See below for the breakdown of each theme.

Figure 1. The five foundational themes





"The Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan is a systemic plan that is intended to be used by all partners to promote food security efforts across Nevada. OFS will carry out the plan with its partners as it seeks to increase access to nutrition-dense and affordable food for populations who are at increased/higher risk for food insecurity."

# STRATEGIC PLAN: FOOD BANKS AND PANTRIES PLAN ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES





FHN Hunger funds are aligned with the FEED and BUILD pillars. It is common for agencies to leverage other funding sources and have other Scope of Works that go beyond what is listed in this report. Food Banks and Pantries have two (2) FEED goals with three (3) objectives and one (1) BUILD goal with two (2) objectives.

#### **FEED Goals**

FEED Goal 1: Assist Nevada in having efficient logistics, distribution, transportation, and storage systems to address food insecurity.

 All eleven (11) FHN Hunger fund partners provide food distribution to address food insecurity, with some partners working with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to improve their storage systems and provide mobile food distribution to reduce food insecurity.

FEED Goal 2: Assist with Nevada's food recovery efforts to reduce food waste (See Objective 3).

Food insecurity and food waste are critical issues that are closely linked.<sup>4</sup> For example, in Nevada, hundreds of thousands of people struggle to access nutritious food, while a significant amount of perfectly good food ends up in landfills. According to the 2024 FHN survey four (4) of the eleven (11) FHN Hunger Fund partners reported addressing food waste by collaboration with local senior centers, gleaning programs, local farms, Olsen Farms, Begonia Farms, Green Life Produce and other businesses (i.e., Smiths, Albertsons, Starbucks, KFC, Walmart, and Raleys).



## **FEED Objectives**

FEED Objective 1: To help advance improvements in the food logistics, distribution, transportation, and storage systems and funding for those systems with the goal of bringing food to people to address food insecurity while creating a sustainable food ecosystem that values workers, consumers, and the land.

As stated above all eleven (11) FHN Hunger fund agencies provide food distribution
with some partnering with NDA to expand food storage. Each FHN Hunger Fund
Scope of Works is individualized by the FHN Hunger Fund agency to meet the needs
of their community.

FEED Objective 2: To support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity.

- Since the pandemic, each FHN Hunger Fund partner has recognized the importance of transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to their targeted population. However mobile distribution is dependent on, but not limited to funding, location, and the population being served and although food banks serve their local communities, it's not always possible for families to have access to a food pantry due to transportation gaps. Examples of mobile distribution include community apartment food trucks, Ride Unite-United Our Impact resources, drive thru parking lot pantries, and agency refrigerated trucks. Additionally, grocery delivery services like Amazon, DoorDash, and Instacart are partnering with cities and food banks to help with food deliveries and logistics.
- Food Banks and pantries strive to serve all clients in need and adjust future food distribution to compensate for any lack of funds or supplies when the clients they serve increase depending on funding and food supplies. Dignity Health helps food insecure individuals by referring patients to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable prescription (FVRx) program. Dignity Health, FVRx served in SFY24 175 clients with chronic disease and underlying health conditions. FVRx participants were connected to chronic disease classes and programs.
  - As of August 2024, Dignity Health has a 25-client waiting list for their
    prescription program. Dignity Health also started a <u>Meals on Wheels</u>
    <u>program</u> to provide services to enrich, enhance, maintain, sustain, and help
    make more productive the lives of seniors, adults with disabilities, and other
    adults in need mainly Las Vegas and North Las Vegas.



- o In SFY24, Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC) held multiple community events, had a weekly food pantry, and started a Home Delivery Program for clients who are homebound, families with lower income, and individuals residing in the rural quad country region of Northern Nevada-Douglas, Storey, and Lyon Counties. Currently there are ten (10) clients waiting to join their Home Delivery Program.
- In SFY24, UNR maintained the Veggies for Seniors Program and the Veggies for Kids Program, which provides fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors and students. As of August 2024, UNR had five (5) seniors waiting to participate in the Veggies for Seniors Program.

FEED Objective 3: Strengthen producer, processor, and market networks to support food recovery.

- OFS does not monitor each FHN Hunger Fund agency on how they strengthen
  producer, processor, or market networks to support food recovery. However, based
  on the SFY24 FHN survey, four (4) of the FHN agencies collaborated with other
  partners regarding food waste with eight (8) of the agencies reported issues with the
  food supply chain. This is referring to how food gets from production to the
  consumer. This major barrier for reducing food waste in Nevada (Figure 10).
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) reported to the Council on Food Security (CFS) on July 16, 2024, that they rescued nearly 5 million pounds of "quality food" from local food retailers.
- During Three Squares reported on July 16, 2024, that they recovered more than 14 million pounds of quality food from retail food partners.

