

December 14, 2022 Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition



Division Overview

- Pending matters of significance
 - School Nutrition (SN)
 - SN received \$3,600,244 in a third round of Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds to distribute to School Food Authorities (SFAs) to assist school districts experiencing supply chain disruptions. These funds must be used exclusively for the purchase of domestic food products that are unprocessed or minimally processed. All funds, along with the second amount of \$7,823,031 announced in July, will be allocated to the SFAs based on a predetermined formula from USDA.
- Partnership activities
 - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
 - SN continues to work with these partners on P-EBT.
 - SN is currently working with DWSS and NDE to execute the School Year (SY) 21-22 P-EBT plan approved by USDA and planning for the SY 22-23 P-EBT plan.
 - DHHS-Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
 - The NDA continues to assist with DPBH's Obesity Prevention Steering Committee and their Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan. The plan focuses on children from birth to eight years of age to promote obesity prevention behaviors including healthy eating, increasing physical activity, limiting sedentary time (screen/media), gaining adequate sleep, and providing breastfeeding support.
 - Collaboration with the Southern Nevada's Obesity Prevention Coalition
 - The NDA continues its partnership to reduce and prevent obesity. The coalition offers networking, information sharing, and advocacy opportunities for all members, as well as a chance to support community projects and activities encouraging physical activity and healthy eating.

Program Updates

- Food Distribution (FD)
 - 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.
 - July 2022: FBNN 27,249 Individuals; TS 74,722 individuals
 - Aug 2022: FBNN 55,899 Individuals; TS 88,848 individuals
 - Sept 2022: FBNN 43,880 Individuals; TS 93,167 individuals
 - The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - CSFP served an average of 1,858 seniors July-Oct, providing a monthly food package to income eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
 - Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

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- The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) closed on September 15, 2022. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the NDA distributed 4,650 coupon booklets worth \$45 each to our community partners, who then distributed the booklets to income-eligible seniors. SFMNP provided \$128,581 in purchasing power at Nevada farmers' markets, farm stands, and through the State's bulk buy purchase of \$35,678 from Nevada farmers. There are currently 54 farmers certified to accept the coupons at Nevada farmers markets.
- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Round II
 - The NDA has utilized \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to create a grant to enhance food access in underserved communities. The NDA received 25 applications from community organizations and Tribal governments, of which 14 were awarded. The awarded projects will expand food access in underserved rural, Tribal and urban areas in Nevada.
 - The NDA awarded \$3 million to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) to complete a project to increase food storage and distribution capacity in rural Nevada.
 - In November, the NDA released a request for proposals to award a Nevada-based entity \$500,000 in ARPA funding to develop a data collection methodology to track overall food insecurity data in Nevada, including the efforts of multiple food assistance programs relative to projected need and subsequent outcomes. The NDA expects this project to be an agile annual report that can be gathered as needed to get an accurate and robust picture of food insecurity statewide.
- School Nutrition
 - Meals served July 1, 2022-October 31, 2022
 - School year 2022-23 approved program sponsors: 73
 - Total lunches served: 11,301,612
 - Total breakfasts served: 5,965,712
 - Snacks served: 76,218
 - Milks served: 35,241
 - Grants received for School Year 2022-23
 - The NDA received an additional \$406,438 from USDA for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance grant. This grant allows NSLP program sponsors to receive free (reimbursed) food service equipment. The NDA received 19 applications for the grant and was able to fund all the applicants.
 - Grants in process
 - The NDA was allocated \$850,051 from USDA for the noncompetitive Farm 2 School State Agency Formula Grant. This grant will help to provide administrative funds for Farm 2 School and subgrant awards to Farm 2 School partners for allowable projects that provide agricultural education in the

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classroom and build and increase schools' ability to procure and use local food.

- The NDA was allocated \$1,666,705 from USDA for the Local Foods in Schools non-competitive grant opportunity. These funds can be used by SFAs to purchase minimally processed foods that are produced within a 400-mile radius of the school.
- Community Nutrition
 - Administrative Reviews
 - Four Summer Food Service Program sponsor/operator reviews were completed at the end of October 2022.
 - Program Data July 1, 2022-October 31, 2022
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program: 38 sponsors, 1,717,032 meals served.
 - Summer Food Service Program: 24 sponsors, 735,442 meals served.