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September 21, 2015

Council Members
City of Gunnison
201 W. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear City Council Members,

Gunnison Country Food Pantry board members are proud to report to the City Council that we are on target to meet our three objectives for 2015 as outlined in our Contract for Service. Through August of this year the Pantry has provided:

1. *Food assistance* during distributions two days a week for an average of 228 families each month.
2. *Food assistance* during an additional distribution each week for Seniors which has benefited 95 unduplicated senior households.
3. *Food assistance* through collaboration with Gunnison Watershed School District by delivering thousands of nutritious snacks targeted for the 377 students who qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals at Lake School and Gunnison Elementary and Middle Schools during the school year as well as more than 2,200 snacks for Senorita Rita's Rockin' Reading Buses during the summer.

The Pantry's goals through 2017 include providing "*nutritious*" food assistance for Gunnison citizens who visit the Pantry asking for food for themselves and their families. Food assistance should model a healthy diet. A small amount of empty calories such as what is often contributed by a well-intended community is acceptable in a balanced diet; however, food that helps maintain or improve the overall health of community members is the aim of the Pantry. *When every dollar counts, so does nutrition!*

Last year the Community Foundation of Gunnison Valley provided a grant of \$5,000 so the Pantry could purchase \$100 of milk, eggs and fresh produce every distribution day. Financial support in the amount of \$15,000 will be needed in 2016 to continue our focus on providing nutritional food assistance. The MacAllister Foundation has provided a gift of \$5,000. We believe the community will contribute \$5,000 during our annual fund drive in December. We are asking the City to provide the additional \$5,000.

With your help, the Pantry will be there for those in need next year.

Warm regards,

Katie Dix
President

Jeanette Klepinger
Vice President

Enclosures



APPLICATION FOR CONTRACT FOR SERVICE

Applicant Information

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| Organization: | Gunnison Country Food Pantry | | |
| Representative: | Katie Dix, President, (303) 880-3513 | | |
| Mailing Address: | PO Box 7077, 321-C N. Main St. | Gunnison | |
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| New Application: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Renewal Application: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Amount Requested: | \$5,000 |
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Proposal Information

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| Event or Service: | FOOD PANTRY | | |
| Date of Event: | N/A | Number of years funded by the City: | 1 Year |

| Year: | Funding received from the City | # of participants from the City and County | # of participants from outside the County | Total # of participants |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| -2015 | \$4,800. | 511 each month | About a dozen | 511 mo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated |
| 2013 ¹ | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated |
| 2012 ¹ | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated |
| 2011 ¹ | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated |

¹ Only required for applicants seeking funding renewal

Objectives for coming year²

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| Objective 1: | To provide nutritious food assistance for full-time citizens of Gunnison County (76% of whom live in the city) facing food insecurity due to unemployment/underemployment, medical and emergency situations. |
| Objective 2: | To provide food assistance to elementary and middle school children by working in collaboration with our Gunnison Watershed School District. |
| Objective 3: | To continue to assist retired full-time citizens of Gunnison on limited fixed incomes meet the rising cost of living through our Seniors Day program. |

² An objective is an expected, verifiable outcome. It is not an activity.

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Previous Year's Objectives

| Objective ³ | Assessment |
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| <p>Objective: To provide a temporary safety net for full-time citizens of Gunnison facing food insecurity due to unemployment/underemployment, medical and and emergency situations.</p> <p>Comments: A 4-month trial is testing interest in expanding hours on Wednesdays to 7 pm.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully Met <input type="checkbox"/> Partly Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> |
| <p>Objective: To assist retired full-time citizens of Gunnison on limited, fixed incomes meet the rising costs of living by providing a program to help S-T-R-E-T-C-H their food budget.</p> <p>Comments: Seniors are the fastest growing group across our country facing food insecurity. For Gunnison Seniors this program has met a true need by providing an additional resource for food.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully Met <input type="checkbox"/> Partly Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> |
| <p>Objective: To provide a resource for elementary and middle school children to receive nutritious snacks by delivering this resource directly to our schools.</p> <p>Comments: <i>School Snacks: Feeding Bodies, Fueling Minds</i> is now an ongoing collaboration with Gunnison Watershed School District.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully Met <input type="checkbox"/> Partly Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> |

³ Summarize each objective in one or two sentences.

Projected impact

Describe any major changes to the project/service for this year.

