

**Leon County  
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## Budget Workshop Item #2

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**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

**Title:** Recommended Actions to Address Findings from the Food Insecurity Neighborhood Meetings

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This item provides a comprehensive report on the neighborhood meetings conducted in coordination and collaboration with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend Inc., the Children's Services Council of Leon County and City of Tallahassee to determine the barriers that exacerbate food insecurity in the neighborhood block groups with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County. Following nine highly attended and successful neighborhood meetings, this item presents recommendations that implement solutions identified by the residents and builds on the County's ongoing efforts to reduce food insecurity with local partners.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This item has a fiscal impact totaling \$156,159 to support the recommendations addressing food insecurity which are included in the Preliminary Budget. Associated costs include one-time funding (\$60,000) for America's Second Harvest to purchase a vehicle for the Mobile Pop-up Pantry Program and recurring annual expenses for a new Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnerships Manager (\$91,159) and to continue regular engagement with the neighborhood groups identified as the most food insecure (\$5,000); the City, Children's Service Council (CSC) and United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) have also committed \$5,000 each for neighborhood engagement.

**Staff Recommendation:**

- Option #1: Approve \$60,000 to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend for the purchase of a truck for the Mobile Pop-up Pantry Program.
- Option #2: Direct staff to bring back an agenda item on the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County as a focus group comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood with the highest food insecurity rates to connect human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access.
- Option #3: Approve \$5,000 annually to conduct programming and events in partnership with the City of Tallahassee, Children Services Council of Leon County, and the United Way of the Big Bend that directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity.
- Option #4: Direct staff to participate in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community.
- Option #5: Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnerships Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity.

## Report and Discussion

### **Executive Summary:**

As approved by the Board, community meetings were conducted in the neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rate in collaboration with America's Second Harvest (Second Harvest), the City of Tallahassee (City), and Children Services Council of Leon County (CSC) entitled, *Breaking Bread Together: Neighborhood Dinner and Conversation on Tackling Food Insecurity*. Nearly 300 Leon County residents participated in the nine meetings held in the neighborhoods in May and early June. Participants included neighborhood residents, neighborhood business owners, faith-based leaders, not-for-profit organization representatives, County Commissioners, City Commissioners, CSC Council members, and the United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB).

As shared at the meetings, led by partners such as Second Harvest and Elder Care Services, there are extensive existing resources focused on addressing food insecurity in the community. These organizations support numerous programs throughout the County to distribute food, operate pantries, and deliver meals to the most vulnerable populations. Leon County provides support to these programs through Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP). The County provides annual funding to support Second Harvest's School Backpack Program and neighborhood food pantries, as well as Elder Care Services' Meals on Wheels Program.

Second Harvest is the local food bank for the Big Bend Region which is comprised of 11 counties. The agency partners with 135 local organizations including not-for-profits and faith-based organizations to operate soup kitchens, food pantries, and residential feeding programs within neighborhoods throughout the community for convenient access. Over the past two years, as the COVID-19 pandemic impacted communal health and the economy, the County invested more than \$5 million to address food insecurity distributing nearly 4 million meals to low-income households in partnership with Second Harvest. Subsequent to this unparalleled investment, the Board adopted strategic initiatives in 2021 and 2022 to conduct meetings in partnership with Second Harvest and the City in the neighborhoods with the greatest food insecurity to address the barriers and develop solutions.

A recurring theme emerged during each and every meeting that residents of the neighborhoods are unaware of the significant level of resources available in the community to address food insecurity as well as overall basic needs such as childcare, healthcare, and employment services. Frequently and consistently, the lack of transportation and lack of knowledge of resources were identified as barriers to food security during each meeting. However, as was shared during the meetings there are significant existing resources in the community including neighborhood food pantries, food distribution events hosted by Second Harvest, non-profit organizations that provide transportation for basic and essential services (i.e. grocery store, food/meal pick up, doctor appointments, etc.), and free Lyft services to grocery stores and food pantries offered by 2-1-1 Big Bend. In addition, there is an abundance of childcare tuition assistance available through the Early Learning Coalition, weekly mental health counseling offered for free at several of the City's community centers in partnership with Apalachee Center, and job training through CareerSource Capital Region all highlighted as services currently available that residents indicated that they were not familiar with. As a result, participants determined that greater direct engagement with the residents

of the neighborhoods on available resources and increased and enhanced education on healthy foods were the top solutions to reduce food insecurity.

The meetings led to an unprecedented level of engagement and commitment from community partners including the City, CSC, UWBB, the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, the Second Harvest and other local human service providers that were in attendance to listen to the issues, concerns, and solutions of residents of the neighborhood. Partners, including the City, CSC, and UWBB, realized that implementing solutions identified by the participants during the neighborhood meetings would require a collective and coordinated response of enhanced, long-term commitment and investment to engage and empower the neighborhoods to reduce food insecurity. New opportunities were identified to reduce food insecurity in partnership with the residents of the neighborhoods, Second Harvest, City, CSC, UWBB, and other local partners. As detailed in the item, these recommendations include:

- the purchase of a truck for Second Harvest that will expand its Mobile Pop-up Pantry to improve access to healthy foods in the neighborhoods and double the number of Neighborhood Empowerment events held by Second Harvest which include access to resources such as healthcare, legal services, and employment services;
- the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City and CSC comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood focused on connecting human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access;
- conducting annual programming and events that will directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity in partnership with the City, CSC, and UWBB;
- participating in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community; and
- establishing the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity

By implementing these recommendations, the County would significantly increase its commitment to reduce food insecurity through greater coordination and collaboration with community partners and the residents of the neighborhoods. These recommendations are anticipated to increase the utilization of existing community resources that residents may not be aware of, improve access to healthy foods through greater coordination with partners in seeking additional federal funding, and strengthen relationships with the neighborhoods which will reduce the food insecurity rates in the targeted neighborhoods. As part of the annual CHSP item presented each fall, the Board will be provided updates on food insecurity rates as well as specific actions accomplished to engage and connect the neighborhoods with available food and human services resources.

**Background:**

This item provides a comprehensive report on the neighborhood meetings conducted in coordination and collaboration with Second Harvest, the CSC and City to determine the barriers that exacerbate food insecurity in the neighborhood block groups with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County. Following nine highly attended and successful dinner meetings, the report presents recommendations that would implement solutions identified by the residents of the neighborhoods and build on the County's efforts to reduce food insecurity collectively with local partners through greater engagement and education.

This item advances the following FY2022-FY2026 Strategic Initiative:

- *Coordinate with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend and the City of Tallahassee to conduct community meetings in the neighborhood block groups with greatest food insecurity to identify and address their specific barriers to food security. (2022-31)*
- *Work with the City of Tallahassee on the development and implementation of the Neighborhood First Program to engage residents and develop plans to address poverty and inequity in targeted neighborhoods including 32304. (2022-33)*

This particular Strategic Initiative aligns with the Board's Strategic Priority:

- *(Q2) Provide relevant and essential offerings through our libraries and community centers which promote literacy, life-long learning, and social equity.*
- *(Q5) Promote livability, health and sense of community by supporting strong neighborhoods, enhancing mobility, encouraging human scale development, and creating public spaces for people of all ages.*

According to Feeding America, one in three children in Leon County struggle to find their next meal. Additionally, about 68,000 people in Leon County are food insecure, including 16,000 children. Leon County has been committed to addressing food insecurity in the community that has been exacerbated since the beginning of pandemic. Significant actions have included:

- Annual funding in the amount of \$390,000 to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services through the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) for nutritious meals to youth, families, and seniors including \$90,000 committed to feeding households in the Promise Zone (the highest poverty areas in Leon County).
- Over \$4 million in Leon CARES funding to distribute 3 million meals to low-income households impacted by COVID-19.
- Approximately \$1.39 million (\$767,280 County contribution) in collaboration with the City in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that will distribute an additional 722,000 meals over the next two years.

