

# LOI Form

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Please pay attention to character limits while working on your draft. These limits include spaces.

### **Organization Name\***

Good Neighbors Inc

### **Project Name\***

Create a brief name for this large capital project. This is how it will appear throughout the PCF grant portal.

Good Neighbors Walk-In/AC/Generator/Electric 2022

### **EIN\***

38-4169794

### **Incorporation Year\***

What year did your organization incorporate? This will be the year listed on your determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

2021

### **Organizational Mission Statement\***

What is your organization's mission statement? This should be no longer than one or two sentences.

Mission

Build relationships with organizations and individuals to connect food and other necessities to those in need.

Vision

We envision a strong community of relationships where everyone has access to food and the other necessities of daily living.

## Unique Entity ID (SAM)

Please provide your organization's Unique Entity ID number. This is a specific number used by the federal government to identify your organization. **This is different from a DUNS number, which the federal government no longer uses.**

If you do not have a Unique Entity ID number, you can create an account on SAM.gov and apply for one here (it is free and may take 3-4 days for approval): <https://sam.gov/content/home>

This field is optional as to not stop a qualifying organization from applying. HOWEVER, a Unique Entity ID number will be required if your organization is approved for a grant. Your organization should apply for a number now if it does not yet have one.

Character Limit: 12

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## Annual Operating Budget Size\*

Please provide the amount of your annual operating budget (expenditures only) for your entire organization.

\$18,000.00

## Amount Requested\*

The maximum grant amount is \$5 million. You may request up to 5% for grant administration, project management, and other indirect costs. Please be sure your indirect cost rate is represented in the figure you put below.

**Note: You will be required to upload a more detailed budget if you are approved for the full application stage. You will need to also attach any bids, estimates, and agreements with contractors or other vendors in relation to the proposed project.**

\$80,000.00

## Does the total project cost exceed the amount your organization is requesting?\*

Please note: Answering "Yes" will cause additional questions to load later in this application.

### Examples

ABC Childcare is seeking funding for a new playground. ABC Childcare is asking PCF to fund \$150,000 for certain equipment, and will seek other funding and donations for the remaining \$20,000 of the playground. ABC Childcare would select "Yes" for this question.

Better Tomorrow, a mental health provider, is looking to expand their counseling center by two rooms to meet increased service demand arising from the pandemic. Better Tomorrow has secured \$25,000 in private contributions, and wants to request the remaining \$125,000 in this grant. Better Tomorrow would select "Yes" for this question.

DBE Food Pantry is seeking funding for a new HVAC unit for their pantry, and is requesting \$40,000 from PCF to cover the entire cost. DBE Food Pantry would select "No" for this question.

No

### Parent Non-Profit/Subsidiaries\*

If your organization has a parent non-profit that has multiple subsidiaries, will multiple subsidiaries be applying in this process?

#### **Example**

Better Tomorrow is the parent non-profit of three organizations. Two of those organizations want to apply in this process. Both would select "Yes" on this question.

No

## *Request Specifics*

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### Organization Programming Background\*

Please describe the programming your organization offers to the community and the length of time it has been doing so. That is, what does your organization **do** and **how long** has it been doing it?

It is the mission, duty and purpose of Good Neighbors Inc to build relationships with organizations and individuals to connect food & other necessities to those in need. We work diligently fostering, growing & strengthening relationships & community in order to address, coordinate & provide aid & relief in order to eradicate hunger & reduce food waste on a local level. It is our duty to be available when we are capable to provide one of the most important yet basic human rights to ordinary people during times of extraordinary tribulation by trying to help them secure their humanity through the provision of food & basic needs. Good Neighbors Inc has been in operation since 2020, forming an entity in January 2021 as well as gaining 501c3 IRS recognition shortly thereafter.

