

# Application Form

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## *Introduction*

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**A Word version you may use to draft your application is available here. You must submit your final application through this portal.**

**The rubric that will be used to score your proposal is available for download.**

**A brief webinar giving an overview of this application can be viewed here.**

### **Project Name\***

Please give your proposal a short, descriptive title. This is how your request will appear throughout the PCF grant portal.

Hope Villages of America - Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division Support

### **Mission Statement\***

Please write your organization's mission statement below. This should be no longer than one or two sentences.

Hope Villages of America provides hope restoration with dignity to those in need through innovative programs and services.

### **Is your organization headquartered in Clearwater?**

*Why PCF asks this: Given that the City of Clearwater is the funding source for this grant program, PCF may prioritize organizations headquartered in Clearwater or those that have a strong presence in the City.*

Yes

### **Grant Start Date\***

PCF expects to issue a contract to approved organizations in September 2023. If awarded with a contract issuance date of September 1, 2023, when would your organization begin to spend funds?

10/01/2023

### **Grant End Date\***

PCF expects the grant period to be between 12 and 24 months for this process. Given this range, when would your organization expect to finish expending funds if awarded?

09/30/2024

## Annual Operating Budget\*

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

\$12,102,365.00

## Amount Requested\*

The minimum grant request for this process is \$50,000.

The maximum grant request for this process is \$325,000.

If you request the full \$325,000, your organization should be able to demonstrate a *significant* impact to be made from these funds.

Please be sure that your grant request is proportional to your annual operating budget. If you have any questions about how much funding to request, please contact Jocelyn Howard at [jhoward@pinellascf.org](mailto:jhoward@pinellascf.org).

\$150,000.00

## Programming

### Programming Background\*

Please describe the program that this grant would support and how it relates to your mission.

#### Example

Peer Counseling Services Inc. offers after-school support groups for middle schoolers and high schoolers. Below, Peer Counseling Services Inc. would describe what its programming is, how its programming works, and who is served.

*Why PCF asks this: PCF wants to learn about what your organization does and how this work is related to carrying out your mission.*

What does Hope Villages of America (HVA) do and how does it carry out its mission?

HVA provides 3 tiers of services through distinct but interconnected divisions - the (1) Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division, (2) the Abuse Services Division and (3) the Housing Stability Services Division.

-The Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division operates a 47,000 square foot Food Bank located on Druid Rd. in Clearwater, distributes food to over 70 pantries in the county, runs an Express Center assisting families on the SPC campuses, and provides food to 18 neighborhood sites through the Mobile Food Pantry. The division distributes 7 million lbs. of food and serves over 70,000 individuals annually.

-The Abuse Services Division operates a 36-bed certified domestic violence shelter, case management and outreach services to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking both in the shelter and in the community (includes safety planning, linkages to services, support in court, and support groups), and conducts education in schools on teen dating violence, conflict resolution, and bullying.

-The Housing Stability Division operates 2 affordable housing campuses located in Clearwater and aids families who are facing homelessness through financial assistance and case management.

Annually, HVA provides help and hope to over 150,000 individuals through all divisions.

What program will the grant fund? Who will it serve?

HVA is requesting operational support for the Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division and will support the food insecure in the City of Clearwater. Simply, the dollars would be used to (1) purchase food to supplement donations and (2) distribute food to those in need. Below provides context to the activities of the division.

-Direct Distribution of Food at the Food Bank - The Food Bank (Druid Rd.) DIRECTLY distributes over 1.1 million pounds of food - 65% of the recipients of food report living in the City of Clearwater.

-Distribution to Food Pantries - HVA distributes 5.5 M pounds of food to over 70 pantries throughout the county, 1 in 4 of the pantries are located within the City of Clearwater.

-Pick-Up and Distribution of Foods - HVA picks up donated and purchased food from local groceries, businesses, and membership warehouses and then distributes the food to local pantries.