At its January 25, 2021, Annual Retreat, the Board approved a series of new strategic initiatives, including working with community partners to develop possible options for those struggling with

food insecurity by utilizing the results of Feeding Florida's study on food insecurity that provides granular data down to the neighborhood block group level. On February 16, 2021, the Board ratified the actions taken at the Board Retreat.

On November 9, 2021, an agenda was presented to the Board with an analysis of the Feeding Florida study on food insecurity, known as *the Meal Deficit Metric Study*. Based on the results of the Study which identified the Southwood neighborhood as one of the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County, Second Harvest determined, and Feeding Florida supported that the study did not reflect the socioeconomic condition of the community. Instead, Second Harvest chose to utilize the *Map the Meal Gap* data developed by Feeding America to identify and prioritize resources in neighborhoods with the highest levels of food insecurity. As a result, Table #1 reflects the ten block groups with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County which was presented in the November 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. It is important to note that all the neighborhoods identified with the highest food insecurity are entirely or partially within the City limits. Additionally, several are part of the City's Neighborhood First Program to address poverty and community redevelopment. As directed by the Board on November 9, 2021, the County is a partner in the implementation of the Neighborhood First Program and individual neighborhood first plans.

*Table 1: Top Ten Highest Food Insecurity Rate Block Groups*

<b>Block Group</b>	<b>Food Insecurity Rate</b>	<b>Neighborhood Description</b>
4-2	66.1%	FAMU Area
11.01-2	60.1%	Bond
22.07-1	58.7%	N HWY 27 Outside I-10
14.02-3	54.1%	Outer Griffin Heights
11.02-1	54.1%	Nims Middle
6-3	50.6%	Frenchtown
22.01-1	50.1%	Inside Capital Circle NW
20.03-1	49.4%	TCC/Jail
10.01-1	48.8%	South City
19.01-2	47.8%	FAMU-FSU Engineering

Based on the information and analysis provided in the November 9, 2021 item, the Board directed staff to coordinate with Second Harvest to conduct community meetings in collaboration with the City to determine barriers that exacerbate food insecurity in the neighborhood block groups presented in Table #1. Recognizing the opportunity to engage the households and families impacted by food insecurity, the CSC reached out and requested to collaborate and participate in the community meetings. Since approximately 67% of human services programs funded through CHSP provide services to children and families, CSC's request to collaborate on the community meetings was accepted.

### **Analysis:**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life due to a lack of available financial resources for food at the household level. According to USDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), food insecurity significantly impacts the social determinants of health. The Analysis section of this item provides information on the significant level of existing programs and services that address food insecurity in the community, it then provides a summary of the County's successful implementation of the neighborhood meetings including the most common barriers and solutions expressed by participants. The Analysis concludes with recommendations for the Board's consideration that would build on the County's commitment to address food insecurity and effectuate the solutions in partnership with community and neighborhood stakeholders.

### **Programs and Services to Address Food Insecurity**

Led by Second Harvest, there are several organizations and programs in Leon County focused on addressing food insecurity in the community. Second Harvest is the local food bank for the Big Bend Region which is comprised of 11 counties. The Agency partners with 135 local organizations including not-for-profits and faith-based organizations to operate soup kitchens, food pantries, and residential feeding programs within neighborhoods throughout the community for convenient access. Second Harvest operates a Senior Grocery Program that helps to feed approximately 1,200 low-income seniors per month. The Agency's extensive Child Nutrition Program includes the Backpack Program that provides children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure that nutritional needs are met over the weekend; Kid's Café Program that feeds Leon County children after school at community centers and churches during the school months (August – May) bridging the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home; and the Summer BreakSpot Program that provides kids a free, nutritious meal and snack at sponsored sites during the summer months which include County branch libraries, ensuring children have a stable source of food for their nourishment and growth when school is out.

In addition to Second Harvest's Senior Grocery Program, Elder Care Services' Meals on Wheels program delivers meals weekly to homebound seniors and congregate meal sites. In 2021, Elder Care delivered approximately 148,000 meals to seniors in Leon County. An additional 1,700 bags of food were distributed to seniors through Elder Care's food pantry. As mentioned earlier, the County and City through CHSP provide annual funding to Second Harvest and Elder Care.

Furthermore, over the past two years, as the COVID-19 pandemic impacted communal health and the economy, the County invested more than \$5 million to address food insecurity distributing nearly 4 million meals to low-income households in partnership with Second Harvest. This investment includes efforts to expand food accessibility through the purchase of four temperature-controlled grocery lockers purchased by Second Harvest with County and City ARPA funds. The first food locker will be installed at Sabal Palm Elementary School and the remaining three lockers will be located strategically throughout the community based in part on feedback received by neighborhood residents during the community dinners.



There are several additional programs in the community that focus on reducing the barriers to food security for residents in the community. 2-1-1 Big Bend partners with United Way to provide free Lyft rides to grocery stores, doctor's appointments, and other essential activities. 2-1-1, United Way, and Second Harvest also partner with DoorDash to deliver food goods monthly to low-income residents. Several Medicare insurance plans also provide free transportation to grocery stores for low-income seniors. Recently, the City expanded the Dial-A-Ride program through StarMetro to partner with local cab companies to provide low-cost fare for low-income citizens.

As discussed in the following section, residents that participated in the meetings were not aware of many of these programs and services available to address food insecurity.

#### Overview and Summary of Community Meetings

As approved by the Board, community meetings were conducted in the ten neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rate in collaboration with Second Harvest, the CSC, and the City entitled, *Breaking Bread Together: Neighborhood Dinner and Conversation on Tackling Food Insecurity*. A detailed summary of the neighborhood meetings is provided in Attachment #1. Nine meetings were held in May and early June targeting residents and stakeholders of the ten neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rates. As reflected in Table #2, community conversations took place in churches, community centers, college and university campuses, and in a food pantry warehouse. Nearly 300 Leon County residents participated including neighborhood residents, business owners, faith-based leaders, not-for-profit organization representatives, UWBB, County Commissioners, City Commissioners, and CSC Council members.