Gunnison Country Food Pantry continues to have a positive impact on our citizens facing food insecurity. An average of 511 people have asked for food assistance every month this year! Food insecurity is the fear of not having enough food - one of the most basic of human needs. A small investment in the well-being of our citizens makes economic sense and boosts civic pride in our community.

Why do you think the event/service still deserves continued **funding** through the program?

For over 50 years citizens of Gunnison struggling with food insecurity have had a place to go for help, whether it was a closet in Anne Steinbeck's office, the basement at Community Church or the Pantry as it exists today. We expect more than 240 families will ask for food assistance every month next year. The City of Gunnison is a successful community because of how it treats its citizens in need. Our community members count on the services of Gunnison Country Food Pantry.

I hereby attest that the information provided in this application is accurate as of the date of submission.

Katie Drij
Signature

September 21, 2015
Date

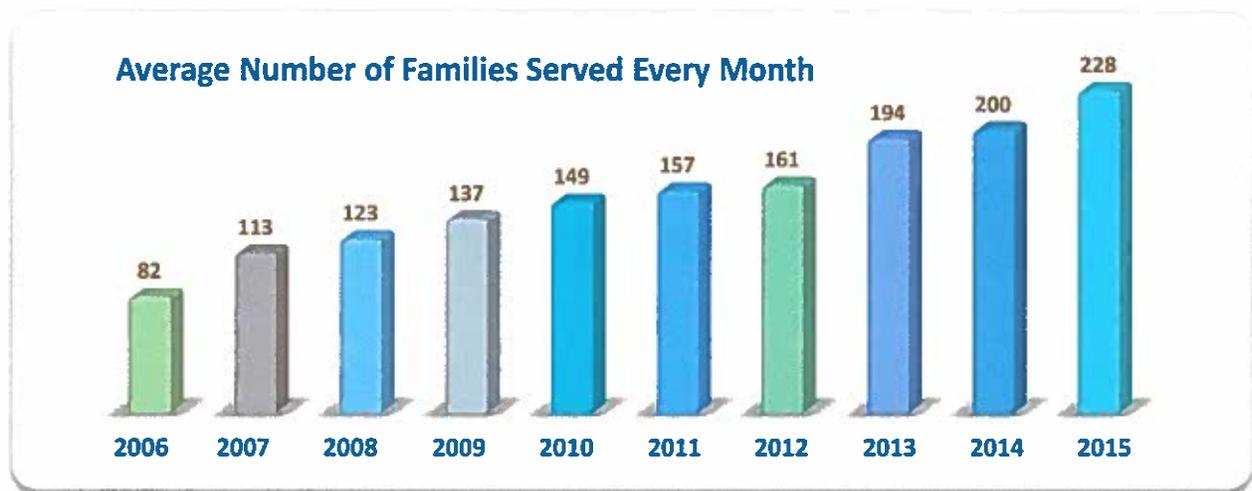


City of Gunnison

Addendum to Application
September 21, 2015

The mission of Gunnison Country Food Pantry is to serve those in need by providing food assistance in a kind, confidential and supportive environment. We recognize that asking for temporary help is difficult and that those in need may be a neighbor or friend.

This year Gunnison Country Food Pantry is serving an average of **228 families** every month reflecting a steady 7% increase annually since our 501(c)(3) was organized nine years ago. These 228 families are comprised of an average of **357 adults** and **154 children**. That means more than **500 people** are being relieved of the fear of food insecurity.



In addition, **95 senior households** have been served on Seniors Days, a successful program in its third year. Nutritious snacks are also being provided to elementary and middle school children through collaboration with Gunnison Watershed School District and Señorita Rita's Rockin' Reading Buses.

Where does the food come from and who makes this food assistance possible? The Pantry is an all-volunteer organization. Staffing is provided by an average of **48 volunteers** donating **582 hours** monthly. Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado delivers monthly about \$3,700 worth of healthy non-perishable staples, frozen meats and produce from The Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program monthly. Local vendors contribute surplus inventory daily, averaging more than 5,000 pounds a month.

Equally important, the citizens and organizations of Gunnison County support the mission of the Pantry with monetary donations which are used to supplement and balance in-kind contributions with the purchase of nutritious protein-rich foods and fresh fruit and vegetables from local stores. These donations fund two-thirds of the estimated cost of \$15,000 per year. The Pantry is asking the City Council to provide financial support for one-third of the cost of providing nutritious foods – **\$5,000** for 2016.