



## **Hunger Relief Capacity & Infrastructure Grant Questions and Answers**

### **1. What insurance will you cover? Food truck? Volunteer liability? Any others?**

United Way of Palm Beach County (UWPBC) does not cover insurance. Awarded agencies must provide proof of their liability insurance before receiving funds.

### **2. Food computer data management system: Will it cover its monthly costs?**

UWPBC technology grant will cover software costs and monthly subscriptions; however, agencies will need to secure funding for long-term use. A timeline for using UWPBC funds and plans for sustainability must be included in the work plan and budget.

### **3. No mention of any opportunity for short-range food insufficiency funding. Our most significant need is food especially as it relates to nutritional meals. Can any be included?**

The end of COVID-era relief programs, in tandem with inflationary issues, has placed additional pressure on hunger relief partners to provide more food to Palm Beach County residents. MacKenzie Scott funds are restricted funds to be used for long-term, sustainable projects that improve the hunger relief infrastructure in Palm Beach County. Although MacKenzie Scott funds **cannot** be used to purchase food, UWPBC and Hunger Relief Initiative staff are working with partners and collaborators to advocate for legislation that would provide food purchases and identify funders who can help fill the gap.

The MacKenzie Scott Strategic Plan outlined an approach to facilitate creating a more robust, more comprehensive, and coordinated (across systems and within the hunger system) network of support for food-insecure Palm Beach County residents. The goal is to alleviate hunger in the short term while promoting the residents' self-sufficiency in the long term. Toward that goal, the specific strategies and tactics recommended were designed to expand the volume of nutritious food available through the hunger relief system, increase the ability of pantries to distribute this increased volume of food, and connect food-insecure residents to the array of services available and needed (e.g., education, employment, housing, health, etc.) to build their capacity and foster stability.

### **4. What is the maximum amount an agency can apply for?**

UWPBC wants to fund as many projects as possible to enhance the current hunger relief infrastructure. Currently, there is approximately \$500,000 available to fund technology, equipment, and alternative farming grants.



**5. On the webinar, I thought we needed to get quotes to submit with the proposal...how many quotes should we have for comparisons? Where do we upload this information in the grant request form?**

Applicants must provide at least two quotes or a written rationale as to why two quotes were not obtained. The information must be uploaded into JotForm.

**6. If funded, would we be purchasing these items immediately and continue to report over the grant year cycle how this additional equipment has helped maximize our impact in the countywide hunger relief efforts? OR are the funds, if awarded, dispersed throughout the year; therefore, do we need to purchase the various equipment throughout the grant cycle and not all at once?**

Awarded funds will be sent directly to the agency so purchases can be made for the requested items. For accountability purposes, proof of purchase is required, and unspent dollars must be returned to UWPBC.

Agencies are required to report on their outcome measurements on how the items made an impact in the countywide Hunger Relief efforts.

**7. Can we apply for a refrigerated van to increase the number of clients we can support?**

Agencies can apply for items that are used for the sole purpose of assisting Palm Beach County residents facing food insecurities.