We bring food & necessities to the disadvantaged who are affected by lack of community resources or lack of funding and supplies to existing local infrastructures in their time of need. Good Neighbors provides relief by organizing volunteers to serve in affected communities by coordinating and carrying out the distribution of food. The provisions are derived primarily as food donations from businesses, grocers & restaurants as well as from our general fund and public support. We serve disadvantaged populations including fixed low incomes, homebound and disabled. Good Neighbors also provides food to individuals and families experiencing hardships & those experiencing homelessness. Throughout the efforts of Good Neighbors to provide for the community there is a requirement for proper food collection, storage and distribution. We utilize 5 standard refrigerators and 14 freezers of which are labor intensive and carry great limitations which would be helped with proper electric upgrades & power backup as well. Good Neighbors picks up & distributes over 775,000 lb of food per year equating to over 645,000 meals. We are connected to over 250 food businesses and complete over 1,250 food pickups each month.

### Community Need\*

Please describe the community need that exists for your programming. If you are able to cite quantitative, local data, that will strengthen your proposal.

Food insecurity is a huge issue facing the Tampa Bay area and Pinellas County. The USDA defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In 2020, an estimated 1 in 8 Americans were food insecure, equating to over 38 million Americans. The pandemic has increased food

insecurity among families with children and communities of color, who already faced hunger at much higher rates before the pandemic. Data from the Census Bureau showed that last month, 25 million adults sometimes had not had enough to eat in the previous 7 days. That was the greatest number since just before Christmas in 2020, when the pandemic continued to take a high economic toll and the unemployment rate was nearly twice what it is today. A survey conducted by the Urban Institute found that food insecurity, after falling sharply in 2021, rose to roughly the same level this June and July 2022 as it had reached in March and April 2020: Around 1 in 5 adults reported experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days. It's estimated that more than 14% of households in Pinellas County experience food insecurity according to data from Healthy St Pete.

Good Neighbors began operating in early 2020 prior to the pandemic but grew exponentially with the huge economic impact that soon developed. Our organization has struggled to keep up with the local need and meet individuals and families where they are by operating in a mobile capacity to bring food directly into neighborhoods, to the homeless and directly to the doors of families, shelters, kitchens and pantries. In just one of our programs alone, Good Neighbors is providing food completely FREE of charge to over 50 entire communities each month where seniors, disabled, homebound, single parents and working poor are now making more tough decisions such as whether to pay for rent, medications, utilities and gas to get to work or to buy groceries to feed themselves or their family. Hunger truly has no face.

## Negative Economic Impact\*

**The following question is the keystone of a strong application in this process. If your organization cannot demonstrate a negative economic impact from the pandemic, your application will not qualify for committee review. If you are uncertain about what constitutes negative economic impact or how to demonstrate it, please contact PCF staff for technical assistance.**

Describe your organization's negative economic impact arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples could include:

- A reduction in revenue from 2019 to 2020
- Inflationary pressures
- Increases in demand for services that have not been compensated for through new revenue
- The use of reserves for unbudgeted expenses since the onset of the pandemic, and such use of reserves has prevented the purchase of capital assets
- A need for capital assets to offset community need for which your organization does not have the resources to purchase due to the negative economic harm from the pandemic
- A need for additional capital assets to adapt operations to accommodate health and safety guidelines by the CDC
- Growth in restricted pandemic-related revenue that does not permit capital asset acquisition

**Note: If you are applying for both a Small Purchase and Large Project, you may reuse the answer for this question PROVIDED THAT the negative economic impact is relevant to both requests.**

Good Neighbors has experienced a great negative impact as the direct result of COVID-19 multi-fold. 1) The pandemic resulted in a huge increase in community need for our services. Negative financial and economic impacts of COVID-19 meant that Good Neighbors witnessed a large increase in need for food and necessities by community members. With this increased need Good Neighbors is working even harder to obtain more dry goods, more cold food, purchase and house more standard refrigeration, obtain vehicles and other requirements to transport more and more food and get it directly to the people. Due to COVID-19 many many pantries closed or reduced their services and many also reduced their ability or willingness to pickup/obtain food for their clients. Good Neighbors took over this extra need. Community members were also not willing or able to get out to obtain food, either due to health concerns, finances or transportation

limitations. Good Neighbors stepped in and accepted this responsibility as well by bring the food they need directly to the community. The heavy burden of keeping up with the increased demand for services for the community has not been compensated for through new revenue.

