

CSC Leon Summer Bridge 2023 RFA

Community Impact Evaluation Panelist Comments

**Summer Feeding:**

Proposal #8: North Florida Community Development Corporation:

- Vending machines and pre-loaded cards – MG
- Proposal may supplant federal funds that are available from DOH. \$15.31/meal is expensive. Only 10 weeks. – EF
- Summer Feeding request equates to 47% of prior year total budget. Food as a %age of total request is 40%. High costs to food %age. - BCJ
- This is a really great innovative concept. Concerns about portion of budget that actually goes towards purchase of food (versus machines, honorariums and gift cards (a concept I really like), Seems driven by Impact Foods, a for-profit venture. Organization Budget has large program expense rolled up into one category with no breakdown. - JT
- Application and presentation indicate that 75% of funding for kiosk program, and 25% of funding for Traditional Summer Feeding (to including 1 kickoff feeding event and 2 smaller events). Application thoroughly detailed the 75% funding for kiosk program, but provided much less information/justification for the 25% of funding to support Traditional Summer Feeding.  
Budget appears to cover much more than the core expenses associate with Summer Feeding. For example, UPHS membership (annual), 2 computers (annual), groceries for after summer ends.  
Cost of Kiosks = \$20,000 + \$8,977.27 + \$8,000 (grant to kiosk site locations) + \$2,500 VISA Gift Cards  
Innovative concept that is well thought out, but concerns that the costs to carry-out the innovative idea go beyond the intent of the RFP.  
Total cost for food: \$75,000 + \$32,500  
Where is the funding for the Traditional Summer Feeding, which consists of 25% of the food distribution to families in need? - RB

Proposal #11: Good News Outreach, Inc.:

- Established community resource. - MG
- Does Second Harvest provide food to GNO without charge? If so, program should not be funded. \$10.38/meal is a bit high. - EF
- Food as a %age of total request is 54%. Question whether there are better ways to acquire freezers/capacity. Salaries/Admin are 39% of request. - BCJ
- No previous Budget, P&L or 990. - JT

- Appears they are requesting funding for a percentage of existing staff salaries. Did not include detailed information on ensuring the meals are nutritional. Funding request is for an enhancement of existing services including new food delivery to Good Bread Hills and increasing food delivery to Maryland Oaks (only receiving food 1x/month) Proposal did not provide detailed information on food distribution from food pantry. Proposal focused more on delivery to 2 apartments. - RB

Proposal #14: The Less Fortunate Still Matters Foundation:

- Loves his community and has sacrificed to serve. - MG
- Only eight weeks; time period too short. Inadequate amount of narrative; unclear how many children will be served. Should apply for summer funding from Agriculture. - EF
- Food as a %age of total request is 50%.  
75 cents/mile travel request is greater than current IRS rate of 65.5 cents/mile.  
Summer feeding request is 93% higher than reported annual revenue (no food included in 2022 income statement - donated?)  
Unclear what Utilities line item relates to (\$375/mo X 3 = \$1,125)? - BCJ
- heavily reliant on distributing food same day and not having to store it. Menu includes Hot Dogs, Pizza and Fried Chicken. They acknowledge data needs but don't seem to have staff allocated for that. Funds are being used to buy computer too. Had a loss of \$15k last year (30% of Budget) - JT
- Very limited information provided in application. Based on application and presentation, I do not have a full understanding of the project, how it will operate, how the funding will be spent, the neighborhoods served, and the capacity of the organization to carry-out this grant proposal.  
Concerns that the sample menu lacks nutritional options. - RB

Proposal #17: Capital City Youth Services Inc.:

- Equipment start up. - MG
- Proposal may supplant federal funds available from Dept. of Agriculture. May supplant WIC funding. - EF
- Entire request is capacity building. Unclear whether there are options via 2nd Harvest/FDACS/other? for this request. - BCJ
- No specifics on delivery program. This is more for infrastructure but could provide a sustainable site. Ask represents small part of budget but hard to see how program fits in budget with information provided. - JT
- Presentation indicated that \$40k request would support equipment, materials and labor. Remainder of funding to support purchase of frozen meat. Budget did not include anything on food purchase. Missing Annual Budget, P&L Statement. - RB

Proposal #22: Family Worship & Praise Center CDC:

- Trusted and well established community service provider. - MG
- Cost/meal calculation is erroneous on application. Presenters said they are summer food sponsor, but FWP is not on Dept of Agriculture list. Program might supplant federal funds. - EF
- Request of \$387,958.29 is 57% of reported 2022 annual budget. Request is only for 14 weeks. Concerns associated with ability to scale. \$10,500 for facility rental for 3/5 mos. seems high. - BCJ
- Main concerns in budget area. Salaries expenses are higher than program expenses. This grant would be over half of their funding. They did not provide any current operating budget or insight. - JT
- Appears that the organization already has funding to serve under 18; this funding request would be for over 18 family members in the home. Under 18 would not be served through this funding request.

