

2023 Pulaski County Hunger Reduction Initiative Program PCHR

Pulaski County and the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance have collaborated to improve public health, closing the gaps of service in Pulaski County to reduce hunger; especially among seniors and homebound by facilitating the Pulaski County Hunger Reduction Initiative Program. Funds are intended to be used: purchase nutritious food, and/or create and support a program to deliver nutritious food to residents in Pulaski County.

Agencies may apply to provide the following services or a combination of services:

- **Purchase of protein (meat) foods**
 - Up to **\$18,000** per grant cycle (to provide immediate protein needs)
 - Examples: Fresh or frozen beef, pork, poultry, fish, etc.
- **Purchase of fresh foods**
 - Up to **\$18,000** per grant cycle (to provide immediate fresh food needs)
 - Examples: Produce Only
- **Establish/ expand/ support delivery programs**
 - Up to **\$25,000** per grant cycle to establish a sustainable home delivery program ▪ Examples: Vehicle purchase, vehicle refrigeration, fuel, mileage, vehicle registration, thermal bags/blankets, etc.

****Grants may be awarded in full or partial amounts of the application. All awardees will receive healthy recipe cards to distribute to pantry clients.***

****No single purchase may exceed \$1,999.99. If so, three quotes must be obtained and submitted at the end of the project report.***

****No single purchase may exceed \$19,999.99. If so, a formal bid must be promoted, obtained, and submitted by the end of the project report.***

Local Hunger Relief Organizations (LHRO) are defined as food pantries, food rescue organizations, soup kitchens, shelters, and other organizations that directly serve Arkansas families by providing food prepared on-site (for example, at a summer feeding site) or for personal use at home (for example, a food pantry). Organizations may apply for a Pulaski County Hunger Reduction Initiative Program award of up to \$66,000. Funding requests over \$66,000 will not be funded.

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance will not discriminate against any person based on race, color, religion, natural origin, age, gender, or any other constitutionally or statutorily protected basis.

The following information will be required to submit your application:

- 501(C)(3) letter OR if a church ministry, proof of church affiliation
- Proof of General Liability Insurance
- List of board of directors (with contact information)
- The following financial information:
 - Current annual budget
 - Most recent year's complete financial statement

FUNDING REQUESTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2023, AND AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY JULY 20, 2023.

Applications received after June 30th will not be considered.

Reporting Requirements:

- **All monies must be spent between July 2023 & April 29, 2024.**
- *Each sub-contract recipient will be required to document the use of the funds by sending copies of receipts and quotes by completing a short reporting form that will be sent via email after the award email has been sent. Monies not spent by April 29, 2024, must be returned to the Alliance.*
- **Sub-Contract Awardee reports are due on the following dates: December 1, 2023 & April 29, 2024**
- *LHRO'S receiving sub-contract funds that do not comply with reporting requirements may be subject to award cancellation, request for reimbursement of funds, or removal from future funding opportunities.*
- Reports will include:
 - Receipts of food purchases and the weight of food distribution
 - Receipts for eligible purchases for food delivery
 - Receipts for eligible purchases of garden creation/expansion
 - Late/lack of reporting may delay or cancel funding.