2) Due to the negative economic impact of COVID-19 we had less than expected revenue coming from community supporters. With less revenue we were unable to acquire certain capital assets and we were obligated to use all available funding to do our best to support the increased food requirements of the community. We use available revenue toward vehicles, gasoline, insurance, refrigeration and utilities to keep food coming and going out to those most in need. There is a HUGE need for larger capital assets to offset community need of which our organization does not have the resources to purchase due to the negative economic harm from the pandemic.

3) Inflationary pressures have significantly affected our Good Neighbors operation. The cost of gas for the delivery vans and truck has been a huge negative impact as well as the cost of food, necessities and utilities. COVID-19 inflation has affected our ability to tackle needed major projects that are necessary to help all of those in the community that are in need.

## Proposal Description\*

The American Rescue Plan Act requires a request that is reasonable and proportional to the level of economic impact your organization experienced. This means the request you describe below should not be greater than the economic harm your organization has suffered.

Please describe your project proposal and address the following:

- What project will be undertaken with these funds?
- What is the estimated lifespan of the project/property improvement?
- How does it address the negative economic harm you described in the previous question?

If we are provided the funds we would install large walk-in refrigeration and freezer units, new window A/C units, install back-up power and upgrade the electrical system to adequately support the new refrigeration. This project would bring us up to speed with meeting the great need of the community for the services that Good Neighbors provides.

By installing walk-in refrigeration and freezer Good Neighbors can adequately and effectively provide for the food needs of those most in need in our communities. Good Neighbors is currently limited in some capacity in providing cold storage for food that is available from local providers. Locally there is a lack of food based non-profits that are capable of accepting large amounts of cold goods or simply do not have the facilities to do so. Much food intended for good goes to waste when local agencies can not physically accept it. The walk-in coolers/freezers, generator and electric upgrades should last many many years (in excess of 10+ years).

Good Neighbors has old inefficient window A/C units that desperately need upgrade. Installing mini-split units to our facility will allow the dry shelf stable goods to last longer and stay fresher. This includes breads and bakery goods. The new mini-split units would also run more efficiently & save on operating costs.

The electrical panels will need some upgrading in order to accommodate some of these installs and changes. Overall we will operate more efficiently but most importantly it will remain safe for all.

With the projects that we are proposing, Good Neighbors would be able to more efficiently accommodate larger volumes of cold and frozen food items to meet the ever increasing needs of the community. We currently can not easily refrigerate/freeze large volumes of cold goods at once which results in having to limit the help that we can provide or results in triple the time and effort put into receiving/distributing the incoming food to have it refrigerated/frozen in standard household sized units at our facility. With proper

refrigeration that matches the needs of the community we could operate in a much more successful fashion with more people being served timely.

### Number Served\*

How many people will directly benefit from this capital project annually?

645000

### Unduplicated vs. Duplicated\*

Is the number indicated above duplicated or unduplicated?

**Duplicated:** A client is counted each time they access services

**Unduplicated:** A client is counted once, regardless of the number of times they access services

**Example:** ABC Food Bank operates two mobile food pantries, one in Clearwater and one in St. Petersburg. Taylor, a Pinellas County resident, goes to both food pantries. If ABC Food Bank counts Taylor's visit TWICE, it is **duplicated**. If ABC Food Bank counts Taylor's visit ONCE, it is **unduplicated**.

Unduplicated

### Other (Explanation Required)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please explain how your organization determined the number of clients that will benefit from the proposed capital project.

### Rent vs. Own\*

Does your organization rent or own the property for which you are proposing modifications?

**Note: Selecting "Rent" will cause more questions to load below.**

Rent

### Guiding Principles - Client Impact\*

The American Rescue Plan Act, which provides the funding for this grant program, aims to ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The term "equity" is defined as:

The consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

One of the guiding principles of this fund is that it will apply a lens of equity to ensure the needs of specified priority populations are met.