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*Table 2: Food Insecurity Community Meeting*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Block Group</b>	<b>Neighborhood Description</b>
May 3, 2022	<b>New Mt. Zion AME Church</b> 1401 Old Bainbridge Rd.	14.02-3	Outer Griffin Heights
May 4, 2022	<b>Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</b> 615 Tuskegee St.	11.02-1	Nims Middle
May 11, 2022	<b>TCC Workforce Development Building #38</b> 444 Appleyard Dr.	20.03-1 & 22.01-1	Inside Capital Circle NW & TCC/Jail
May 12, 2022	<b>Delta Kappa Omega Community Center</b> 1908 Highland St.	19.01-2	FAMU-FSU Engineering
May 16, 2022	<b>FAMU Grand Ballroom</b> 1628 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.	4-2	FAMU Area
May 23, 2022	<b>Bond Community Health Center</b> 1720 S. Gadsden St.	10.01-1	South City
May 24, 2022	<b>Walker Ford Community Center</b> 2301 Pasco St.	11.01-2	Bond
June 1, 2022	<b>Lincoln Center</b> 438 West Brevard Street	6-3	Frenchtown
June 2, 2022	<b>Tallahassee Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church</b> 4823 N. Monroe St.	22.07-1	N HWY 27 Outside I-10

The main theme that emerged during the meetings was that residents of the neighborhoods were unaware of the significant level of resources available in the community to address food insecurity as well as overall basic needs such as childcare, healthcare, and employment services. While each community conversation involved different stakeholders, the lack of transportation and knowledge of available resources were consistently identified as root causes or systemic barriers to accessing food in the neighborhoods. At each meeting participants cited the lack of transportation to grocery stores and available food pantries as significant barriers to access healthy food and meal. Additionally, the lack of knowledge of available resources was frequently shared at every meeting. This included knowledge of community resources for transportation, mental health services, employment/job training that could reduce food insecurity and overall poverty in the neighborhood. Related to the lack of knowledge was considerable discussion on the lack of education on healthy foods that are critical to improving the quality of life in the neighborhoods that often are susceptible to chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

At each meeting several available resources that address food insecurity, transportation needs, education on healthy foods, and access to basic services such as mental health services and employment job training were provided; residents generally were not aware these resources existed in their community. This included neighborhood food pantries and food distribution events hosted by Second Harvest tailored for each specific neighborhood (Attachment #2). Additionally, participants were unaware of resources such as free transportation for basic and essential services

(i.e. grocery store, food/meal pick up, doctor appointments, etc.) provided by 2-1-1 Big Bend through free Lyft rides. Local farmers, Cooperative Extension, and small not-for-profits all shared resources they provide to educate the community on healthy foods and eating at no charge. The high level of information shared on available resources organically led to ideas and solutions that deliberately and constantly educate and engage the residents of neighborhoods to tackle the barriers to food security.

The conversation on solutions centered on opportunities in which collective and coordinated strategies and actions could be realized to address the root causes to food insecurity identified by the participants. Overwhelmingly and consistently, greater direct engagement with the residents of the neighborhoods was broadly identified as a common solution to food insecurity. Direct engagement by the County, City, CSC, Second Harvest, and other human services providers was seen as an opportunity to raise awareness of resources available in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity. Specific direct engagement actions identified included better tailoring of outreach efforts to the neighborhoods on available resources in the community; healthy food education, preparation, and cooking events targeted at residents of neighborhoods; enhanced partnerships with local farmers to educate and distribute locally grown food; and the continuation of meetings with the neighborhoods. These actions were identified as ways to strengthen relationships and build trust with residents of the neighborhoods which in turn would reduce food insecurity.

Throughout each neighborhood meeting, community partners including Second Harvest, the City, CSC, and UWBB were fully engaged in the conversations with the participants on the root causes to food insecurity and listened for shared solutions that could be implemented exclusively and collectively through current programs such as CHSP, ARPA, and the Neighborhood First Program. This led to subsequent commitments by the City, CSC, and UWBB to enhance their partnership with the County to collectively engage the identified neighborhoods and reduce food insecurity in those areas.

#### Proposed Recommendations for Board Action to Address Barriers and Implement Solutions

Recognizing that to realize the solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity requires collective and coordinated commitment, the following recommendations for the Board's consideration build upon efforts to address food insecurity in partnership with the residents of the neighborhoods, Second Harvest, City, CSC, UWBB, and other local partners.

##### *Purchase of Vehicle for the Establishment of Mobile Pop-up Pantry*

To address the overarching concerns raised by participants regarding accessibility to nutritious food and meals, Second Harvest plans to establish a mobile pop-up pantry to double its Neighborhood Empowerment events to every month. Currently, the events are held one Friday every other month within neighborhoods to distribute prepackaged pantry boxes, fresh produce, and frozen protein-based items. Second Harvest partners with local human service providers to offer an array of service ranging from employment, healthcare, legal services, licensing, SNAP benefits sign up, hurricane preparedness supplies, as well as youth and family services. So far, the Neighborhood Empowerment events has been held in 15 neighborhoods and included nearly 25 partner agencies since 2021.

In collaboration with a private partner, Second Harvest will purchase a twenty-foot enclosed trailer to provide neighborhood residents “the power of choice” in selecting food as part of the Neighborhood Empowerment events. Rather than receiving prepackaged boxes of food, residents will have the ability to “shop” and select food items from the trailer similar to a fixed food pantry. Additionally, Second Harvest will offer food preparation and cooking demonstrations to educate residents on meals that can be made with the various items available on the mobile food pantry.

Second Harvest is collaborating with private partners to purchase the enclosed trailer and is requesting one-time funding in the amount of \$60,000 to purchase a heavy-duty pickup truck to transport the trailer. The mobility of the pantry will allow Second Harvest to expand its Neighborhood Empowerment events program to every month doubling the outreach and accessibility of food to neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rates.

***Recommendation: Approve \$60,000 to America’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend for the purchase of a truck for the Mobile Pop-up Pantry Program.***

*Establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee*

In response to the unanimous and consistent requests from participants to provide greater direct engagement with the residents of the neighborhoods on available resources and to build relationships to improve trust, it is recommended that the County, City, and CSC jointly establish the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee (Steering Committee) of leaders and stakeholders in the neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County. The Steering Committee’s sole purpose would be to connect human service providers and residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access to available resources.

As previously mentioned, participants of the neighborhood meetings expressed overwhelming support for the continuation of regular and sustainable neighborhood meetings with the County, City, CSC, and human service providers to increase knowledge and awareness of the needs of the neighborhoods, build trust, and stay informed on available resources in the community. The Steering Committee would be utilized as a vehicle to communicate the needs as shared by the participants. More importantly, it would build trust by fostering long term relationships with the neighborhoods with the goal of reducing systemic barriers to food security.

The Steering Committee would be comprised of 10-12 Leon County residents appointed at the staff level of the County, City, and CSC. The Steering Committee would also be staffed by the County, City and CSC. The individuals serving on the Committee would have the knowledge, experience, and capacity to engage children, families, and households within the neighborhoods that struggle or are reluctant to access nutritious food and meals as well as available human service resources in Leon County. The specific tasks of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee would include:

- Conduct quarterly meetings with agencies and programs funded by the County, City, CSC, and Big Bend Continuum of Care, which oversees and coordinates homeless services in the Big Bend region, to gain knowledge of the variety of resources available to residents in the neighborhoods

- Conduct quarterly meetings with other neighborhood stakeholders to gather information on the needs of residents and share information in the community through churches, HOAs, youth sports team coaches, barber shops, beauty salons, Title I school counselors, etc. on available resources.
- Participate in the development and implementation of diversity, economic, and inclusionary training for CHSP agencies to improve cultural sensitivity and awareness in the promotion and delivery human services in the community

In accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee would be established as a focus group to provide feedback and input to County, City, and CSC staff on strengthening engagement with neighborhoods experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity; and improve access to and knowledge on available resources to reduce barriers to healthy and nutritious food and overall economic prosperity.