#### **BUILD Goal**

Build Goal: Assist with resources and programs to the Nevadans that are experiencing food insecurity and/or who are at increased risk for food insecurity. This includes those at increased risk of living in poverty, single-parent households, particularly those led by women, racial and ethnic minorities (such as individuals who are Black and Hispanic), individuals with low incomes, unemployed people, households with multiple children, LGTBQ individuals, people with disabilities, and those experiencing job loss, medical emergencies, or natural disasters.<sup>5,6</sup>

 FHN Hunger fund activities include distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables for a home-delivery or pick-up produce food distribution program.



All eleven (11) FHN Hunger fund partner agencies have their own unique system to connect and refer clients experiencing food insecurity to other programs or needed resources. An example demonstrating this, Dignity Health promotes English and Spanish nutrition classes and programs offered at St. Rose Community and Wellness Centers.

## **BUILD Objectives**

BUILD Objective 1: Collect and promote information about food resources in Nevada and about how to prepare nutrition-dense foods.

Several FHN Hunger fund partners have Scope of Works or their own processes in promoting information about food resources and preparing nutrition-dense foods. An example of this is that Food Bank of Northern Nevada provides SNAP application assistance, nutrition and health information, and referrals for other nutrition programs and support services to pantry clients who present at the pantry with a food prescription.

 Recipes are specially designed to be nutrition-dense foods and align with current food being distributed.

BUILD Objective 2: Community partners plan for the future of food security solutions.

OFS does not manage the community partners plans for the future of food security.
 However, FHN partners remain a willing partner in solution development and collaboration with some partners even seeking capacity improvements in refrigerated storage and mobile distribution based on the SFY24 FHN Survey.



SFY24 FHN Hunger Funds				
NORTHERN NEVADA				
Partner Name Area Served	Scope of Work Achievements	Brief Overview		
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN)  Churchill, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine, Humboldt	CCNN agreed to deliver to a minimum of ten (10) pantries and one client choice pantry using FHN funds. CCNN delivered to thirteen (13) pantries, one client choice pantry, and eight 8 sub pantries (White Pine County and DuckWater-NYE County) distributing 44,500 pounds of food (37,000 meals). Through these pantries CCNN served 75,500 duplicated individuals in eleven (11) counties using FHN funds while leveraging partner funds. Additionally, CCNN engaged 8400 duplicated individuals through bilingual case management services.	<ul> <li>Neighborhood Centers</li> <li>Drive-thru</li> <li>Walk-in</li> <li>Pantry</li> <li>Rural Outreach Pantries</li> <li>Mobile Food Pantry</li> </ul>		
Communities In Schools of Nevada (CIS)	CIS maintained one (1) food pantry through Friends in Service Helping (FISH) serving 47,300 meals to 1,642 unduplicated individuals. CIS provided 7,596 meals to 403 unduplicated students in the Elko County School District through the WeekEnd BackPack Program. Additionally, CIS referred 297 unduplicated individuals to necessary resources to reduce food insecurity.	<ul> <li>Mobile Food         Pantry     </li> <li>Boxed Lunches</li> </ul>		
Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)  Carson City, Washoe, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lyon, Mineral, Churchill, Humboldt, Nye, Pershing, White Pine, Lander, Storey, Douglas	FBNN maintained 14 pantries and 13 healthcare agency partnership serving a minimum of 175,000 unduplicated food-insecure individuals.	<ul> <li>Drive-thru</li> <li>Walk-in</li> <li>Pantry</li> <li>Mobile Food Pantry</li> </ul>		
Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC) Carson City, Lyon, Storey, Washoe, and Douglas	NNDC located in Carson City Nevada provides pantry services to its community and surround areas. Through their pantry, NNDC served 2,178 unduplicated individuals. Using mobile services including home delivery and a mobile food truck, NNDC provided food to 501 and 1,302 unduplicated individuals. In addition, they created 12 recipes for individuals to use based on the food distributed. During Christmas they provided dinner bags to 700 households.	<ul> <li>Drive Thru Food Distribution</li> <li>Mobile Food Pantry</li> <li>Door-To-Door Home Delivery</li> </ul>		
University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)  Mineral and Washoe, including Schurz (Walker River Reservation) and Sutcliff (Pyramid Lake Reservation).	UNR maintained the Veggies for Seniors Program distributing fresh produce bags to 263 duplicated individuals on an ongoing basis over a ten (10) month period. UNR also maintained the Veggies for Kids Program, which provides fresh fruits and vegetables delivered at the schools for students to take home. UNR distributed 513 fresh produce bags to at least 453 duplicated students over a four (4) month period versus the goal of a five (5) month period. UNR provided referral services to a minimum of 128 duplicated individuals without maintaining a monthly waitlist.	<ul> <li>Produce         Subscription         Box</li> <li>Collaborations         with other         agencies</li> </ul>		