**Will this project benefit the community members defined above that have experienced disproportionate negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, how?**

Good Neighbors is familiar with and abides by the USDA non-discrimination policy and fully believes in and follows the intent of the policy.

Good Neighbors has the following Vision Statement: We envision a strong community of relationships where everyone has access to food and the other necessities of daily living.

In our vision statement we believe that the word everyone truly means everyone. Good Neighbors tends to gravitate to those areas of our cities and county that are most in need and affected by poverty or inequality. We make it our goal to serve the underserved and to notice the unnoticed. We stand firm on our beliefs on this matter. We see firsthand by going into the homeless camps, impoverished neighborhoods and serving those residing in extended stay hotels the impact of inequality and poverty with America's men, women, children, seniors and disabled and we desire to serve all equally.

## *Community Connection*

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The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) prioritizes organizations that either have headquarters or carry out the majority of their operations inside Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). QCTs are a standard method of identifying communities with a large proportion of low-income residents. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determines what areas qualify as QCT.

To assess if your organization serves or is headquartered in a QCT, use the following link:

[https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda\\_qct.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html)

In the top right-hand corner, choose the state of Florida and Pinellas County. Then on the left-hand side of the screen, click the box next to "Color QCT Qualified Tracts." The QCT zones are denoted in purple. You can also map your address by adding it into the address box at the top to see if your location is inside the zones.

Below, please provide the location of your operations and the location of your headquarters, if different.

### Headquarters Location\*

Please provide your organization's headquarters address as it appears on your Sunbiz account. To check your Sunbiz registration, you may search here: <https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/search/>  
100 S Belcher Rd, #6914, Clearwater, FL 33765

### QCT Determination - Headquarters\*

Is this organization headquartered in a QCT?



No

### Project Location\*

Please provide the address or intersection where the property being modified is.

1676 S Belcher Rd, Clearwater, FL 33764

### QCT Determination - Project\*

Is this organization's project in a QCT?

No

### QCT Impact\*

PCF understands that just because a project may not be located in a Qualified Census Tract, those who reside in one may access your services and may come to the location where your organization's project will take place.

- If applicable, please describe if you have clients that reside in a QCT as indicated on the map linked above, and the proportion of your clients that come from these areas.
- If your organization does not serve clients from a QCT, you can write "Not Applicable" below.

Good Neighbors and our Community Food Connection is a completely mobile food service providing food and necessities to many communities and neighborhoods within a QCT. While our facility itself serves as a home base for food storage/sorting and coming/going, our clients are primarily located in low income areas where there is a significant percentage of food insecure individuals in need. Good Neighbors serves low income senior and family neighborhoods, HUD, food deserts & homeless within a QCT.

### QCT Determination - Clients\*

Does this organization's project benefit residents of QCTs?

Further determination required

This section aims to capture general demographic data about your organization and to see how you engage with and represent the community you serve. PCF has generalized the demographic data questions more than it has in other processes because of the public nature of this process. PCF understands that identity disclosure can be a sensitive matter and wants to respect your organization's board and staff. If your organization feels comfortable sharing more detailed demographic information, it may do so in the "Community Representation and Connection" section.

## Community Representation and Connection\*

Describe how your organization is representative of, or has authentic connections to, the community your proposal seeks to serve. You can list other community-based organizations that work on programming with you and/or list examples of your work within this community.