***Recommendation: Direct staff to bring back an agenda item on the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County as a focus group comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood with the highest food insecurity rates to connect human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access.***

*Conduct Programming and Events to Directly Engage Neighborhood Leaders and Stakeholders*  
Building on the proposed establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee and its tasks to engage both neighborhood leaders and stakeholders as well as human services providers, it is recommended that programming and events be conducted in partnership with the City, CSC, UWBB to connect neighborhood leaders and stakeholders. The County, City, CSC, and UWBB are the primary funders of human services in Tallahassee-Leon County. As mentioned earlier, each organization participated in the neighborhood meetings and recognized the consistent solution identified by the participants was for greater direct engagement with the residents of the neighborhoods on available resources. As a result, collective investment in programming and events was identified by all partners as an opportunity to collaborate on engaging neighborhoods to inform them of the available resources and continue to build relationships to improve access to services.

The proposed programming and events would be held two to four times a year within the neighborhoods and focus on themes that serve to allow neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to address issues such as food insecurity, mental health, and childcare and present an opportunity for human service providers to share information on the resources available to meet the need in the neighborhood. Additionally, discussions would center on overcoming challenges and obstacles to accessing services which could include more education and assistance with required information and documents and/or adjustments to policies and requirements. The goal of the programs and events would be to foster and sustain relationships between the neighborhoods and human service providers.

The City, CSC, and UWBB have committed to be financial and strategic partners on the development and implementation of programming and events tailored to raise awareness of

available resources in the community and build relationships with the neighborhoods. The City CSC, and UWBB intend to provide \$5,000 annually. As a result, it is recommended that the Board approve an equal amount of \$5,000 to conduct programming and events in partnership with the City, CSC, and UWBB that directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and improved economic prosperity. The total funding between all partners would total \$20,000 annually beginning in FY 2023 for rental space, food, promotion, outreach, and supplies for two to four events each year. The Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee would assist in the development and implementation of all programming and events to engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders.

***Recommendation: Approve \$5,000 annually to conduct programming and events in partnership with the City of Tallahassee, Children Services Council of Leon County, and the United Way of the Big Bend that directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity.***

*Participate in the Florida Health Department in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative*

As mentioned earlier increased education on healthy food and cooking was also consistently identified as a solution to address food insecurity in focused neighborhoods. The Florida Health Department in Leon County (Health Department) which attended each food insecurity neighborhood meeting, has proposed that the County participate in its "Grow Leon" initiative which it is planning to launch within the next 60-90 days with the goal of creating a local food system in the community. During a recent tour sponsored by Invest Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Riverside, California, the Health Department had the opportunity to gather information on best practices that serve to improve overall health in the community by addressing high levels of food insecurity.

The Health Department intends to replicate the "Grow Riverside" initiative which formally brought together local stakeholders including government, higher education, not-for-profits, businesses, and farmers to map the local food system from production to consumption in order to better utilize resources to address "healthy" food insecurity and its impact of the health of people and neighborhoods. Through it "Grow Riverside" initiative, the Riverside community has secured federal and state grants to increase food access and reduce food waste.

Participation in the Health Department's "Grow Leon" initiative would serve as an additional opportunity to incorporate the County's commitment and investment in food insecurity through collaboration and potentially secure federal and state funding. The Health Department has indicated additional participants of the Grow Leon Initiative would include the City, Second Harvest, 2-1-1 Big Bend, Florida A&M University, and local farmers' groups. Therefore, it is recommended that Leon County participate in the Health Department's "Grow Leon" Initiative.

***Recommendation: Direct staff to participate in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community.***

*Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager Position*

The Neighborhood Empowerment and Community Partnership Manager position would serve as lead staff to effectuate the approved recommended actions presented in this item for the Board's consideration to alleviate common barriers and implement the solutions identified in the neighborhood meetings. Moreover, the position would align the County's efforts to engage the neighborhoods. Successful implementation of the common solutions and associated recommendations presented in this item requires a significant level of dedication to build relationships and commitment and consistent communication with the identified neighborhoods, and health and human services providers.

The Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager will serve as lead staff to the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee for the County; coordinate the quarterly meetings of the Steering Committee with agencies and programs funded by the County, City, and CSC; coordinate quarterly meetings with other neighborhood stakeholders to gather information on neighborhood needs and share information on available resources in the community with various community agencies and representatives; oversee the development and implementation of programs and events that directly engage neighborhood leaders, stakeholders and residents to raise awareness of available resources in the community to meet basic human service needs to facilitate an enhanced quality of life, and improved economic prosperity; research and apply for grant opportunities to invest in Leon County programs, services, and initiatives that would enhance resources to neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity; participate in the Health Department's "Grow Leon" Initiative; and coordinate with County Departments and Divisions on efforts to keep neighborhood residents informed on available County programs and services such as the Summer Youth Training Program and Junior Apprentice Program. The recruitment and hiring process for the position would commence immediately upon Board approval.

***Recommendation: Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity.***

Conclusion

The neighborhood meetings were highly successful in engaging neighborhoods and community partners in highlighting the significant level of existing resources available in the community to address food insecurity that residents were unaware exist. In addition, the meetings resulted in recommendations that build on efforts to reduce food insecurity in the community through greater coordination and collaboration. By implementing these recommendations, neighborhoods will have significantly improved access to the numerous existing food resources in the community. Through strengthened partnerships and relationships with neighborhoods, a long-term reduction in food insecurity rates is projected to occur in the identified areas.

Nearly 300 Leon County residents participated in the nine meetings held in the neighborhoods in the months of May and June. Frequently and consistently, the lack of transportation and lack of knowledge of resources were identified as barriers to food security during each meeting. However, as was shared during the meetings there are existing resources to address food insecurity that

participants were unaware including available neighborhood food pantries and food distribution events as well as free transportation for basic and essential services (i.e. grocery store, food/meal pick up, doctor appointments, etc.). As a result, greater direct engagement with the residents of the neighborhoods on available resources and increased and enhanced education on healthy foods were the top approaches that participant stated would reduce food insecurity.

The neighborhood meetings have spurred an unprecedented level of collaboration and coordination with local partners including Second Harvest, City, CSC, UWBB, Health Department, and other human services providers to collectively implement solutions addressing food insecurity. Therefore, this item recommends approving the following:

- Approve \$60,000 to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend for the purchase of a truck for the Mobile Pop-up Pantry Program that will improve access to healthy foods in the identify neighborhoods and double in the number of Neighborhood Empowerment events.
- Direct staff to bring back an agenda item on the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County as a focus group comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood with the highest food insecurity rates to connect human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access.
- Approve \$5,000 annually to conduct programming and events in partnership with the City of Tallahassee, Children Services Council of Leon County, and the United Way of the Big Bend that directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity. The City, CSC, and UWBB would also provide \$5,000 annually for a total of \$20,000 beginning in FY 2023.
- Direct staff to participate in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community.
- Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity.

As part of the annual CHSP item presented each fall, the Board will be provided updates on food insecurity rates as well as specific actions accomplished to engage and connect the neighborhoods with available food and human services resources.



**Options:**

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2. Direct staff to bring back an agenda item on the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County as a focus group comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood with the highest food insecurity rates to connect human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access.
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4. Direct staff to participate in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community.
5. Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnership Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity.
6. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Options #1 - #5

**Attachments:**

1. Summary of Neighborhood Meetings on Food Insecurity
2. Second Harvest Neighborhood Data and Resource Information Sheets

# BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

## Neighborhood Dinner & Conversation on Tackling Food Insecurity



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## Summary Report on Food Insecurity Neighborhood Meetings

### Introduction

This report provides a summary of the neighborhood meetings conducted in coordination and collaboration with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend Inc. (Second Harvest), the Children's Services Council of Leon County (CSC) and City of Tallahassee (City) to determine the barriers that exacerbate food insecurity in the neighborhood block groups with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County. The report defines food insecurity, describes the format of the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity, outlines common barriers and solutions identified by participants, and presents immediate actions that will be implemented in partnership with community and human services providers to address the common issues and solutions shared by participants during the neighborhood meetings.