-Purchasing of Food - HVA purchases food to supplement donations to ensure nutritious foods are distributed.

## Urgency\*

Please describe how the proposed programming is addressing a time-sensitive community need. You may cite data sources.

*Why PCF asks this: The City of Clearwater has indicated that this funding should be directed to programming addressing urgent needs.*

There are multiple conditions driving a time-sensitive URGENT community need for households to receive emergency food - (1) the Tampa-St. Pete-Clearwater metro is experiencing record high inflation rates- double the national average, (2) the price of food is expected to increase 6% overall in 2023, (3) due to record high rental costs in 2023 families must choose between food and paying rent, and (4) as of June 2023, there is a 24% gap between the cost of a meals and what the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will cover.

Below is detail to these circumstances impacting residents NOW.

Data published from the Consumer Price Index on July 12, 2023, revealed that the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro has the third-highest inflation rate in the country at 7.3% for the year ending in May 2023 - nearly double the national average of 4%.

According to the USDA Economic Research Service data (June 2023), the cost of food has risen 6.7% from May of 2022 to 2023. In 2023, all food prices are predicted to increase by 6%.

The largest contributor to the cost-of-living increase in the Tampa-St. Pete-Clearwater metro is the cost of housing. Since 2018, rent has increased 38%. For every available affordable housing unit, there are 25 households in need. According to Florida Atlantic University researchers, Tampa Bay metro area tenants must make \$84,750.12 to avoid "rent burdened" status - meaning they spend over 30% of their income on housing.

According to data published in June 2023, there is 24% gap in the cost of food and what SNAP benefits will cover in Pinellas County. This gap between SNAP benefit coverage and the cost of a modest meal is the largest in the Tampa Bay Area.

The program's food assistance alleviates these economic stressors.

## History in Clearwater\*

Please describe how long you've been providing services in the City of Clearwater, and the nature of such services.

*Why PCF asks this: Given that the City of Clearwater is the funding source for this grant program, PCF may prioritize organizations headquartered in Clearwater or those that have a strong presence in the City.*

Hope Villages of America (HVA), founded in 1967, is a 501(c)3 headquartered in the City of Clearwater -15 congregations of varying faiths and ethnicities pooled their resources to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in Pinellas County. Since 1967, the organization has grown in both size and diversity of services, with the headquarters and service delivery primarily located in Clearwater. Specifically, the City of Clearwater locations are - (1) the 47,000 square feet Food Bank, which serves as the primary hub for all food distribution, is located at 700 Druid Road, (2) the domestic violence shelter and outreach services offices are located on Fort Harrison Ave. within the city limits (specific site location is confidential), (3) the Administrative Resource Center (ARC) is located at 503 South MLK Avenue and (4) the two campuses dedicated to affordable housing are located at 1552 South Myrtle Avenue (The Oaks) and 1520 Saturn Avenue (Goldsmith Gardens).

The request for funding is to support the Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division. The Food Bank located on Druid Rd. directly serves clients onsite pushing out over 1.1 million pounds of food/910,000 meals - 65% of the meals going right to the residents of the City of Clearwater. Moreover, 25% of the 70 food pantry sites that the division distributes food to are located in Clearwater. HVA has developed robust partnerships with donors of food located in the City of Clearwater including Publix, Walmart, and Sam's Club.

HVA is governed by a Board of Directors - 40% of the board either lives or operates a business within the City of Clearwater.

HVA is the selected The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provider for Pinellas County - Feeding Tampa Bay contracts directly with HVA to perform this function. HVA is the only organization in the City of Clearwater to distribute the USDA food through TEFAP.

HVA has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping the homeless in the City of Clearwater. HVA provides specific food bags for the homeless that are non-perishable, do not require a stove or refrigerator to prepare, and are easily accessible (requires no can opener). Homeless can simply walk up to the Food Bank and ask for food.

## Language Capacity\*

To what extent will your organization provide the proposed programming in languages other than English? Be specific as to written/digital materials and staff capabilities.

