



# December 6, 2024, Board Report

## Division of Food and Nutrition

### Division Overview

#### Pending matters of significance

#### Partnership activities

- Montana Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs
  - The Montana Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs was awarded a 2024 Team Nutrition Grant from USDA. This grant will allow Montana to create and deliver a comprehensive, statewide training program called Montana School Meals: Mastering Meal Patterns Under the Final Rule. Schools will be prepared to meet updated school meal patterns for school breakfast and lunch which are based upon the *2020 – 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. NDA’s school nutrition team is partnering with Montana, and the training program will be available to Nevada school nutrition programs to utilize.
- Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
  - DHHS’ Office of Food Security is creating a work group to deliver a Food Security Conference in northern Nevada in fall 2025 and the division is participating to assist with the planning and development.

### Program Updates

#### Food Distribution

- A new final rule was released on October 31, 2024 titled Food Distribution Programs: Improving Access and Parity. This new rule revises the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and USDA Foods disaster response regulations. It makes access and parity improvements in USDA’s food distribution programs to support access for eligible populations and streamline requirements for program operators. Most of the rule’s provisions are effective 60 days after publication, and when required, must be implemented by December 30, 2024. Three CSFP provisions and three TEFAP provisions have a longer implementation period and must be implemented no later than 12 months after the rule’s publication, by October 31, 2025.

#### 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. Between June 1 and September 30, 2024 6.9 million pounds of TEFAP food was distributed throughout the State. There were 717,117 individuals served in this time frame with an average of 179,279 individuals served each month.

TEFAP Month/Year	FBNN	TSFB
6/2024	51,438	110,785
7/2024	63,775	117,630
8/2024	65,179	125,872
9/2024	55,069	127,369

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- For the 2024 season 46 farmers were certified to accept coupons at Nevada Farmers’ Markets and a total of 6,200 coupon booklets worth \$50 each were distributed to our community partners for income-eligible seniors.
- Farmers have been reimbursed a total of \$155,990.
- A total of 31,198 coupons were redeemed by seniors.

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

- SNWP served an average of 4,843 seniors June to September 2024 providing monthly food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
  - NDA’s program was slightly impacted by supply chain issues with USDA’s national warehouse vendor, Paris’ Brothers. Waivers were requested and approved by USDA due to these issues.
- Served 96% of Nevada’s assigned caseload for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) FFY24.
- All compliance reviews were completed for the fiscal year and two closed this quarter.

Food Distribution Program in Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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

<b>FDPIR Month/Year</b>	<b>Individuals Certified</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>Participants*</b>
June	161	113	241
July	169	133	270
August	171	113	222
September	177	115	225

*\*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 \$26,946.11 of \$3,000,000.
- Update on Elko warehouse building purchase: FBNN is negotiating final terms with the seller to reduce the building price based on issues that arose from the inspection (roof and HVAC) and settling on a closing date, tentatively planned for November 22, 2024, per FBNN.

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

- NCFA Round 1: State ARPA funds sub-awarded to enhance food access in underserved communities. Partners continue to work to complete their projects.
  - To date 82,493 additional individuals have been served and 908,287 pounds of food have been distributed through project this grant supports.

- As of October 31, 2024, \$392,043 of \$404,965 has been expended and all projects except one are completed.
- NCFRA Round 2: State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities. Partners continue to work to complete their projects.
  - To date 200,614 additional individuals have been served and 3 million pounds of food have been distributed through projects this grant supports.
  - As of October 31, 2024, \$2,806,229 of \$6 million has been expended.

#### Home Feeds Nevada (HFN)

- The HFN program, funded through the USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant, continues to make a positive impact on food security across Nevada while supporting local agriculture.
  - From June 1 to November 30, 2024, the program purchased \$808,990 worth of fresh produce, dairy, and meat, and distributed 511,727 pounds of nutritious food to food banks throughout the state.
  - These efforts have helped ensure a reliable supply of fresh, locally sourced food for Nevada’s most vulnerable populations, while providing crucial market support for 19 active local producers.

### Community Nutrition

#### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Meals served June 1 through November 30, 2024: 1,698,304  
Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: Reviews started in November 2024.  
Program Outreach/Expansion Initiative funded through State ARPA subaward from DWSS, during this quarter:
  - Three virtual CACFP Trainings were held. Three new sponsors joined the program and three more are in the application pipeline.
  - Grant ended September 30, 2024.

#### Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Meals served June 1 through November 30, 2024: 985,332
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 9 sponsors/operators reviewed during this timeframe.

### School Nutrition

#### National School Lunch Program (NSLP) & School Breakfast Program (SBP)

- Breakfast Meals served June 1 through November 30, 2024: 4,038,875\*  
Lunch Meals served June 1 through November 30, 2024: 7,258,962\*  
Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed for School Year (SY) SY2024-25: 4 reviews have been completed; 2 reviews are in progress.

*\*Data pulled October 29, 2024 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for the month of September 2024.*

#### Farm to School

- Stakeholder Meeting held September 27, 2024.
- Farm to School Grant RFA released by NDA on October 2, 2024.
  - Application deadline: October 31, 2024, extended to November 15, 2024.

#### Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

- Amount awarded to NV from USDA: \$3,319,575 for school year 2024-2025.
- Elementary Schools participating: 102

#### Nevada School Wellness Policy

- NDA collected public comments on the proposed updates to the Nevada School Wellness Policy through a survey that was open September 6, 2024, to October 6, 2024. We are currently reviewing the responses and developing a report.
- The updated Policy includes allowance for carbonated calorie-free beverages (specific items vary by age/grade level) and fundraising opportunities for curriculum-based organizations.