### What is food insecurity?

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life due to a lack of available financial resources for food at the household level. Food security means that people have access, at all times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. At a minimum, this includes readily available, nutritionally adequate, and safe foods and the assured ability to obtain personally acceptable foods in a socially acceptable way.

According to USDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), food insecurity significantly impacts the social determinants of health. The CDC defines the social determinants of health as conditions in which people live, learn, work, and play and these factors influence the health of individuals and communities. These factors include economic stability, education access, healthcare access, and neighborhood and social development.

Food insecurity continues to be a significant issue in the community and has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic crisis. According to Feeding America, one in three children in Leon County struggle to find their next meal. Additionally, about 68,000 people in Leon County are food insecure, including 16,000 children. In partnership with Second Harvest, the County has taken significant actions to address food insecurity in the community including:

- Annual funding in the amount of \$390,000 to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services through the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) for nutritious meals to youth, families, and seniors.
- Over \$4 million in Leon CARES funding to distribute 3 million meals to low-income households impacted by COVID-19.
- Approximately \$1.39 million (\$767,280 County contribution) in collaboration with the City in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that will distribute an additional 722,000 meals over the next two years.

### Neighborhood Meeting on Food Insecurity

As approved by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners (Board), community meetings were conducted in the ten neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rate, according to Feeding America's *Map the Meal Gap* data, in collaboration with Second Harvest, the City, and Children Services Council of Leon County (CSC) entitled, *Breaking Bread Together: Neighborhood Dinner and Conservation on Tackling Food Insecurity*. Nine meetings were held in May and early June targeting residents and stakeholders of the ten neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rates. As reflected in Table #1, community conversations took place in churches, community centers, college and university campuses, and in a food pantry warehouse.

Table 1: Food Insecurity Community Meeting

Date	Location	Block Group	Neighborhood Description
May 3, 2022	<b>New Mt. Zion AME Church</b> 1401 Old Bainbridge Rd.	14.02-3	Outer Griffin Heights
May 4, 2022	<b>Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</b> 615 Tuskegee St.	11.02-1	Nims Middle
May 11, 2022	<b>TCC Workforce Development Building #38</b> 444 Appleyard Dr.	20.03-1 & 22.01-1	Inside Capital Circle NW & TCC/Jail
May 12, 2022	<b>Delta Kappa Omega Community Center</b> 1908 Highland St.	19.01-2	FAMU-FSU Engineering
May 16, 2022	<b>FAMU Grand Ballroom</b> 1628 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.	4-2	FAMU Area
May 23, 2022	<b>Bond Community Health Center</b> 1720 S. Gadsden St.	10.01-1	South City
May 24, 2022	<b>Walker Ford Community Center</b> 2301 Pasco St.	11.01-2	Bond
June 1, 2022	<b>Lincoln Center</b> 438 West Brevard Street	6-3	Frenchtown
June 2, 2022	<b>Tallahassee Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church</b> 4823 N. Monroe St.	22.07-1	N HWY 27 Outside I-10

Meetings were held in the evening for approximately two hours to allow full participation. The programs for each meeting included a brief presentation by Second Harvest on the food insecurity rate of the specific neighborhood as presented in Table #1 and the current resources available to address the need including neighborhood food pantries and the School Back Program which are funded through CHSP, Leon County CARES, as well as County and City ARPA funding.

Additionally, during several of the meetings the City provided a brief presentation on the Neighborhood First Program. All of the neighborhoods identified with the highest food insecurity rates are entirely or partially within the City limits. Over the past two years, the City's Neighborhood First Program has worked with residents and community stakeholders of the Bond, Frenchtown and Griffin Heights neighborhoods to develop plans to improve the social and economic outlook of the neighborhoods. The final plans were developed and adopted by the residents as well as the City. The Neighborhood First Plans reflect the priorities of the neighborhoods that were adopted after extensive engagement with residents. Bond, Frenchtown, and Griffin Heights are within the neighborhood blocks identified in the *Map the Meal Gap* data developed by Feeding America with the highest food insecurity rates.

On November 9, 2021, the Board approved staff to work with the City on the development and implementation of the Neighborhood First Program that included participation in monthly meetings with the neighborhoods. The City participated in the dinner meetings to provide information on the Neighborhood First plans including strategies and action items to address food insecurity through increased farmers' markets and expanded development of community gardens in the neighborhoods.

Most of the time within each meeting was dedicated to conversation on the root causes and systemic barriers to food insecurity within the respective neighborhoods and identifying short and long-term solutions among all community partners to collectively and collaboratively address the causes and barriers.

Nearly 300 Leon County residents participated in the nine meetings held in May and early June. Participants included neighborhood residents, neighborhood business owners, faith-based leaders, not-for-profit organization representatives, County Commissioners, City Commissioners, and CSC Council members. As presented in the next section, participants shared thoughts on the barriers to food security and ideas to reduce the barriers.

## Common Barriers and Solutions Expressed by Participants

### *Common Barriers*

While each community conversation involved different stakeholders, several themes emerged as root causes or systemic barriers to accessing food in the neighborhoods as shown in Table #2.

*Table 2: Common Root Causes and Systemic Barriers*

Root causes/systemic barriers	% of Meetings Identified
Lack of Transportation	100%
Lack of knowledge of available resources (i.e. transportation, food/meal services; mental health services)	100%
Lack of knowledge/education of food nutrition and preparation	89%
Inaccessibility to available neighborhood pantries (i.e. location, hours of operation)	89%
Insufficient Income/Lack of Financial Education	78%

Lack of a neighborhood grocery store	67%
Lack/insufficient quality and affordable childcare	67%
Requirements to access available programs and services	59%

As reflected in Table #2, frequently and consistently, the lack of transportation and lack of knowledge of resources were identified as barriers to food security during each meeting. However, at each meetings several available resources that address transportation needs, education on healthy foods, and access to basic services such as mental health services and employment job training were that participants were not aware existed in the community. This included neighborhood food pantries and food distribution events hosted by Second Harvest that was distributed at each meeting and tailored for each specific neighborhood.

Additionally, participants were unaware of non-profit organizations such as 2-1-1 Big Bend that provide free transportation for basic and essential services (i.e. grocery store, food/meal pick up, doctor appointments, etc.) including free Lyft ride services. Local farmers, Cooperative Extension, and small not-for-profits all shared resources they provide to educate the community on healthy foods and eating. The voluminous information shared on available resources organically led to ideas and solutions that deliberately and constantly educate and engage the residents of neighborhoods to tackle the barriers to food security.

#### *Common Solutions*

The conversation on solutions centered on opportunities in which the County, City, CSC, Second Harvest, neighborhood leaders and stakeholders, as well as human services providers could collectively and collaboratively reduce barriers to food security in the short-term and long-term. Several solutions emerged consistently during the meetings as shown in Table #3.

