



June 4, 2024, Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition

Division Overview

Pending matters of significance

- New final rule on updated school meal standards was announced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Nutrition standards for school meals will be gradually updated to include less sugar and flexibility with menu planning between Fall 2025 and Fall 2027.

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 617,533 individuals and 182,447 households that received TEFAP services in the third quarter of State Fiscal Year (FY) 24; an average of 205,844 individuals served per month as listed in the table below.

TEFAP Month/Year	FBNN	Three Square
1/2024	64,708	112,125
2/2024	59,619	132,189
3/2024	66,922	109,627

- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
 - Program staff is preparing for the program to start in May, getting training prepared and coupons printed. Coupons will be distributed next quarter in May.
- Senior Nutrition Wellness Program (SNWP)
 - SNWP served an average of 4,963 seniors January through March 2024, providing a monthly food package to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Program (FDPIR)
 - Program distributes USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on ten (10) Indian reservations monthly.

FDPIR Month/Year	Individuals Certified	Households	Participants
1/2024	185	139	297
2/2024	178	126	275
3/2024	178	128	256

- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant Round I: State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds subawarded to enhance food access in underserved communities.
 - As of March 31, 2024, \$365,597, of \$404,965 has been expended.
 - Subaward for Walker River Paiute Tribe was de-obligated due to unresponsiveness and noncompliance. Funds were returned to the Governor’s Finance Office (GFO).
- NCFA Grant Round II: State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities.
 - As of March 31st, \$2,016,028 of \$6 million has been expended.
 - We are working closely with recipients on spend-down plans.
- The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) at the northern warehouse has been successfully completed. State Public Works staff are working through the closeout portion of the CIP contract now.
- Home Feeds Nevada (HFN) program, currently funded by State ARPA and the USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant.
 - During the first quarter of 2024 (January 1 to March 31, 2024), the program purchased and distributed 494,317 pounds of food, including dairy products, with a total expenditure of \$775,514.
 - We anticipate the complete spend-down of the \$2 million in State ARPA funding to finish on target around 6/30/2024. We plan to request a one-year extension to the LFPA funding.
 - We welcomed one new producer to the program during this time, specializing in hydroponic growing techniques. Currently, our program has approved a total of 21 producers. As we enter the growing season, we are enthusiastic about further expanding the program and distributing fresh, locally grown products, reaffirming our commitment to mitigating food insecurity.

Community Nutrition (CN)

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Outreach/Expansion Initiative funded through State ARPA subaward from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.
 - In-person CACFP Training was held on 1/18/2024. As a result, four (4) centers have submitted Initial Application Forms to join the program and one (1) center has been approved.
 - This funding is slated to end 6/30/2024.
 - Meals Served January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024:
 - CACFP: 1,763,991
 - SFSP: (seasonal program) meal service will resume in May 2024.
 - Administrative/Compliance Reviews Completed
 - CACFP: Four (4) sponsors/operators were reviewed.
 - SFSP: (seasonal program) reviews will resume in June 2024.

School Nutrition (SN)

- SN Program Data January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024
 - One (1) new charter school approved for National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.
 - Total lunches served: 12,405,821*
 - Total breakfasts served: 6,574,727*
 - Snacks served: 104,908*
 - Milks served: 19,753*
- Universal Free Meals for School Year 23-24
 - State ARPA funds used January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024: \$15,243,320.50*.
 - A total of 32.84% of ARPA funds are remaining for school year 23-24.
 - Meals covered by State ARPA:
 - 1,380,838 paid price & 22,868 reduced price =1,403,706 Total Breakfast meals*;
 - 3,129,570 paid price & 116,743 reduced price =3,246,313 Total Lunch meals*.
- USDA Local Foods in Schools Grant
 - School Food Authorities have spent \$633,877 on local food purchases, including but not limited to milk, ground beef, and produce.
 - A total of 38.83% of subawards have been utilized through March 31, 2024*.
- Administrative and Procurement Reviews in Schools School Year 2023-2024
 - Eight (8) reviews closed this quarter.
 - Six (6) reviews are currently in progress.

**Data pulled 5/7/24 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for month of March.*