Washoe County Human Services Partner (WCHSA)  Washoe County	Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) offers women, men, children, and seniors wrap-around services when experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. The WCHSA model includes a peer-led service with volunteers and dedicated staff. The programs are designed to help individuals stabilize to improve their access to food and housing. These efforts also improve the overall health of communities.	OUR PLACE Women and Families Shelter, TADS Shelter residents, CrossRoads
	SOUTHERN NEVADA	
Partner Name Area Served	Scope of Work Achievements	Brief Overview
Desert Spring Community Resource Center, Inc. (DSCRC)  Clark County (Las Vegas and	DSCRC maintained one (1) client-choice food pantry, which was open four (4) days per week and six (6) mobile food distribution events quarterly, which served 37,289 duplicated individuals and provided 330,280 meals (396,337 pounds of food) to Clark County residents. The majority of duplicated individuals served were female (17,572), white (11,639), and 18-59 years old (16,050). DSCRC maintained two (2) part-time staff with one hundred (100) volunteers who provided food to clients and/or referred thirty (30) individuals to outside programs and services. DSCRC also hosted four (4)	Mobile Food Pantry     Drive-Thru Food Distribution
Summerlin)	events open to all clients that taught about healthy eating, planning meals on a budget, accessing financial benefits, and healthy aging and wellness.	
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican  Clark County (Las Vegas, Henderson,	Since 2019, Dignity Health partnered with two (2) local farmers (Cluck it Farm and Rod's Produce Market). In SFY24, Dignity Health maintained 175 participants (135 individuals enrolled to home deliveries and 40 individuals who redeemed vouchers) in the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx). Twelve (12) food boxes were distributed to 135 participants in the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program for a total of six (6) months and consisted of 7-10 pounds of seasonal produce. Forty (40) FVRx unduplicated participants redeemed their farmer's market/fresh produce vouchers bi-monthly and selected their own fresh fruits and vegetables from Rod's Produce Market located in Summerlin and Henderson. Additionally, in SFY24, Dignity Health promoted the Las Vegas Farmers Market	<ul> <li>Fresh Produce</li> <li>Prescription         Boxes</li> <li>Farmer's market         program pilot</li> </ul>
Summerlin)	SNAP Program to at least seventy (70) individuals and connected forty (40) unduplicated individuals to chronic disease classes and programs.	
Keystone Enrichment Foundation	Keystone Enrichment Foundation maintained one (1) pantry that supported the community of Sandy Valley, Goodsprings, and Primm, which resides approximately 50 minutes from a main grocery store. Keystone provided 331,310 pounds of food (276,092 meals), served 22,501 duplicated individuals, and referred 290 duplicated clients to community programs and resources using FHN funds and leveraging funds from other partners, including the Department of Agriculture	<ul> <li>Food Pantry</li> <li>Drive Thru Food Distribution</li> <li>Boxed lunches</li> </ul>
Clark County (Sandy Valley, Goodsprings, and Primm)	(NDA). Keystone maintained one (1) pantry assistant to support the pantry distribution and served seventeen (17) seniors through mobile distribution. Keystone also served 450 unduplicated children who participated in	



	the Youth Sports and Arts Program with 450 lunch bags for the entire year.		
NYE Communities Coalition Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln County	NYE engaged 9 partners to provide 36,456.22 meals to the rural communities of Nye, Lincoln, and Esmeralda counties. There were 299 students who were provided with 12,080 backpacks for food bags throughout 19 schools, leveraging support from Three Square.	•	Drive-Thru Food Distribution Walk-in Pantries
Three Square Food Bank Nye, Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln County	Three Square distributed 574,245 pounds of produce serving 67,715 unduplicated individuals and 63,862 individual bags of produce as of 06/30/2024 using FHN funds.	•	Walk-in Drive-thru Food Pantry Mobile Food Pantry

## **PARTNER SUCCESSES**

The hallmark of these projects are the collaborative partnerships developed, which help each partner provide individuals and families with food to meet their immediate needs and assist with finding long-term solutions such as federal benefit programs, employment, and housing opportunities. Hunger Fund partners expended 99.7% of funds in SFY24 (Table 1). The remaining balance of \$5,639.65 is a result of staff transition among FBNN, clients unenrolling at the end of the grant period at Dignity Health, and challenges in addressing the indirect rate Food distribution focuses on providing fresh food and standard non-perishables to help supply Nevadans with nutrient dense food. In total, 1,318,972 (1,031,002 duplicated, 287,970 unduplicated) individuals were served, and 1,308,704 pounds of food were distributed throughout SFY24 (Table 2 and 3). Although the pandemic resulted in a lack of volunteers, especially for smaller organizations, partners were able to increase participants through collaborating with businesses, local schools, and other nearby organizations in SFY24.