*Why PCF asks this: Approximately 20% of Clearwater residents speak a language other than English in their homes (ACS Community Survey, 2021 1-yr Estimates). [msocom 1](#) PCF is interested in your ability to reach these residents.*

Hope Villages of America (HVA) believes that adapting programming to meet all cultures is critical.

The Hispanic population makes up 17.1% of the City of Clearwater and is the largest growing population in Pinellas County. The HVA Food Bank has made strategic hiring decisions to adapt to this growth. The Director of Program Services for the Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division, Cesar Garcia, is Hispanic and bilingual (Spanish/English). He is on site, at the Food Bank, during operating hours to accommodate the needs of Hispanic clients and volunteers. Moreover, the Warehouse Manager, Felipe Hernandez, is bilingual (Spanish/English) and supports the needs of Spanish speaking clients both in the warehouse and when food deliveries are being made to community pantries or Mobile Food Pantry sites. Liz Mendez Pena, Director of Donor Relations, is bilingual (Spanish/English) and located at the administrative office within a mile's radius of the Food Bank and can support any translation needs immediately. ALL materials are available in both English and Spanish. Currently 5% of the volunteers are Hispanic and bilingual.

Ms. Mendez-Pena serves as a member of the Hispanic Leadership Council. Through this membership, Ms. Pena is able to communicate the services offered through HVA and ensures HVA is responsive to any rising needs.

HVA utilizes a translation app to work with other languages - this app is called Translate. This app quickly and easily translates voice and text between any combinations of 11 languages (Arabic, mainland Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish). No training is necessary to utilize the app. Program eligibility info (hard copies) are available in those same 11 languages.

## Outcomes\*

Define one to two outcomes already being measured by your organization in relation to the programming this grant would support. This should be the outcome of the overall programming itself. **Outcomes are not the number of people you will serve, but how they or their situation will change.**

"Outcomes - are specific, measurable statements that let you know when you have reached your goals.

Outcome statements describe specific changes in your knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors you expect to occur as a result of your actions. Good outcome statements are specific, measurable, and realistic."

(W.K. Kellogg Foundation Logic Model Development Guide)

### Example

80% of youth involved in peer counseling will show increased emotional intelligence after six months of participation.

*Why PCF asks this: PCF considers measurable outcomes to be a cornerstone of effective social service programming. Tracking outcomes allows both an organization and its supporters to know how effective its programming is and helps an organization improve its programming over time.*

HVA submits the below outcomes-

85% of the food distributed by the Food Bank annually (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023) will be nutritious foods such as protein, fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

90% of the individuals/households served by the Food Bank annually (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) will be satisfied by the food received from the Food Bank (Druid location).

Additional measures ADDED for 7/27/2023 submission -

HVA will increase 5% annually the # of children served nutritious foods. HVA increased the % of children provided with nutritious foods by 5.9% (FY21-present).

Why is this important? Children have the highest food insecurity rate in the county.

HVA will increase % of minority populations served by 10% annually. HVA has increased food distribution to Black and Hispanic populations by 11% (FY 21-present).

Why is this important? Research supports that Black and Hispanic persons experience the highest food insecurity rates.

## Measurements\*

Explain what measurement tools you will use to evaluate the stated outcome(s) above. That is, how will your organization know it is achieving or not achieving the outcome(s) stated above? Stronger requests will use a validated tool or method of data collection.

### Example

Peer Counseling Services administers the Schutte Self Report Emotional Intelligence Test before counseling begins, and in six-month intervals thereafter.