Discrepancy between grant proposal and presentation regarding meals:

-Proposal: Estimated 49,050 meals (\$4.25/meal)

-Presentation: Estimated 37,800 meals (\$5.83/meal)

Discrepancy between grant proposal and budget regarding staffing:

-Proposal: 27 staff

-Budget: 22 staff

Funding request is significantly higher than the others, but also includes more food distribution than the others. - RB

Proposal #28: Frenchtown Neighborhood Improvement Association:

- Cost/meal calculation is erroneous on application. - EF
- Did not provide annual budget, 990 (only Feb 2023). No evidence of FDACS/2nd Harvest participation. - BCJ
- Concerned that all labor is contract labor with no permanent ties to the organization. Officers of the organization have salaries. I am not clear if that is Board officers or actual staff. If Board, very disconcerting at \$10k/month. I am not clear what current funding sources are to determine if supplanting is happening, but request is 1/3rd of total budget. - JT
- Budget error - indicated 2,400 meals; should be updated to 24,000 meals  
Budget did not include expense of gas or vehicle for delivery, which was mentioned as being apart of the budget during the presentation.  
Narrative lacked information related to demographics/needs of those served, why the locations were chosen – RB

Proposal #30: AMIkids Tallahassee\*\*:

- Evening meals for families. - MG
- Only six weeks; time period too short. Cost/meal (\$24.44) too high. 990 from parent company; Leon County budget not provided. Should apply for Dept of Agriculture funds. - EF
- Summer Feeding request is \$11,000. Other applicant indicated they were providing meals for a fee to AMI Kids. Summer Learning application included with Summer Feeding application did not have a food line item. - BCJ
- Not clear on what local budget/requirements are. Does larger organization contribute? This request seems primarily targeted at their students and families which will drive the outreach efforts. - JT
- Service Line 2: Application lacked details on the youth and families being served and where those families are located. Also lacked detail on the amount of food that would be distributed to each individuals/family  
Presentation mentioned that the majority of food purchased would be for food pantry, and the extra food would be distributed through to the community through summer service learning initiatives that would be offered once per month. The application and budget did not include any detail on this.  
Did not submit sample menu or schedule. Did not provide detailed breakdown of type of food that would be purchased and how it would be made available to children and their families. - RB

Proposal #35: America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Inc.:

- well established program and community supporter. - MG
- Food as a %age of total request is 82%. Salaries & Admin is 7%. Direct distribution through established community hosts in at risk zip codes. Markets provide nutrition education; SNAP application. - BCJ
- not clear on whether program is supplanting funds though does not appear to be. Inconclusive based on information submitted. - JT
- Did not provide Annual Budget or P&L to compare against requested budget. Request budget: 82% for food, 6% for equipment/storage.  
Unclear the relationship between Second Harvest and other Summer Feeding applicants, if other Summer Feeding applicants would benefit if this application is funded, and if there is duplication of services/funding between this funding request and the other summer feeding funding requests. - RB

Proposal #39: Jacob Chapel Baptist Church, Inc.\*\*:

- Funding this program could supplant federal funds available through the Dept. of Agriculture. Offers Saturday service. \$21,000 for supplies appears to be high. - EF

- Food as a %age of total request is 44%. Equipment/capacity building is \$15,000. Does FDACs/2nd Harvest have options for this? No evidence of current FDACS/2nd Harvest partnership. - BCJ
- Seemed that they are not entirely sure how many they would be feeding, which is causing the cost per meal calculation to seem high. Budget does not provide enough detail to determine other funding sources. They are buying supplies that they should already have based on the service they currently provide. - JT
- There were several points throughout the application where the applicant confused summer funding between service line 1 and 2. Clarification letter submitted indicated that 150 ADDITIONAL meals would be delivered to children and families 6 days/week. Did not include enough information on location of families that will receive food delivery, as it relates to promise zones  
Budget request of \$177,842.81 allocated 44% towards food. Budget did not include funding for mileage, yet the application indicated that food would be delivered and budget included salaries for drivers. - RB

Proposal #40: The Community Round Table Of Tallahassee 850:

- Only eight weeks; time period too short. Company budget not provided. Cost/meal too high. Funding could supplant federal funds. - EF
- Request is \$183,140 for 8 wks. Based on proposed number of meals = \$22.75/meal. Meals prepared by local restaurant. Unclear what role proposed dietician would play with purchased meals. No evidence of current FDACs/2nd Harvest partnership. No 990 or annual budget provided. - BCJ
- No current Budget or 990 is provided. Board member is on panel for Summer Learning. - JT
- Indicate no food storage needed since food will be cooked daily -- does this mean that food will be purchased each day as well?  
I understand the logic of 8,000 meals (200 meals/day for 5 days/week for a total of 8 weeks). Application also mentions 100 weekend care boxes to be distributed on Fridays to include 1 breakfast and 2 dinners. These are not expanded on in the narrative or in the breakdown of total number of meals.  
Application lacked detail Unknown how the food will be delivered to families in need. Budget did not factor in transportation. Funding for food consists of 82% of requested funding. - RB