*Table 3: Common Solutions*

<b>Common Solutions</b>	<b>% of Meetings Identified</b>
Greater direct engagement with the residents of the neighborhoods on available resources (i.e., transportation, food/meal services; mental health services)	100%
Increase and enhanced education on healthy foods and cooking	100%
Build relationships with the residents of the neighborhood to improve trust	89%
Increase the number of high quality and affordable childcare	89%
Improve access to available neighborhood pantries (i.e., location, hours of operation)	89%
Provide greater assistance with accessing available programs and services	59%

*Greater direct engagement and build relationships.* As reflected in Table #3 above, there was considerable discussion at every meeting on greater engagement with the residents of neighborhoods on available resources as a solution to reduce barriers to food security. Specifically, participants shared ideas such as human service providers holding events within neighborhoods rather than at their offices or on college campuses; County, City, CSC, and human services providers engaging neighborhood leaders and churches to raise awareness on programs and services that address basic needs, enhance quality of life, and promote economic prosperity; and greater promotion of 2-1-1 Big Bend and the help line as a resource to residents in the neighborhoods.

A long-term solution identified was the continuation of regular and sustainable neighborhood meetings with the County, City, CSC, and human service providers participating to increase knowledge and awareness of the needs of the neighborhoods and available resources in the community. The continuation of the meetings was identified as the most appropriate approach to building relationships and trust within the neighborhoods. Additionally, participants shared that greater engagement would serve as an opportunity to improve the cultural sensitivity and awareness of human service providers when they are interacting with the neighborhoods which can also be a barrier to the residents needing access to resources.

*Increase and enhanced education on healthy foods and cooking.* Also consistently identified during the neighborhood meetings was the need for more education on healthy foods including the preparation and cooking of healthy meals. Second Harvest as well as many of the participants acknowledged food and produce (i.e., zucchini, asparagus, etc.) provided through the School Backpack Program and food distribution events often go to waste due the clients' and recipients' lack of knowledge about the food items provided.

The University of Florida-Leon County Cooperative Extension (Cooperative Extension) participated in several of the food insecurity neighborhood meetings. Cooperative Extension which is housed in the Sustainable Demonstration Center on Paul Russell Road with the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships, works with Library Services each spring and fall, to offer the Seed Library, where residents can check out three seed packets per month to grow their own nutritious food. The Seed Library is launched two times a year each planting season with a special gardening and cooking program offered by Cooperative Extension. The Programs discuss vegetable and gardening techniques and the importance of healthy eating. Currently, the cooking demonstrations take place twice a year at the Sustainable Demonstration Center. However, according to Cooperative Extension staff, this partnership could be offered more frequently to encourage nutrition and provide cooking demonstrations in the neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity rates. Additionally, the Cooperative Extension Office offers financial literacy programs, which could also be provided at the Main Library and branches to teach community members about financial management and opportunities to increase income.

It was also suggested that greater outreach and partnership with local farmers be explored to educate neighborhoods on healthy foods and consumption. Additionally, the partnership with the local farmers was highlighted as an opportunity to engage the youth in careers in agriculture as the current crop of farmers begin to age out.

Education on healthy foods as well as proper preparation and cooking was seen by the participants as short and intermediate solutions that would lead to long-term health improvements for children and families within the neighborhoods. It was also shared that the increase of education and utilization of healthy foods could potentially spur demand for more healthy food options to be available in the convenience stores that currently exists within the neighborhoods and demonstrate the ability of the neighborhoods to support grocery stores.

*Increase the number of high quality and affordable childcare facilities.* To address the lack of income as a systemic barrier to food security, many of the participants at most of the meetings identified an increase of high quality and affordable childcare as a solution to provide opportunities for households with small children within the neighborhoods to access education and job training resources available through partners such as Tallahassee Community College, Lively Technical College, and CareerSource Capital Region. Several unemployed participants shared the barriers that exist to childcare assistance programs available through agencies such as Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend (ELC) that require active employment or enrollment in college or trade school for assistance as mandated by federal law. As a result of the solution shared by participants, CSC is working with ELC to explore opportunities



to expand childcare assistance for a limited period to households not currently employed or in a training program to serve as a bridge to long-term federal financial assistance for childcare.

In addition, the Board's recently adopted Plan implementing the *Essential Libraries Initiative* includes facilities improvements to address the need of families with young children. Prior to the pandemic, public computer use was declining at all facilities except for the Main Library and Dr. B.L. Perry Branch. In a five-year period, these two locations saw increases of 57% and 33% respectively in the number of residents who rely on the Library for access to computers and internet. Many low-income residents that often struggle to find affordable childcare must bring their children with them to a library while they work, participate in on-line education, or seek employment. A designated family computer area, a separate space that allows parents to work while watching their children play safely nearby, helps parents overcome childcare barriers while ensuring the needs to access computer and the internet are met. Capital improvements supporting the ELI are further detailed in the FY 2023 Budget Workshop Discussion item.

*Improve access to available neighborhood pantries.* Participants recognized the need for improved access to neighborhood pantries through added location and/or expanded hours. Second Harvest shared that it was utilizing ARPA funding provided by the County and City to expand the capacity of current neighborhood pantries to increase their hours as well as identify additional organizations within neighborhoods including churches, community centers, and schools to serve as neighborhood pantries. As mentioned earlier, the County and City provided approximately \$1.39 million in ARPA funding to Second Harvest.

Another tool being used to expand food accessibility to residents, specifically to those who may be working during the hours that food distributions facilities are open are the food lockers purchased by Second Harvest with County and City ARPA funds. Second Harvest purchased four temperature-controlled grocery lockers to increase access to meals with flexible schedules for food pickup at nearby locations. The first food locker will be installed at Sabal Palm Elementary School and the remaining three lockers will be located strategically throughout the community based in part on feedback received by neighborhood residents during the community dinners. As Second Harvest staff spoke about how the food lockers would operate, attendees asked several questions and voiced support of the initiative as another tool to expand accessibility and choice.

*Provide greater assistance with accessing available programs and services.* Many solutions shared during the meetings focused on assisting residents of the neighborhoods with navigating the completion and requirements of available resources for basic need programs. Ideas included dedicated navigators at churches, schools, or organizations such as 2-1-1 Big Bend to assist residents with completing and submitting required documentations. According to the CSC, its recently completed needs assessment identified navigators to assist families with access to community resources as a high need and is exploring opportunities and approaches to invest in such services.

The consistent thoughts, ideas, and solutions presented during the neighborhood meetings lead to the development of immediate actions that will be implemented in partnership with Second Harvest and the City to enhance educational programming on healthy food through Library Services and Cooperative Extension within the next 60-90 days. This includes:

- Coordinate with Second Harvest and the City on the installation of the three remaining food lockers that would maximize usage and accessibility within the identified neighborhoods
- Partner with Second Harvest and local farmers to host regular programming at the Main and branch libraries on healthy food preparation and consumption targeted at students and families to increase and enhance education on healthy foods

- Hold at least one Cooperative Extension cooking class annually within the identified neighborhoods in partnership with Second Harvest and the City's Neighborhood First Program to increase and enhance education on healthy foods
- Hold at least one Cooperative Extension financial management course annually within the identified neighborhoods in partnerships with the CHSP agencies that provide self-sufficiency and financial independence courses as well as the City's Neighborhood First Program to address the lack of financial education identified as a systemic root cause of food insecurity and directly engage neighborhood residents on available resources
- Require CHSP agencies to list their respective programs and services with 2-1-1 Big Bend as an additional resource to inform residents of the available human service resources in the community

The immediate actions identified aligns with previous authority provided by the Board and will be accomplished within existing budget. Therefore, these actions will be implemented within the next 60-90 days by the County and its partners. As mentioned earlier, based on input shared during the neighborhood meetings, CSC will explore opportunities to coordinate with ELC on expanding childcare assistance for a limited period to households not currently employed or in a training program to serve as a bridge to long-term federal financial assistance for childcare as well as navigators to provide children and families of the neighborhoods greater assistance with accessing available programs and services.