Good Neighbors has definite authentic connections to the community that this proposal seeks to serve. As the Executive Director/Founder I have a history of engaging and connecting with several populations that we connect with, especially seniors, foster children & the homeless. From the time I was young our family served the rural community where we lived. Having a small country store where those that were without could come to get food and basic needs on a pay as you can basis. I witnessed the impact my parents had by providing parents with basic necessities and providing their children with food and snacks at the local park. My mother worked in social services and our home was always bursting with foster children that I grew to care for. These experiences encouraged me and my sister to provide and care for others as adults. She now has a home filled with foster children and runs our Good Neighbors NY branch in Upstate NY. Additionally, we both have neurodiverse children and understand the needs that they have in regards to mental capacity. When I see someone on the street, old or young, I remember that this is someones child, grandma or loved one & that mental abilities can play a large role in where they are. We can and should notice them. If that is ever my child or loved one, I would want someone to notice them and offer them a meal, conversation or a resource page on where they can seek other additional help. Good Neighbors gravitates toward those with challenging living situations which is why we go directly into food deserts, mobile home parks, HUD housing, senior communities & into the streets to care for & be present with this population. I am absolutely blessed to have had experiences that opened my eyes wide to see others, my heart to care for others and my mind to have the determination to commit to the effort it takes to do so. Good Neighbors is absolutely connected to the people that we serve and strives to build and strengthen these connections. Our own mission and vision weigh heavily on community connections and relationships and we feel so strongly about engaging with and representing the community that we serve. The food is the tool that is enabling us to make these amazing connections!

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Vision: We envision a strong community of relationships where everyone has access to food and the other necessities of daily living.

## Leadership Demographics - CEO/Executive Director\*

Does your CEO/Executive Director consider themselves a member of one or more of the following populations? Check all that apply.

- BIPOC defined as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+)
- Neurodiverse/physically disabled

Declined to State

## Leadership Demographics - Executive Level Leadership Team\*

Does your executive leadership team consider themselves a member of one or more of the following populations? Check all that apply.

- BIPOC defined as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+)
- Neurodiverse/physically disabled

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## Leadership Demographics - Board Membership\*

Do your board members consider themselves a member of one or more of the following populations? Check all that apply.

- BIPOC defined as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+)
- Neurodiverse/physically disabled

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## *Rented Property*

### Tenant Responsibility\*

Please explain how your organization is responsible for modifying the building despite being rented. Be sure to describe the length of your organization's lease and to indicate whether or not you have obtained permission from the landlord for the proposed project.

Good Neighbors works closely with the landlord/property owner in regards to the modifications that we are proposing to the building. Our food storage facility is seated on the property of a church that is very much in support of Good Neighbors operations and stands behind these efforts. We have met and discussed with the Priest regarding the need for refrigeration/freezer space for our food organization, electrical upgrades and the need for power backup in order to prepare for power outages that are commonplace in Florida. Walk-in refrigeration and freezers can be installed without issue and will not interfere with other areas of the church property. The buildings that Good Neighbors occupy for our non-profit operation are dedicated to our use entirely and there is no shared spaces between the two agencies. Good Neighbors operates the only food giveaway program at this property.

## *Financial Overview*

### Budget Summary\*

Please provide a brief sketch of the categories of expenses and the costs needed for your project. If your organization is requesting compensation for indirect costs, be sure to note the percentage (up to 5%) and dollar amount below.

**If you are invited to complete the full application, you will be asked to upload current verifiable bids, proposals, price lists [from your potential vendor(s)] from the past 60 days. If a contractor has already been selected for a construction project for which you are requesting funding, you will need to upload their bid. You are strongly encouraged to collect any remaining bids, proposals, and price lists shortly after submitting this LOI.**

Good Neighbors has obtained an estimate for the electrical and panel upgrade for one of the buildings that would be involved in the project. We would need all 3 areas upgraded so we would estimate roughly \$5000 for this expense.

We have also researched the cost of the walk-in refrigeration that would be needed for the building that it would be inside. The cost of a split unit offering cooling and freezing sections would be roughly \$42,000.

There will be some flooring support upgrades likely required also and we would obtain the necessary estimates for this if it determined to be needed. \$TBD as well as any slabs \$TBD

Good Neighbors has looked up appropriately sized backup power required to safely secure the chilled food items in the event of a power outage. A auto-on generator to provide adequate power to the refrigeration would be roughly \$19,000

Air conditioning mini-split wall units within the food storage buildings to provide proper cooling. \$3900 x2 = \$7800 plus ~\$1000 installation = \$8,800

## Project Preparedness\*

If your letter of intent is approved, you will have 30 days to submit a full proposal. This will require multiple estimates/bids for your project that detail the costs you've sketched out above from potential contractors that would do the actual work.

