

Working Woman's Home Association 2023 Grant Application

Within the City of Montgomery and its environs, the intent and purpose of the Working Woman's Home Association is:

1. To aid and assist distressed and abused women and children
2. To aid in the education of women to the end that they may become self-sufficient
3. To aid and assist women in providing emergency housing
4. To aid and assist elderly persons, particularly women, in meeting their basic needs

Instructions: Please complete the following questions and submit form at the end. This form allows information from another document to be inserted or pasted in the question response space. It is also possible to edit information on the form after submission.

Email attachments to secretary@wwhasn.org.

** This grant application is requesting funds to be awarded in January 2023. NO grant applications will be able to be submitted after the deadline - 5:00 pm on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Name of Organization/Agency *

Montgomery Area Food Bank

Address *

521 TRADE CENTER ST

City, State, and Zip *

Montgomery

Website Address *

<https://www.montgomeryareafoodbank.org>

Executive Director Name *

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Project or Program Proposal Contact Person (if different from above)

Telephone

Email Address

Funding Requested *

\$15,000

Briefly state the purpose and goals of this project or program. *

With the ability to go anywhere in its 25,000 square mile service area, the Montgomery Area Food Bank's (MAFB) Mobile Pantry (MP) serves as a primary means of providing food to historically underserved areas, especially distant, impoverished, rural locations.

The purpose of the MP Program is to reach the hungry in communities, even when infrastructure, like a pantry or community kitchen, is lacking. Our goals are the following:

- Provide a safety net of food security for low-income families living throughout the service area.
- Increase the capacity of the nonprofit agencies and religious institutions that MAFB works with to serve neighbors in need.
- Increase the supply of accessible, healthy foods, such as fresh produce, in poverty-stricken communities throughout the service area.
- Improve Alabama's consistently poor health outcomes.

In FY21, roughly a fifth of the food MAFB distributed was delivered through the MP Program. For several of the low-income families served, this program is the only one to provide them with assistance, making this monumental outreach absolutely vital to serving neighbors in need.

Briefly describe your plans for administration of this project or program request? *

Our Mobile Pantry (MP) Program allows us to increase the capacity of our agencies by targeting efficient food distribution to communities who might not otherwise be able to obtain the assistance they need. Each MP distribution uses one of our refrigerated trucks to deliver 10,000-15,000 pounds of food at one time and in one place to 120-150 families in desperate need of assistance. In addition, 60-75% of each delivery consists of fresh produce and nutritious food items, providing a valuable health resource to struggling families in food deserts and hard-to-serve rural areas.

How will you evaluate the success of this project or program? Or how have you evaluated the success of this project or program in the past? *

The Montgomery Area Food Bank (MAFB) evaluates the MP Program by having partner agencies record the following metrics: number of households served, number of individuals assisted, age of each recipient, and poundage of food distributed at each delivery. By recording this information, MAFB is able to determine how much assistance they were able to provide on average. The information collected is then utilized to determine if the program met its goals and objectives, as well as determine areas the program can be more effective.

This project or program will impact Montgomery in the following areas (check all that apply) *

- Distressed and abused women and children
- Education of women and life skills development
- Emergency housing for women and children
- Assist elderly persons, particularly women, in meeting their basic needs
- Other: _____

How does this project or program funding request fit into your organization's mission and, more specifically, the mission of your project or program? *

From sustaining and nourishing the body to bringing families and neighbors together, food is an essential part of life. However, in one of the most prosperous countries in the world, 40 million U.S. citizens (12.5%) are food-insecure, meaning that they often do not know where their next meal is coming from.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that Alabama has the third highest rate of low to very low food security (16.3 percent) and the fifth highest rate of very low food security (7.1 percent) in the country.² This problem worsens in our 35 county-wide service area. The Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap shows that 16.3 percent of the overall population living within these counties, including 22.3 percent of children, are food-insecure. Much of our service area consists of distant, rural communities with minimal resources available to food-insecure families. According to VOICES for Alabama's Children, many of our communities are "food deserts", meaning that the families in these areas have limited or no access to healthy, affordable food. "Over 1.8 million Alabama residents—including nearly half a million children—live in communities without grocery stores. Far too many families live in these places where fresh, healthy food is hard to come by, and where processed, unhealthy products are the only viable option. This scenario places Alabamians at increased risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and other diet-related illnesses."

Unfortunately, Alabamians know this all too well. The United Health Foundation's 2018 annual rankings placed Alabama among the worst in several health categories: Cardiovascular Death and Infant Mortality (49th), Low Birthweight and Diabetes (48th), Obesity (46th), Preventable Hospitalizations and Physical Inactivity (46th).

Our outreach programs are conducted in partnership with local community agencies who distribute food provided by us to low-income households living in their communities. Several of our partner agencies, especially those in rural areas, do not have the capacity to store large quantities of food, especially fresh produce and refrigerated food items which must be monitored and kept in cold storage.

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How does this project or program funding request fit into the mission of the Working Woman's Home Association? (stated at top of form) *

The Working Woman's Home Association focus is assisting distressed and abused women and children, as well as assisting elderly persons in meeting their basic needs. The Mobile Pantry Program provides food assistance to women, children and the elderly helping them meet their basic needs rather they are in a stable or unstable environment.

Will this project or program initiate a new service in Montgomery? *

Yes

No

If not, explain the features of this project or program that distinguish it from other organizations in Montgomery that provide the same or similar services. Identify those organizations in Montgomery providing the same or similar services.

How many people will be served by this project or program funding request? *

7200

Will a grant from the Working Woman's Home Association enable your organization to receive matching funds? *

Yes

No

Is there another resource that can assume financial responsibility for this project or program upon completion of the commitment of the Working Woman's Home Association? *

Yes

No

List other organizations or grants from which you have requested funding for this project or program and the status of such requests. *

We are so fortunate to have many community partners who are invested in the providing food assistance to the less fortunate. We have received the following grants for the Mobile Pantry Program:

Autauga County Community Foundation
Elmore County Community Foundation
Feeding America
Maxwell Gunter Spouses Club
Wells Fargo
International Paper
Jay L. Smith Family Foundation

In addition to submitting this project or program funding request, the documents below are required for this application to be accepted as complete. Please email current documentation in PDF format to: secretary@wwhassn.org. (You may check the box below when the item has been emailed.)

- Detailed proposed budget for this project or program request
- Proposed budget for your organization for the current year
- Copy of Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Balance Sheet for the current and most recent fiscal year completed for your organization
- Copy of your most recent audit. If an audit is not available, please include a copy of your most recent 990 form
- List of Officers and Directors
- Copy of your IRS Letter of Determination of 501(c)(3) status

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