Table 1-3: 2024 FHN HUNGER FUNDS

Table 1. The amount of FHN Hunger Funds Expended by State Fiscal Year

SFY	Remaining Balance out of Total Award	Funds Expended (%)
SFY22	\$75,014.91 out of 1,999,922	96.25%
SFY23	\$17,947.99 out of 1,999,774	99.10%
SFY24	\$5,639.65 out of \$1,999,999	99.72%

Abbreviation: SFY (State Fiscal Year)



Table 2. The amount of FHN Hunger Funds awarded and spent by partners

Partners	Award Amount	Amount Spent	Balance
University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) - Extension	\$77,830.00	\$77,172.42	\$657.58
Three Square Food Bank	\$432,962.00	\$432,962.00	\$0.00
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	\$405,373.00	\$402,362.42	\$3,010.58
Desert Springs Community Resource Center	\$41,869.00	\$41,814.78	\$54.22
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada	\$300,837.00	\$300,817.55	\$19.45
Washoe County Human Services Agency	\$231,274.00	\$231,274.00	\$0.00
Northern Nevada Dream Center	\$93,530.00	\$93,529.34	\$0.66
Nye Communities Coalition	\$127,573.00	\$127,565.38	\$7.62
Communities in Schools - Elko	\$137,627.00	\$137,627.00	\$0.00
Keystone Enrichment Foundation	\$37,098.00	\$36,911.84	\$186.16
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican	\$114,026.00	\$112,321.96	\$1,704.04
Totals	\$1,999,999.00	\$1,994,358.69	\$5,639.65

Table 3. The number of individuals served, and pounds of food distributed

Partners	Individuals Served (Duplicated)	Individuals Served (Unduplicated)	Pounds of Food Distributed	Overall Agency Pounds <sup>a</sup>
University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) - Extension	5,409	31	83,333	93,425
Three Square Food Bank	248,605	67,715	574,246	49,307,584
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	308,114	180,837	292,791	34,483,045
Desert Springs Community Resource Center	37,289	4,507	33,407	396,337
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevadab	334,576	12,888	143,462	3,428,198
Washoe County Human Services Agency <sup>c</sup>	1,916	•	90,127.20	
Northern Nevada Dream Center <sup>d</sup>	22,909	5,074	36,204	534,790
Nye Communities Coalition	43,077	7,936	43,747	113,301
Communities in Schools - Elko	12,031	2,882	63,688	585,311
Keystone Enrichment Foundation <sup>e</sup>	22,501	5,925	24,000	331,310
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican	1,900	175	13,826	13,826
Totals	1,031,002	287,970	1,308,704	89,287,127

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>All funds including FHN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Individuals served is based on the total individuals served and not just by FHN funds. Uses a formula to estimate the number of unduplicated individuals.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm c}$ Did not have adequate information to report unduplicated individuals served. Does not track the total pounds of food distributed.

dIndividuals served is based on the total funds and not just FHN funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup>Individuals served is based on the total individuals served and not just by FHN funds. Pounds of food distributed by FHN funds is based on an estimate.



#### **PARTNER BARRIERS**

The food supply chain was impacted by COVID-19 during the whole process from the field to the consumer including agricultural production, postharvest handling, processing, distribution/retail/service, and consumption. COVID-19 resulted in movement restrictions of workers, changes in demand of consumers, closure of food production facilities, restricted food trade policies, and financial pressures in food supply chain. Additionally, some food banks faced challenges with their supply chains such as donations from grocery stores declined as consumers panic buying and hoarded products. Nevada's agriculture industry has experienced major challenges in the food supply chain infrastructure, particularly in instances of critical emergencies such as COVID-19.9 Food banks and pantries encountered operational challenges during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. These included supply chain disruptions, increased demand, and volunteer shortages. According to the 2024 FHN Survey, partners encountered continued challenges include volunteer shortages, refrigerated trucks, storage, and rising costs of food delivery.

Despite these barriers, eleven (11) partners used FHN Hunger Funds to provide or distribute food to residence of Nevadans, which included resource referrals. Based on the 2024 FHN survey, the majority of FHN Hunger Fund partners, provided access to children toys, basic necessities (soap, toothpaste, blanket, school supplies, clothing, etc.) and food. Some partners provided access to pet food (dog and cat). As noted from the 2024 FHN Partner Information survey, less than half of the partners encountered barriers. These barriers included limited refrigerated trucks, limited storage, rising costs, reduced funding, partners' capacity to store food, and limited volunteers (Figure 2). Based on the increase cost in food and partner barriers DPBH requested additional funding for SFY26-27.



Figure 2. Barriers faced by FHN Hunger Fund partners<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Questions asked of partners: "Have you encountered any barriers when delivering food or having food picked up?"



Based on the survey, three (3) of the Hunger Fund for a Healthy Nevada partners provided Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) to clients such as books, posters, pamphlets, and newsletters. Three (3) of partners also provided SNAP-Ed referrals which send them to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Three Square, the UNR extension or other existing resources. Partners facilitate awareness about SNAP-Ed programs through Rethink your drink, Produce Pick of the Month, Healthy Steps to Freedom, Eating Smart Being Active, Pick a Better Snack, Choose health: Food Fun and Fitness (CHFFF), Bingocize, Healthy Aging, and Grow Yourself Healthy.

