

Summaries of Funded TEFAP Rural Infrastructure Grants

Alaska – Food Bank of Alaska

\$95,600

This project will increase the amount of frozen TEFAP food the Food Bank is able to distribute in rural Alaska by providing additional freezers to 25 rural Alaskan communities. The Food Bank of Alaska will also purchase warehouse equipment and upgrade its freezer so the food bank will be able to better store and more efficiently ship TEFAP foods to the rural Alaskan communities and villages.

California – California Emergency FoodLink

\$250,000

California Emergency Foodlink will purchase four new refrigerated trailers, which will increase the amount of recovered fresh fruits and vegetables they are able to distribute in the rural areas of California. Foodlink plans to use the new trailers for tailgate distributions in these counties to supplement the regular TEFAP distributions.

Colorado—Costilla County Public Health Agency

\$250,000

Costilla County Public Health Agency anticipates moving its location to an existing county building which will necessitate several improvements to the site. The grant funds will be used to purchase a generator, walk-in cooler/refrigerator, kitchen appliances, and van. Furthermore, it will renovate the interior, electrical, heating, plumbing, and loading dock and relocate and install a total of three walk-in coolers. It will also build an addition to the building for the refrigeration units.

Florida—Treasure Coast Food Bank

\$100,000

The Treasure Coast Food Bank will purchase a new truck with heavy suspension capable of carrying 33,000 pounds, and a 26 foot insulated box, refrigeration unit, and lift gate for the truck. With the help of its truck, the food pantry anticipates being able to recover an additional 300,000 pounds of fresh, frozen, and canned foods annually.

Georgia—Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc

\$58,556

The Southwest Georgia Community Action Council and the Colquitt Food Bank will purchase a refrigerated truck, three freezers, and three coolers. With these additions, the food bank will be able to improve the infrastructure and cost efficiency of delivering prepared meals to senior citizens and increase the amounts of perishable USDA Foods and donated foods throughout the region.

Kentucky—God’s Pantry Food Bank

\$250,000

God’s Pantry Food Bank will purchase a new truck, trailer with refrigeration unit, and a pallet jack; and hire a driver for the truck. With the help of the grant award, the food bank anticipates distributing 17 million pounds in fiscal year (FY) 2010, 19 million pounds in FY 2011, and 25 million pounds by FY 2013. Furthermore, in FY 2011, God’s Pantry Food Bank plans to double its distribution of fresh produce from 3 million pounds to 6 million pounds.

Kentucky—Purchase Area Development District

\$164,476

The Purchase Area Development District is looking to expand its vehicle fleet, ensure that perishable food is not lost during power outages, and assist member agencies in its efforts to accept frozen food. The organization will purchase and install a generator at its facility to prevent loss of food during a catastrophic event, as occurred during a major ice storm in 2009. Furthermore, thirteen freezers will be purchased for use by the member agencies.

Michigan—Human Development Commission

\$65,000

The Human Development Commission will use its grant award to secure additional food for TEFAP recipients. It plans to link local farms within Michigan’s “thumb” into a food rescue/recovery network. To aid its endeavors, it will purchase a forklift, truck, freezer, and refrigerator.

Missouri—Benton County Human Services Council

\$83,409

The Benton County Human Services Council is working towards providing 30 pounds of food per person per month, a twenty-pound increase above its current rate. To help facilitate this goal, the food pantry will purchase a new walk-in freezer-refrigerator, two commercial upright freezers, pallet moving and stacking equipment, and floor mats.

Montana—Montana Food Bank

\$250,000

The Montana Food Bank Network will replace a leaking roof, complete polishing and sealing of a newly poured cement floor, and replace two unreliable refrigerated trailers. These projects will help enable the organization to ensure a continuous and adequate supply of safe and nutritious food for distribution throughout the state.

Nebraska—Goldenrod Hills Community Action, Inc.

\$87,372

The grant received by Goldenrod Hills Community Action (GHCA) will aid its food pantry and that of the Eastern Thurston Ministerial Association (ETMA). The organizations will acquire signage, thermometer alarms, platform carts, shopping carts, grocery bags, brochures, and shelving units. ETMA will also purchase a computer system, desk, chair, folding chairs, vacuum cleaner, vacuum sealer, pedestal fans, a generator. GHCA will benefit from a new refrigerator, heating and cooling system, carpet and linoleum, new doors, lighting and electrical. It will also lower the ceiling in its warehouse.

North Carolina—Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina

\$250,000

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina is working towards increasing its total distribution by 20 percent in 2010 and again in 2011. To facilitate its efforts, the food bank will purchase a mobile pantry vehicle, online inventory software, a generator with a switch, and freezers for member agencies. The food bank will also make improvements to its cooler, freezer, and website. Furthermore, it will offer educational workshops for its member agencies so that, in turn, it can pass the information onto its clients.

Oklahoma—Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

\$250,000

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is working towards the development of ten “superpantries” to better serve its 53 county service area that includes 750 charitable institutions and elementary schools. To facilitate the superpantries, the food bank will purchase freezers, coolers, shelving, racking, pallet jacks, dollies, and ramps for these facilities.

Oregon—Oregon Coast Community Action

\$250,000

Oregon Coast Community Action will purchase a cooler, freezer, dual fuel backup generator, and pallet rack storage systems. With the help of this equipment, it anticipates being able to increase its annual food distribution from 1.9 million pounds to 3 million within three years.

Pennsylvania—Center for Family Services, Inc.

\$67,417

The Center for Family Services is working towards increasing capacity and efficiency to store and distribute time-sensitive food to its main pantry and seven satellite locations. It will purchase a small box truck, walk-in cooler, walk-in freezer, and a lift truck.

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Texas—South Texas Food Bank

\$245,385

The South Texas Food Bank will purchase a refrigerated truck, trailer, and 12 freezers to enable them to recover and distribute fresh produce and other refrigerated products. Currently, the food bank is unable to do this effectively because of the high heat in Texas and a lack of infrastructure that prevents the collection and distribution of these products. It estimates that will be able to distribute well over an additional 1.5 million pounds of perishable and time-sensitive foods.

West Virginia and Kentucky—Huntington Area Food Bank

\$110,000

The Huntington Area Food Bank was awarded funds to purchase a 24 foot refrigerated truck and pay for the associated expenses. The truck will allow the food bank to make deliveries twice a month to eight rural, Appalachian counties in Kentucky and West Virginia. This will, in turn, allow them to make better use of its storage space as food will not need to be stored as long.

Wisconsin—Central WI Community Action Council

\$243,460

The Central Wisconsin Community Action Council will purchase equipment for each of the 15 food pantries in eight counties that it subcontracts with. It will purchase four cargo vans, three combination walk-in cooler/freezers, a forklift, fourteen laptops, two scales, a conveyor, and a cart.

Wisconsin—Indianhead Community Action Agency

\$199,233

The Indianhead Community Action Agency is seeking to upgrade the infrastructure at each of its six food pantries. For each of the pantries, it will purchase a refrigerator, freezer, and pallet jack. In addition, the agency will purchase a walk-in freezer/cooler for use at its central facility, two refrigerated trucks, and hire a part-time food recovery coordinator.