

# March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Report

## Division of Food & Nutrition



### Division Overview

- **Pending matters of significance**

- Interim Final Rule: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Rural Non-Congregate feeding option became effective December 29, 2023. Public comment is due to USDA by April 29, 2024. This means approved rural areas can offer “to go” meal service and the kids do not have to stay and eat.

### Program Updates

- **Food Distribution**

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) clients continue to receive food through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Three Square Food Bank (TS) and their network of community partners. There were 570,652 individuals and 203,716 households that received TEFAP services in the second quarter of State Fiscal Year (FY) 2024; an average of 190,217 individuals served per month as listed in the table below.

Month/Year	FBNN	Three Square
10/2023	57,462	123,152
11/2023	66,504	144,288
12/2023	62,477	116,769

- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
  - Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 State Plan has been approved by USDA.
  - Received \$148,856 in funding for FFY24 and we are currently planning this year’s rollout, including designing coupons and program materials.
- Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program (SNWP)
  - SNWP served an average of 5,118 seniors October-December 2023, providing a monthly food package to income eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant Round I: State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to enhance food access in underserved communities. As of 12/31/2023 \$344,001 of \$500,000 has been expended and two of six awarded projects have been completed.
- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant Round II: State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities. As of 12/31/2023 \$1,647,059 of \$6 million has been expended.
- Home Feeds Nevada (HFN) program, currently funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant and State ARPA funding.
  - Food Acquisition: From October 1-December 31, 2023, the program successfully procured a total of 517,448.58 pounds of locally grown and processed foods, including dairy products, for distribution across the state.

- Purchasing Power: Leveraging both the LFPA grants and ARPA funding, the program spent \$1,298,293.25 for purchases from local vendors around the state.
    - Producer Expansion: As part of our ongoing efforts, we are continuously seeking to expand our network of local producers participating in the program.
  - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) at the northern warehouse.
    - Phase two of replacing the generators has started.
- Community Nutrition
  - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Outreach/Expansion Initiative funded through State ARPA subaward from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.
    - Virtual CACFP Training was held on 11/30/2023. As a result, 3 centers have submitted Initial Application Forms to join the program.
  - Meals Served October 1-December 31, 2023.
    - CACFP: 1,633,429
    - SFSP: Seasonal program. SFSP meal service will resume in May 2024.
  - Administrative/Compliance Reviews Completed
    - CACFP: 1 sponsor/operator was reviewed.
    - SFSP: Seasonal program. SFSP reviews will resume in June 2024.
- School Nutrition (SN)
  - SN Program Data October 1, 2023-December 31, 2023
    - School year 2023-2024 approved program sponsors: 69
    - Total lunches served: 11,196,808\*
    - Total breakfasts served: 6,035,298\*
    - Snacks served: 104,908\*
    - Milks served: 19,753\*
  - Universal Free Meals for SY23-2024
    - State ARPA funds used October 1, 2023-December 31, 2023: \$13,990,051.15
    - 65.31% ARPA funds remaining for school year 2023-2024.
    - Meals covered by State ARPA: 1,287,774 paid price & 23,240 reduced price =1,311,014 Total Breakfasts\* and 2,864,577 paid price & 72,672 reduced price =2,937,249 Total Lunches\*
  - National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant
    - FY23 Grant was awarded to 12 sponsors at 20 school sites.
    - Total awarded \$241,776.74.
  - USDA Local Foods in Schools Grant
    - \$1,272,524.79 awarded to 26 School Food Authorities
    - \$394,180.21 remaining to award.
  - Administrative and Procurement Reviews in Schools School Year 2023-2024
    - 7 reviews currently in progress

*\*Data pulled 2/2/24 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for month of December.*