## **DATA 2024 - FHN HUNGER FUNDS STATISTICAL REPORT**

Data regarding the goals and objectives of Hunger partners 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. Most partners use Oasis, which is a software developed through collaboration with food banks and contributors following the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina. This software is designed to streamline the food distribution and reporting process of food banks and their partner agencies through the tracking of individual case management and reducing the duplication of services. As of 2022, 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.

The FHN Hunger Fund partners are required to collect specific data elements, that include demographics to better understand the population receiving services with FHN Hunger Funds. However, partners continue to experience opposition when asking for personal information from their clients. The larger distribution centers, such as CCNN, rely on more than 40 outreach pantries to collect their data and have noted outreach sites are volunteer run which makes collecting demographics more difficult because of the need for reliable tools and training. Although training is offered, volunteer turnover makes it difficult to maintain the number of trained volunteers. In SFY23, there was evidence to support clients being more willing to provide personal information when the FHN partner had an established trusting relationship, which seemed to be more common among smaller



organizations. FHN partners have reported that the use of Oasis, has made demographic tracking easier.

During SFY23, the DHHS distributed a memorandum regarding NRS 239B.022-239B.026 that now requires the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression data by state and local governmental agencies on forms that include questions about race and ethnicity. Since the partners are not formally state and/or local government agencies, they had the option to provide this data in SFY24. Each of the partners were notified independently and given a chance to express their questions and concerns. Some common concerns initially were the creation of another barrier for clients to access food due to their own personal beliefs, the impact it could have on the community, and the religious beliefs and affiliations of agencies. All partners reported on gender, but only Dignity Health reported on sexual orientation. Dignity Health found that of the individuals they served during SFY24, the majority reported being female (58%) and straight/heterosexual (79%). Additionally, 14% of individuals reported to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual with 7% of respondents choosing to not answer or preferred to not disclose. Gender reporting by all partners found the population to be 43% male, 50% female, and 7% other/no response (Figure 3). All partners would like to remain inclusive for all clients and reduce barriers for Nevadans to access food. For the race of individuals, FHN partners reported 54% White, 9% African American, 6% American Indian and American Native, 2% Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, 5% multi- Race, 14% others/no answer (Figure 4). For the ethnicity of individuals, FHN partner reported 38% Hispanic, 52% non-Hispanic, 10% other/no answer (Figure 5). FHN Hunger Fund partners reported age of those served in SFY24 as 59,345 aged 0 to 5, 122,924 aged 6 to 17, 316,750 aged 18 to 59, 35,582 other/no answer in SFY24 (Figure 6).

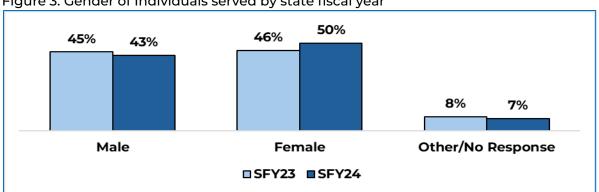


Figure 3. Gender of Individuals served by state fiscal year

Abbreviation: SFY (State Fiscal Year)

**54**% 46% 42% 14% 10% **9**% 6% **5**% **4**% **2**% **2**% 1% 1% White AI/AN NH/PI **Multi-Race** AA **Asian** Other/No Answer ■SFY23 ■SFY24

Figure 4. Race of Individuals Served by state fiscal year

Abbreviation: SFY (State Fiscal Year), AA (African American), AI/AN (American Indian and American Native), NH/PI (Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander).

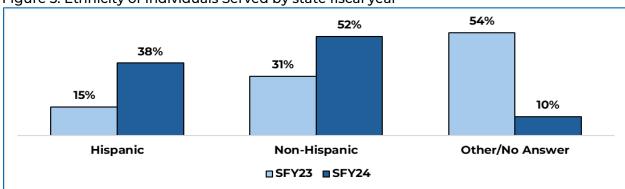


Figure 5. Ethnicity of Individuals Served by state fiscal year

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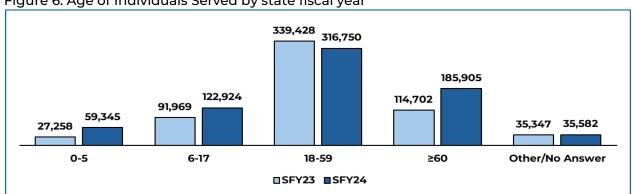


Figure 6. Age of Individuals Served by state fiscal year

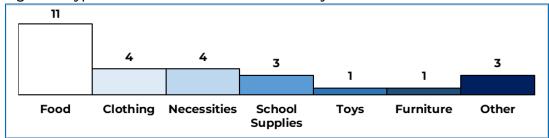
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## **SFY24 HUNGER Funds Survey**