Where are you in the planning process for the implementation of this project? Please describe your organization's readiness for this project including your ability to collect bids and select contractors and/or vendors. **If you have already selected a contractor for the project, you will need to describe how that contractor was chosen.**

### Example

Better Tomorrow has spoken with contractors about their counseling center expansion project, but has only sought one proposal from a contractor. Better Tomorrow would describe so below, having sketched out the costs in the previous question. Better Tomorrow would indicate its plan to obtain more quotes/bids upon submitting this LOI.

Community Arts 'R Us has begun construction on its new arts center, as it had secured 75% of the funding for it before the pandemic. Therefore, a contractor has already been selected, and is looking to obtain the funding necessary to complete the project. Below, Community Arts 'R Us would explain it has a cost proposal ready to upload from their selected contractor, and is ready to carry out the rest of the project if funding is awarded.

Good Neighbors has been looking at options for this project to better serve those in need in our communities for a few months, in hopes that we would qualify for support to make this happen. During this planning process we have met with an electrician, done measurements and started to research/lookup walk-in refrigeration and back-up power. Good Neighbors also has a construction estimator as an officer and can obtain guidance from her experience. Good Neighbors would be very happy to obtain and provide multiple estimates/bids for our project that would detail the costs we've sketched out from potential contractors that would do the actual work. We would absolutely follow through and be thrilled to do so!

Good Neighbors has obtained an estimate recently for the electrical and panel upgrade for one of the buildings that would be involved in the project. We would need 3 area panels upgraded so we would estimate roughly \$5000 for this expense.

We have also researched the cost of the walk-in refrigeration that would be needed for the building that it would be inside. The cost of a split unit offering cooling and freezing sections would be roughly \$42,500.

There will be some flooring support upgrades likely required also and we would obtain the necessary estimates for this if it determined to be needed. \$TBD Any slabs would also \$TBD.

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### Other Funding Sources\*

Please describe any other funding not already mentioned that your organization has applied for or obtained for this project. This includes but is not limited to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), local government grants (including Tourist Development Council funding), foundation grants, and donors (you do not need to disclose donor identities, simply amount raised that is allocated to this project). This includes any matching grants or in-kind contributions you may have obtained.

If none, please write N/A.

N/A

### Changes in Operating Costs\*

Please answer this question based on the descriptions below:

- If this project **increases** ongoing operational costs (programmatic, operating maintenance or other costs), how will you compensate for the difference?
- If this project **decreases** ongoing operating costs, how will it do so?
- If this project **does not affect** operating costs, please note so below.

Good Neighbors does not anticipate this project changing the monthly operating costs in a large significant way. We do expect there to be some increase in utility expenses for the walk-in room due to the increase in electricity usage to power the walk-in refrigeration but due to the property being pleasantly shaded and there being additional insulation we expect that it will not be grand. We also anticipate a reduction on monthly electric expense due to having new mini-split A/C units installed in the food storage areas which will replace old inefficient window units. Good Neighbors is currently able to accommodate additional utility expenses with our current monthly support.

### Fund Management Capacity\*

Please describe your organization's capacity to manage these potential ARPA funds in terms of fiscal management and financial infrastructure.

**This includes, but is not limited to, the use of accounting software that can track a general ledger and multiple accounts and the ability to work on a reimbursement-basis.**

The inability to handle a reimbursement-basis grant does not disqualify your organization from applying.

Good Neighbors would be managing the funds by the use of QuickBooks and our CPA as well. We would want to maintain everything clearly, concisely and efficient to track any/all expenses and not have anything prohibit our participation or being a recipient.

## *Additional Information*

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### **Additional Upload**

If you have something else to share, you can upload it here in PDF format.

**Please note: Due to limitation of this grants system, the upload field will not carry over to the full application if you are moved forward to the full application phase. You will need to upload this file again if you are moved forward in the process.**

Trifold.pdf

### **Anything else to share?**

If you have any details to share regarding this grant request, you may do so below.