Additional recommendations that will significantly increase the County's ongoing commitment to reduce food insecurity through greater coordination and collaboration with community partners and the residents of the neighborhoods through increase utilization of existing community resources, improve access to healthy foods through education and coordination with partners, and strengthened relationships with the neighborhoods to reduce the food insecurity rates are presented and detailed in the workshop item.





## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of Griffin Heights Neighborhood

### Griffin Heights Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 51.9% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 2,732 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve Griffin Heights residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving Griffin Heights:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
A New Day Initiative, 1317 High Rd, Tallahassee, 32304	Frank Douglas	(850)570-1353	2nd Saturday	9am – 11am
Anderson Chapel AME Church, 1307 Harlem St., Tallahassee, 32304	Patricia Screen	(850)590-7991	3rd Saturday	9am – 12pm
Philadelphia Foundation for Community Change, 840 Dunn St., Tallahassee, 32304	Phyllis Dantzler	(850)212-8220	2nd Saturday	9am – 11am
The Frontline Project (Dream Center), 1200 Harlem Street, Tallahassee, 32304	Jackie Jenkins	(850)264-3109	4th Saturday	10am – 2pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

## SHBB Programs Serving Griffin Heights:

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Griffin Middle School, Riley Elementary, and Ruediger Elementary currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Godby High School and Raa Middle School currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Lawrence-Gregory Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the Center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3910.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted, and many are making hard choices between buying food or essential medications. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.
  - Philadelphia Foundation for Community Change currently serves 40 seniors as well through this program.

**Need more information? Reach out to our Programs Manager, Sam Daniels at [Sam@FightingHunger.org](mailto:Sam@FightingHunger.org) or (850)562-3033 ext. 214**



## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of Nims School Neighborhoods

### Nims School Neighborhoods Food Insecurity Data

- 31.9% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 833 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve Nims School Neighborhoods' residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving Nims School Neighborhoods:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, 32305	Anita Derrick	(850)210-3974	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1pm – 2:30pm
Jacob Chapel Baptist Church, 2333 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, 32310	Melinda Harris	(850)574-3150	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	1:00pm – 3:00pm
Saints In Unity/Mt. Moriah COGIU, 2719 Lake Mary St., Tallahassee, 32304	Margie Solomon	(850)661-3955	By appointment only	Call ahead
Florida A & M University Student Health, 1735 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, 32307	Harriett Jennings	(850)412-5285	Every Thursday; Every Friday	2pm – 3:30pm; 11am – 2pm

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## SHBB Programs Serving Nims School Neighborhoods:

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Bond Elementary School and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Rickards High School and Walker- Ford Community Center currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the Center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3970.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted, and many are making hard choices between buying food or essential medications. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.
  - Flipper Chapel AME Church also serves 18 seniors through this program.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of TCC Area Neighborhoods

### TCC Area Neighborhoods Food Insecurity Data

- 47% of the population in these Neighborhoods is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 4,354 food insecure\* people live in these Neighborhoods (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve TCC Area residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

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#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving TCC Area:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
ALARM International, Inc, 2532 West Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, 32303	Heidi Otway	(850)216-1800	4th Saturday	9am – 11am
Catholic Charities, 1380 Blountstown Hwy, Tallahassee, 32304	Nancy Schiellerd	(850)222-2180	Every Monday – Thursday	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Elder Care Services, 2518 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, 32304	Linda Ford	(850)291-5554	Monday – Friday (Seniors, 60+ Only)	8am – 5pm
Seminole Manor Neighborhood Association, 1568 Marcia Ave, Tallahassee, 32310	Adrian Fogelin	(850)580-4678	By appointment only	Call ahead
TCC- Talon's Market, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, 32304	Sheri Rowland	(850)201-6205	Monday-Wednesday or by appointment (Students Only)	11am – 2pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

### **SHBB Programs Serving TCC Area:**

- **Child Nutrition Programs**
  - Backpack Program
    - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
    - Riley Elementary, Sabal Palm Elementary, Astoria Park Elementary, Griffin Middle, and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
  - School Pantry
    - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
    - Sabal Palm Elementary, Godby High and Rickards High School currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
  - Summer BreakSpot
    - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
    - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of the Providence Neighborhood

### Providence Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 44.1% of the population in these Neighborhoods is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 422 food insecure\* people live in these Neighborhoods (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve Providence residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving Providence:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Florida A & M University Student Health, 1735 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, 32307	Harriett Jennings	(850)412-5285	Every Thursday; Every Friday	2pm – 3:30pm; 11am – 2pm
Jacob Chapel Baptist Church, 2333 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, 32310	Melinda Harris	(850)574-3150	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	1:00pm – 3:00pm
Saints In Unity/Mt. Moriah COGIU, 2719 Lake Mary St., Tallahassee, 32304	Margie Solomon	(850)661-3955	By appointment only	Call ahead
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, 32305	Anita Derrick	(850)210-3974	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1pm – 2:30pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

## SHBB Programs Serving Providence:

- **Family Nutrition Programs**

- Mobile Pantry Program
  - Mobile pantries are Second Harvest distributions conducted jointly with one of our Agency Partners or community organizations located throughout our 11-county service area. These events often are located in a church or nonprofit's parking lot at an announced date and time. Between 100 and 500 people will typically receive food distributions, including dry goods, fresh produce, and frozen meat.
  - Mobiles are conducted about quarterly in the Providence Neighborhood and include various supportive services. To see full mobile pantry details weekly, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Pineview Elementary School and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Pineview Elementary School and Rickards High School currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the Center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3970.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of the FAMU Area Neighborhoods

### FAMU Area Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 68.4% of the population in these Neighborhoods is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 470 food insecure\* people live in these Neighborhoods (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve FAMU Area residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving FAMU Area:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Florida A & M University Student Health, 1735 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, 32307	Harriett Jennings	(850)412-5285	Every Thursday; Every Friday	2pm – 3:30pm; 11am – 2pm
Jacob Chapel Baptist Church, 2333 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, 32310	Melinda Harris	(850)574-3150	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	1:00pm – 3:00pm
Saints In Unity/Mt. Moriah COGIU, 2719 Lake Mary St., Tallahassee, 32304	Margie Solomon	(850)661-3955	By appointment only	Call ahead
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, 32305	Anita Derrick	(850)210-3974	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1pm – 2:30pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

## SHBB Programs Serving FAMU Area:

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Bond Elementary School and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center currently has a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the center to learn more at (850)891-3970.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3970.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted, and many are making hard choices between buying food or essential medications. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.
  - Flipper Chapel AME Church also serves 18 seniors through this program.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to South City Neighborhood

### South City Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 46.6% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 796 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve South City Neighborhood's residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving South City:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Greater Love COGIC, 524 East Orange Avenue, Tallahassee, 32301	Felicia Williams	(850)877-4792	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10am - 12pm
Life Deliverance Ministries, 3377 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, 32301	Phyllis Watkins	(850)933-2191	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9am - food is gone
Maranatha S.D.A Church, 3121 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, 32301	Janice Ellington	(850)445-0112	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Other days may vary (Call ahead)	3pm - 6pm
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, 32305	Anita Derrick	(850)210-3974	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1pm – 2:30pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