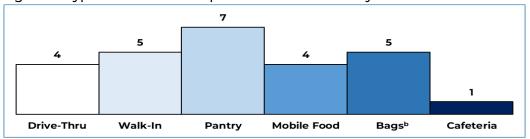
OFS distributed a survey that was completed by all FHN Hunger Fund partners at the end of SFY24. An analysis of the food distribution section that found five (5) of the partners distribute food to the public daily, four (4) distribute weekly, one (1) distributes biweekly, and one (1) distributes on a bimonthly basis. In addition, four (4) of the partners reported distributing food to over 500 individuals (Nye County, Clark Conty, Esmeralda County, White Pine County, Lander County, Washoe County, Eureka County, Elko County, Humboldt County, Pershing County, Churchill County) three (3) partners reported distributing food to over 300 individuals (Clark County, Elko County, Nye County, Lincoln County, Esmeralda County) and the remaining (4) four partners reported distributing food to over 100 individuals (Mineral County, Washoe County, Carson County, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County) The delivery and pickup vary by the need of the partner and clients. All partners provide differing levels of food service with six (6) partners providing additional items (i.e., clothing, necessities; etc.) as highlighted in Figure 7. As depicted in Figure 8, the most common way customers are being served is through a pantry. The second most common method is walk-ins and food bags followed by drive-thru and mobile foods. One (1) of the eleven (11) partners has a cafeteria style distribution. Figure 9 describes the addressing of food waste among partners, which highlights four (4) who connect with local farms, local senior center, or other agencies (i.e. Smiths, Albertson, Raleys, Walmart, KFC, Starbucks). In addition, the majority of partners host volunteer organizations such as National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Public Health AmeriCorps, churches, schools, fraternal organizations, community groups, and local businesses. The conclusion of the survey found only one (1) partner who reported experiencing excessive waste with fruits due to being bruised/damaged. Reported partner challenges in reducing food waste included funding, food supply chain management, education, policy, and refrigerated trucks (Figure 10).

Figure 7. Type of services offered in state fiscal year 24<sup>a</sup>



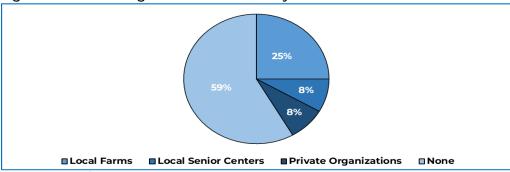
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Questions asked of partners: "What service(s) does your organization offer?"

Figure 8. Type of food services provided in state fiscal year 24<sup>a</sup>



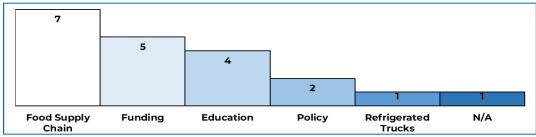
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Question asked of partners: "How are customers being served using FHN funds?"

Figure 9. SFY24 Hunger Funds Community Food Waste Partners<sup>a</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>What agency/agencies do you partner with to address food waste?

Figure 10. Responses to challenges of reducing food waste in state fiscal year 24<sup>a</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Questions asked of partners: "What challenges do you see in reducing food waste in Nevada?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Examples of Necessities category included soap, toothpaste, and blankets

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Other category included cat and dog food, life recovery resources/meetings, job readiness training, emergency shelter, rental assistance, community health workers and workforce development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Bags category includes weekend food bags, food baskets, boxed lunches, and produce subscription boxes



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# **Attachment for Agenda Item 8**

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and seniors.	od insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on	school-aged children, low soci	oeconomic status people
Lead Agency: Office of	Supporting Partners: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental N	utrition Drogram for Moman	Infants and Children
Food Security (OFS) and	(WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP	<u> </u>	
Council on Food security	districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	, scriooi stakerioiders (Departir	ient of Education, school
(CFS)	districts, etc. J, and NDA Division of Food and Natifition.		
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<b>1.4.1</b> Support in the		Four (4)	•
identification of	The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC,  SNAP, DMCS, and academic partners to identify.	presentations to the	Increase participation in programs designed to
	SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify	'	
partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP	a representative who is willing to present at CFS	CFS annually by	reduce food insecurity.
	about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships	12/31.	Sixtoon (16)
participation and support rural program efforts for	<ul><li>statewide.</li><li>Presentation to include barriers</li></ul>		Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS
the Child and Adult Care		Identification of partners	by 2027.
Food Program and	preventing partners from accepting	for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.	by 2027.
Summer Food Service	supplemental nutritional assistance	04/30 ailitually.	
	applications, which will be tracked via		
Program.	CFS Annual Reports.	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for	
	CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at	Northern Nevada	
	minimum three (3) rural representatives for the	Fair/Conference.	
	Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or	,	
	Summer Food Service Program to present	0 (4)	
	during the CFS annually. This can include, but	One (1) presentation at	
	not limited to NDA program staff.	the Northern Nevada	
	Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the	Fair/Conference by	
	NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and	12/31/25.	
	Summer Food Service Program to present at		
	both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food	Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the	
	Security Fair/Conference.	Southern Nevada	
	CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada  Page through of April 18 by 1	Fair/Conference.	
	Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of		
	Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders	0 (4)	
	(food distribution on Indian Reservations,	One (1) presentation at	
	school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to	the Southern Nevada	
	increase awareness around NDA administered	Fair/Conference by	