While Good Neighbors is making a huge impact in the lives of community members in the Tampa Bay area we know that more can be done and more people can be reached. This grant opportunity would directly help more individuals and families that are in need of food and necessities. So many have been affected by the pandemic and are still enduring hardship. We would be honored to be entrusted with facilitating efforts that reach out to those in the community and provide for those needs. Our mission from the beginning has been to: Build relationships with organizations and individuals to connect food and other necessities to those in need. Good Neighbors wants to build and strengthen these community relationships and we would be thrilled to partner with Pinellas Community Foundation to do so!

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Trifold.pdf

## ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

### Our Story

Founded in early 2020, Good Neighbors started when Heather and her husband Tim noticed that local businesses were throwing away perfectly usable food at the end of the day. During the pandemic, Heather connected with over 125 businesses and organizations to collect their surplus food and get it into the hands of those that need it most.

Persevering through lockdown, Heather has grown the Good Neighbors FL branch into an organization with over 100 amazing and active volunteers that consistently provide food for over 1,000 people weekly. In 2021 the Good Neighbors NY branch was launched and grew very quickly with their effort to reach the underserved. Both locations have volunteer programs that collect and provide food that serves seniors, children, disabled, food pantries, soup kitchens, those in transitional housing and the unsheltered. We plan on growing our organization to reach even more hungry people in the future!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Good Neighbors has a variety of volunteer opportunities. We are only able to accomplish all that we do because of amazing people like you who volunteer their time to help others in the community. It's easy to get started. Just go to [www.goodneighborsfl.org/volunteer-application](http://www.goodneighborsfl.org/volunteer-application)

## HOW TO DONATE

We are so thankful for our donor and partners who keep this mission alive. If you want to be involved, you can visit our website and click the "Donate" button to give online, or you can write a check to Good Neighbors. It's people like you who make a difference in people's lives.

*For other giving opportunities, corporate gifts and planned donations, contact 727.314.1373*



@goodneighborsfl | [www.goodneighborsfl.org](http://www.goodneighborsfl.org)

100 S Belcher Rd #6914 Clearwater,  
FL 33765



*Connecting and Strengthening  
Communities Through the Sharing  
of Surplus Food.*



**No One Deserves To Go Hungry**



## MISSION

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## VISION

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## HOW VOLUNTEERING WORKS

### Apply to Volunteer

Complete the volunteer application below. This helps us collect the information we need to get you onboarded.

### Share Your Time

As a volunteer with Good Neighbors, you'll help us collect quality surplus food from local grocery stores and restaurants and bring it to organizations and groups for distribution as well as directly to families, senior citizens, and people who need it.

You can also help by participating in behind-the-scenes activities including:

- coordinating pick-ups and drop-offs
- making/taking calls
- social media and IT
- or sorting/prepping food

All of these fun activities are what keep Good Neighbors going!

### Feed Those In Need

Because of you, children, families, and community members will have access to the nourishing food they need.



## OUR NEIGHBORS SHOULD NOT GO HUNGRY.

People are in need of food and many businesses find themselves with excess, edible food every day.

As a volunteer with Good Neighbors, you'll help us collect quality surplus food from local grocery stores and restaurants and bring it directly to families, senior citizens, and people who need it. Each carload can feed about 5 families of 4 for a week. That's almost 200 meals going to people who need them most.

You can also be an important part of this process by participating in behind-the-scenes activities including coordinating, making/taking calls, social media and IT, or sorting/prepping food. All of these fun activities are what keep Good Neighbors going!

## YOUR DONATION HELPS FEED TAMPA BAY'S MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE.

We feed some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, and they need our support now more than ever. In fact, it's estimated that over 3.3 million people in Florida don't have access to the healthy and affordable food they need.

We urgently need your help connecting healthy food to the food banks, community groups, and schools we support. Your donation helps eliminate food insecurity in our local communities. Keep Good Neighbors going!