## SHBB Programs Serving South City:

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Bond Elementary School, Hartsfield Elementary School, and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Rickards High School, South City Foundation @ Orange Ave. Apts, and Walker- Ford Community Center currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the Center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3970.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted, and many are making hard choices between buying food or essential medications. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of Bond Neighborhood

### Bond Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 53.4% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 232 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve Bond Neighborhood's residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving Bond:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Florida A & M University Student Health, 1735 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, 32307	Harriett Jennings	(850)412-5285	Every Thursday; Every Friday	2pm – 3:30pm; 11am – 2pm
Jacob Chapel Baptist Church, 2333 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, 32310	Melinda Harris	(850)574-3150	Every Tuesday and Wednesday	1:00pm – 3:00pm
Saints In Unity/Mt. Moriah COGIU, 2719 Lake Mary St., Tallahassee, 32304	Margie Solomon	(850)661-3955	By appointment only	Call ahead
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, 32305	Anita Derrick	(850)210-3974	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1pm – 2:30pm

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## SHBB Programs Serving Bond:

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Bond Elementary School and Nims Middle School currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Rickards High School and Walker- Ford Community Center currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - Walker- Ford Community Center is currently serving dinner Monday – Friday for school age children. Families may reach out to the Center for more info and meal times at (850)891-3970.
- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months.
  - SHBB, Leon County Schools and Family Worship and Praise all operate this program and serve children at over 100 sites in Leon County. We are currently signing up sites to serve children this summer. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted, and many are making hard choices between buying food or essential medications. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.
  - Flipper Chapel AME Church also serves 18 seniors through this program.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of Frenchtown Neighborhood

### Frenchtown Neighborhood Food Insecurity Data

- 48.5% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 1,161 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve Frenchtown residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

**How do we help residents find these food bank resources?** We make it easy! From our website home page, residents can search for food pantries by county, or type in their address to find pantries close to them. Our weekly list of mobile distributions also is posted on our website home page, and announced on social media.

#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving Frenchtown:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Anderson Chapel AME Church, 1307 Harlem St., Tallahassee, 32304	Patricia Screen	(850)590-7991	3rd Saturday	9am – 12pm
Frenchtown Neighborhood Improvement Association, 524 N. MLK Blvd, Tallahassee, 32301	Meltonia Chandler	(850)545-2903	Every Friday	9am – 4pm
New Mt. Zion AME Church, 1401 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, 32303	Danielle Richardson	(850)222-4201	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	5pm – 7pm
Philadelphia Foundation for Community Change, 840 Dunn St., Tallahassee, 32304	Phyllis Dantzler	(850)212-8220	2nd Saturday	9am – 11am
The Frontline Project (Dream Center), 1200 Harlem Street, Tallahassee, 32304	Jackie Jenkins	(850)264-3109	4th Saturday	10am – 2pm

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.



## SHBB Programs Serving Frenchtown:

- **Family Nutrition Programs**

- Mobile Pantry Program
  - Mobile pantries are Second Harvest distributions conducted jointly with one of our Agency Partners or community organizations. Between 100 and 500 people will typically receive food distributions, including dry goods, fresh produce, and frozen meat.
  - Mobiles are conducted every month at Watson Temple Institutional COGIC located at 665 W Brevard St, Tallahassee, FL 32304 (June 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm). To see full mobile pantry details weekly, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

- **Child Nutrition Programs**

- Summer BreakSpot
  - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.
- Backpack Program
  - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
  - Griffin Middle School, Riley Elementary, and Ruediger Elementary currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- School Pantry
  - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
  - Godby High School and Raa Middle School currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- Kids Café
  - Our Kids Café helps bridge the gap for children who receive most of their meals from school and may not have a nutritious dinner when they go home.
  - LeVerne Payne Community Center and Lawrence-Gregory Community Center serve dinner Monday – Friday for school age children during the school year. Families may reach out to the Centers for more info and meal times.

- **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- Senior Grocery Program
  - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
  - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.

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## Second Harvest Food Bank Overview of Services Provided to Citizens of N HWY 27 Neighborhoods

### N HWY 27 Neighborhoods Food Insecurity Data

- 17.6% of the population in this Neighborhood is food insecure\* (*Feeding America Data 2021*)
- 210 food insecure\* people live in this Neighborhood (*Feeding America Data 2021*)

\* Food insecurity refers to the lack of available resources for nutritionally adequate food at the household level. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between purchasing nutritionally adequate foods and other important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills.

### Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) Current Network

#### How does Second Harvest serve N HWY 27 residents?

- We provide nutritious food to our network of Partner Agencies, who in turn distribute this food directly within the community;
- We conduct mobile pantries for neighborhood-level distributions in partnership with community organizations;
- We offer Programs designed to serve specific populations including children, seniors, and the unhoused.

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#### SHBB Food Pantry Partners Serving N HWY 27:

Agency Name and Location	Main Contact	Phone Number	Distribution Days	Distribution Times
Tallahassee Spanish SDA Church, 4823 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, 32303	Norma Navas	(850)591-2268	Every other Friday (Call ahead)	5pm – 6pm
ALARM International, Inc., 2532 West Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, 32303	Heidi Otway	(850)216-1800	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9am – 11am
Good Samaritan Network, 2706 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, 32303	Sam Johnson	(850)800-7003	Monday-Friday	2pm – 5pm
Lake Jackson UMC, 4423 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, 32303	Travis Cone	(850)300-9780	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday and By Appointment	8:30am – 10:30am

For a list of all Pantries in our service area, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.

## SHBB Programs Serving N HWY 27:

- **Family Nutrition Programs**
  - Mobile Pantry Program
    - Mobile pantries are Second Harvest distributions conducted jointly with one of our Agency Partners or community organizations. Between 100 and 500 people will typically receive food distributions, including dry goods, fresh produce, and frozen meat.
    - Mobiles are conducted occasionally in the N HWY 27 Neighborhoods. To see full mobile pantry details weekly, visit <https://fightinghunger.org/>.
- **Child Nutrition Programs**
  - Summer BreakSpot
    - Our Summer BreakSpot (Summer Food Service Program) provides a free, nutritious meal and snack to children at sponsored sites who might otherwise go hungry during the summer months. To locate a site near them this summer, families may visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>.
  - Backpack Program
    - Our Backpack Program provides food insecure children with a bag of food each Friday to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend.
    - Griffin Middle School, Astoria Park Elementary, and Ruediger Elementary currently have a backpack program in place. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
  - School Pantry
    - Our School Pantry Program provides the entire family a bag or box of food, built by the participating school, to last them from a week to a month.
    - Godby High School and Raa Middle School currently have a school pantry on site. Families may reach out to the front office to learn more.
- **Senior Nutrition Programs**
  - Senior Grocery Program
    - Through the Senior Grocery Program, we help feed low-income seniors in our community at the end of the month when their financial resources have been exhausted. Currently, the program provides food including cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, fresh bread and produce.
    - SHBB, in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, currently delivers senior food boxes to 500 seniors in Leon County. Food box delivery is available for seniors (60+) through December 2022. Call our office at (850)562-3033 to sign up.

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