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.1**: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information and data-sharing among food ecosystem partners by developing and delivering a well-designed presentation to the Nevada legislature on food insecurity and food needs in Nevada. Collaborating with existing organizations like DPBH and CFS, as well as other relevant food ecosystem partners, to increase the effectiveness of these presentations. Host two (2) Food Security fairs/conferences in Southern and Northern Nevada, bringing together local food ecosystem partners, community members, and policy makers, to engage through various keynote speakers and discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.

**Priority Population(s):** Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS) **Supporting Partners:** DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Banks, Food Pantries, Council on Food Security (CFS), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and sponsors.

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.1.1 Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) each Biennium.	<ul> <li>A designated CFS council member will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present annually to the committee.</li> <li>CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee each biennium, including recommendations that align with Objective 1.2 and 1.2.3 strategy.</li> <li>CFS to identify a member to present to JISCHHS who will prepare and present a presentation, follow up on Committee questions, and provide ongoing presentations as necessary and/or requested by JISCHHS and/or CFS.</li> </ul>	LCB to be initially contacted by 05/31/2024.  LCB contacted again in 2026 by 05/31/2026.  CFS identifies a member to present by 02/29  A minimum of one (1) annual presentation by 12/31	CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 2027.
	All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	

1.1.2 Organize and host two (2) Food Security Fairs/Conferences: one, (1) in Southern Nevada and one (1) in Northern Nevada. Fairs/Conferences to include stakeholders/partners and service providers/vendors as identified by the food security partners, CFS, and the workgroup.

## The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be the OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:

- Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences.
- A Survey with Food Security stakeholders/partners and service providers to determine the target audience, presenters (WIC, Child Welfare, Seniors, SNAP, food banks and pantries, transportation service, NDA, early education, mobile grocery shopping, etc.), location, remote option, vendors, date, and time.
  - The Target Audience for the fair/conference at minimum must include an invitation to the following programs: WIC, SNAP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program, and food service vendors across the spectrum of food services, including at least one (1) agency with a fleet.
- Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship.
- Establish a Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda.
- Determine if guidelines are necessary.
- Invitations to both conferences are to include legislative partners as identified by the CFS.

## Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.

• Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs.

## Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.

 Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc. Workgroup Established by 02/29/2024.

Survey to Partners by 05/31/2024.

Funding Source and sponsors Identified by 12/31/2024.

Efforts and presentations to be documented in the CFS Annual report by 01/31

Schedule/Agenda for the Fairs/Conferences to be completed 3 months before Fair/Conference Date.

Northern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2025.

Southern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2027. One (1) Fair/Conference in Southern
Nevada and one (1)
Fair/Conference in
Northern Nevada with a
CFS Annual Report that includes a provider and vendor list, conference presentation summaries, and a contact list to assist in the elimination of the hunger gap in
Nevada.

Resources: <a href="https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf">https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf</a>, Southern Nevada Food Council, Northern Nevada Food Council, Washoe County Food Policy Council, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Mental Health Stakeholders, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Nevada Department of Transportation NDOT), Southwest Regional Food Business Center Project, and Food Service partners identified in the 2022 survey for the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan.

#### **Goal Indicators:**

- Food insecurity rate
- Number of clients served by food security service providers
- Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.2:** Partner with local farmers, food vendors, tribal communities, and other community organizations to support initiatives aimed at increasing mobile access (food trucks, community gardens, mobile markets, etc.) to healthy foods throughout the State of Nevada, specifically the underserved and remote areas (Churchill County, Elko, Esmeralda County, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Lyon, Storey, Douglas, and White Pine).

**Priority Population(s):** Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

<b>Lead Agency:</b> Office of
Food Security (OFS) and
Council on Food security
(CFS)

**Supporting Partners:** CFS, OFS, sponsors, stakeholders/partners from Nevada tribal nations,housing, and the transportation sector. Supporting partners will also include NDA, The Division of Plant Health and Compliance works and Division of Food and Nutrition and local farmers.

