

September 4th, 2024, Board Report

Division Food and Nutrition



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Division Overview

Pending matters of significance

- Anticipated approximate 30% decrease in our United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) State Administrative Expense (SAE) funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This decrease will greatly affect our entire division as this is our operating fund. Twenty-three percent employee wage increases in two years have contributed to this concern.

Partnership activities

- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Nutrition Education (SNAP-Ed) Program:
 - Tonya Wolf, Food Distribution Supervisor, will be participating in DWSS's quarterly SNAP-Ed's State Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) meetings starting August 2024. The SNAC is being established to address the lack of nutrition education plans contributing to diet-related diseases.
- Child and Adult Care food Program (CACFP) Outreach Initiative funded through a State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subaward from the DWSS received a no-cost extension through September 30, 2024.

Program Updates

Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- 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 628,849 individuals and 207,652 households that received TEFAP services in the fourth quarter of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24; an average of 209,616 individuals served per month as listed in the table below.

TEFAP Month/Year	FBNN	Three Square
4/2024	83,151	147,435
5/2024	89,246	146,794
6/2024	51,438	110,785

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- Program staff conducted local agency and farmer training for the new season.
- 6200 coupon booklets were issued in southern and northern Nevada to local agencies to distribute to eligible seniors.
- Farmers have submitted coupon reimbursements and payments are being issued to farmers.

Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program (SNWP) (formerly CSFP)

- SNWP served an average of 4,990 seniors April through June 2024, providing a monthly food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- FDPIR distributes USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on ten (10) Indian reservations monthly.

FDPIR Month/Year	Individuals Certified	Households	Participants*
4/2024	174	125	263
5/2024	173	120	234
6/2024	161	113	241

**The way FDPIR certification works is one person can certify then those in the household are counted as participants of the program.*

Food Insecurity - Rural Food Hub Grant (State ARPA)

- This grant sub-awarded to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) increases food storage and distribution capacity in rural Nevada and to date has spent \$19,808 of \$3,000,000.
- FBNN finalized a purchase sale agreement last month for the purchase of a warehouse building in Elko and is working through the due diligence process before executing on closing. Building cost: approximately \$1,650,000.

Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant (State ARPA)

- NCFA Grant Round I: State ARPA funds sub-awarded to enhance food access in underserved communities.
 - As of June 30, 2024, \$392,043 of \$404,965 has been expended and all projects except one are completed.
- NCFA Grant Round II: State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities.
 - As of June 30, 2024, \$2,479,904 of \$6 million has been expended.
 - We are continuing to work closely with recipients on spend-down plans.
 - Two projects have yet to begin.

Capital Improvement Project

- This project that replaced the cooler and freezers in the NDA northern warehouse has the final walk through on 7/24/2024 before the warranty year ends.

Home Feeds Nevada (HFN)

- The HFN program is currently funded by State ARPA and the USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant. This quarter was marked by steady preparation for peak production as we approach the warmer, high-producing farming months. Most of the annual funding is spent on fresh produce. We currently have 20 active producers.
 - During this period, we spent \$746,860.43 on food purchases and delivered approximately 400,974 pounds of fresh, locally sourced food to Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank.
 - State ARPA funding will be completely spent by mid-July and all producers will be transitioned to the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) funding.

Community Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Meals served April 1 through June 30, 2024: 1,636,337
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 1 final sponsor/operator reviewed for the year; all other reviews closed.
- Outreach/Expansion Initiative funded through State ARPA subaward from DWSS, during this quarter:
 - Three virtual CACFP Trainings were held, resulting in two (2) centers submitting their Initial Application Forms to join the program.
 - Program training was provided at the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children State Annual Conference and the Childcare Business & Leadership Summit.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- SFSP is a seasonal program that started late May/early June with expanded access in rural and tribal areas due to revised non-congregant feeding requirements.
- Meals served April 1 through June 30, 2024: 918,362
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: reviews will begin in July.

School Nutrition

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

- School Nutrition Program data April 1 through June 30, 2024
 - One (1) new charter school approved for School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.
 - Meals served:
 - Total lunches served: 8,194,269*
 - Total breakfasts served: 4,539,516*
 - Snacks served: 89,044*
 - Milks served: 18,066* (*The Special Milk Program provides milk to children in schools and childcare institutions that do not participate in other federal meal service programs and reimburses schools for the milk they serve.*)
 - Administrative and Procurement Reviews in Schools for School Year 2023-2024
 - Four (4) reviews closed this quarter, and three (3) reviews are in progress.
- Universal Free Meals for School Year 23-24
 - State ARPA funds used April 1 through June 30, 2024: \$10,576,491.85*.
 - Meals covered by State ARPA:
 - Breakfast meals: 979,530 paid price & 18,239 reduced price =997,769
 - Lunch meals: 2,163,454 paid price & 56,649 reduced price =2,220,103
 - This funding ended June 30, 2024, and school operations will go back to “normal” next school year.

USDA Local Foods in Schools (LFS) Grant

- School Food Authorities spent \$614,155 on local food purchases, including but not limited to milk, ground beef, and produce April 1 through June 30, 2024.
- A total of \$1,469,598 of LFS funds were spent during the 2023-2024 school year for local food purchases. This grant ended June 30, 2024.

**Data pulled 7/29/24 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for month of June.*