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.2.1 Recommend a revision of Nevada Revised Statue (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.	<ul> <li>CFS to make recommendations to Nevada's         Legislature Interim Health and Human Service         Committee through an interim HHS presentation.</li> <li>CFS to make recommendations to the Director of the         Health Department of Health and Human Services         (DHHS) through the CFS Annual Reports that are         submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).</li> <li>Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing         and transportation section(s) and include at least</li> </ul>	A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.  Recommendation to DHHS Director by 01/31/2025  CFS 2024 Annual Report with recommendations completed by 01/31/25	Three (3) additional seats for the CFS by 2027.

two (2) members from Nevada's tribal communities (North/South).		
CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing transportation sector, and tribal communities	One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.	By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations.
to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.	One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027)	CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.
	Efforts and presentation to be documented in the	
	each year.	
All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to	One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in	By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations.
county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.	2025 and again in 2027	CFS Annual Reports to include summary of
All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	presentations.
	(North/South).  CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.  All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.  CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.  All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or	(North/South).  CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.  One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.  One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027)  Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report each year.  All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.  CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.  Efforts to continue threim Health and Human Services Committee in 2025 and again in 2027 Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.3:** Support new strategic partnerships and increase awareness among the food security ecosystem regarding service providers and funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity. The Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Council on Food Security (CFS) will leverage a statewide Food Security Fair/Conference and other existing marketing to assist with awareness.

**Priority Population(s):** Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS) **Supporting Partners:** OFS, CFS, **s**ponsors, Food Banks, Food Pantries, NDA Division of Food and Nutrition, Food Security Service Providers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.3.1 Support the state lead in needs related to the federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant	<ul> <li>OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually.</li> <li>OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year.</li> <li>Allow representative(s) from SNAP to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference on SNAP EBT Modernization and other funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people.</li> </ul>	One (1) presentation to CFS annually by 12/31.  One (1) SNAP presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.  One (1) SNAP presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.
		Efforts and presentation to be	
		documented in the	
		CFS Annual Report	

		each year.  Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
ninimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul> <li>The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying a minimum of two (2) service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference.</li> <li>OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of a minimum of two (2) service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Neveda In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference.</li> <li>Transportation Service providers shall include but not limited to services that bring the food to the people and the people to the food with equity among the rural and urban communities.</li> </ul>	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.  Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.  Northern Neveda Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.  Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.	Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people.

**Resources:** <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center">https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center</a>, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.

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Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.4**: Utilize existing outreach channels and participate in marketing opportunities to inform eligible individuals and eligible households about WIC and SNAP benefits, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and any other additional summer food, school lunch, and breakfast programs. Increase awareness of existing campaigns that emphasize the benefits, requirements, and application processes for sponsors.

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and seniors.	od insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on	school-aged children, low soci	oeconomic status people
Lead Agency: Office of	Supporting Partners: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental N	utrition Drogram for Moman	Infants and Children
Food Security (OFS) and	(WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP	<u> </u>	
Council on Food security	districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	, scriooi stakerioiders (Departir	ient of Education, school
(CFS)	districts, etc. J, and NDA Division of Food and Natifition.		
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<b>1.4.1</b> Support in the		Four (4)	•
identification of	The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC,  SNAP, DMCS, and academic partners to identify.	presentations to the	Increase participation in programs designed to
	SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify	'	
partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP	a representative who is willing to present at CFS	CFS annually by	reduce food insecurity.
	about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships	12/31.	Sixtoon (16)
participation and support rural program efforts for	<ul><li>statewide.</li><li>Presentation to include barriers</li></ul>		Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS
the Child and Adult Care		Identification of partners	by 2027.
Food Program and	preventing partners from accepting	for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.	by 2027.
Summer Food Service	supplemental nutritional assistance	04/30 ailitually.	
	applications, which will be tracked via		
Program.	CFS Annual Reports.	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for	
	CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at	Northern Nevada	
	minimum three (3) rural representatives for the	Fair/Conference.	
	Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or	,	
	Summer Food Service Program to present	0 (4)	
	during the CFS annually. This can include, but	One (1) presentation at	
	not limited to NDA program staff.	the Northern Nevada	
	Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the	Fair/Conference by	
	NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and	12/31/25.	
	Summer Food Service Program to present at		
	both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food	Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the	
	Security Fair/Conference.	Southern Nevada	
	CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada	Fair/Conference.	
	Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of	1 2, 30	
	Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders	0 - (4)	
	(food distribution on Indian Reservations,	One (1) presentation at	
	school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to	the Southern Nevada	
	increase awareness around NDA administered	Fair/Conference by	

programs aimed to improve food Security	12/31/27.
(Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food	
Distribution on Indian Reservations, School	All efforts and
Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food	presentation
Programs, etc.).	summaries are to be
	included in the CFS
	Annual Report.
	Efforts to continue
	through 12/31/2027.

**Resources:** Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, Northern Nevada Council on Food Security, State of Nevada's Council on Food Security, Division of Public Behavioral Health-The Office of Food Security, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Education, and Statewide Food Banks.