*Why PCF asks this: PCF would like to know how the outcome(s) you've specified are measured, and if you used a validated tool that has been proven in usage outside your organization. If you've developed your own tool, please describe how it was made.*

85% of the food boxes distributed by the Food Bank (Druid Rd.) will be nutritious foods such as protein, fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The denominator is the total number of food boxes prepared for distribution. The numerator is the total number of food boxes that contain nutritious foods defined as proteins, fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

A checklist is utilized to evaluate each food box for its nutritious quality. Volunteers and program staff are trained on utilization of the checklist and complete within three hours of assimilating the food box. The data collected will be aggregated by the Program Manager weekly for review (Friday each week). If compliance falls below 85% then corrective action will be taken to meet the standard.

90% of the individuals/households served will be satisfied by the food received from the Food Bank (Druid Rd.). The denominator is the total number of individuals/households served. The numerator is the total number of who are satisfied with the food as indicated by a survey delivered to recipients.

A survey will be delivered to food recipients by volunteers or program staff. The staff and volunteers will be trained on the use and delivery of the tool prior to conducting the survey. The survey results will be aggregated weekly to ensure early review of data so that corrective action can be implemented if warranted. The sample served will be randomized and the data will be captured when the recipients pick up the food.

HVA will increase food distribution to children by 5% annually. Percentage of total children served annually is calculated through a web-based survey given to all clients. HVA reviews progress toward the 5% goal quarterly.

HVA will increase food distribution to minority populations by 10% annually. Percentage of total minority populations served is calculated through a web-based survey given by all clients. HVA reviews progress toward the 10% goal quarterly.

## Grant Specifics

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### Grant Impact\*

How would this grant help your organization and its clients achieve the outcomes stated above? That is, what would you be able to do with this funding that you otherwise could not?

**This has been copied from your LOI. Please expand in this question to describe how this grant expands services.**

*Why PCF asks this: The intention of this grant is to fund organizations providing support for individuals and families in Clearwater with emergency housing and social services needs. How that support happens, and how this grant could help, differs from organization to organization. PCF would like to know specifically how this grant would help your organization and the clients you serve.*

Rising inflation and supply chain issues have led to a reduction in overall donations of food to the division, requiring HVA to purchase food to ensure that there is both adequate quantities to meet the need of the community and that the quality of food is nutritious. The following represents key impacts the grant will exact -

Impact 1 - The requested funding of \$100,078 for food provides HVA with an average of \$8,340 per month to supplement food donations with food of nutritious quality. Due to the unpredictability of the type of food that is donated, HVA can direct these dollars for specific foods - for instance, if donations do not contain enough proteins, HVA can use the dollars to purchase this void.

Impact 2 - The requested funding \$100,078 for food, allows HVA to increase overall quantity of food to meet the demand of the community. The cost per pound of food incurred by HVA is \$2.58, the poundage per meal is 1.2, therefore with the \$102,078 in grant dollars, the organization can purchase an additional 32,324 meals.

Impact 3 - The \$49,922 dollars used to cover the salary costs, allows for other funding sources (private donations, grants, foundation dollars) to be directed toward purchasing of food to further supplement donated food.

Impact 4- The increased volume of food distribution (\$100,078 funded through the grant) assists in program evaluation. By surveying more individuals and the quality of the food distributed, HVA is adding more data to be analyzed. More data helps HVA to get a broader and more complete perspective on the business problem which is HUNGER.

Impact 5- The most food insecure population in Pinellas County are children at a rate of 15.7%. HVA has a demonstrated success rate of increasing food access to children by 5.9% over the past year. Through the grant dollars, HVA will increase access to food for children by an additional 5%.

Impact 6- National data supports that Black and Hispanic populations experience food insecurity at double the rates compared to their White counterparts. HVA successfully increased food distribution to the Black and Hispanic communities by 11% and has targeted an additional 10% growth for this grant.

Impact 7 - HVA will ensure extended distribution of food to the ALICE families. ALICE or Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed individuals make up 49% of the population in Pinellas County. These are working families who aren't able to pay for basic necessities.



## Reduction in Funding\*

Due to limited funding, your request amount may not be fully awarded if it is moved forward in the grant process. How would reduced/partial funding impact your proposed program?

*Why PCF asks this: The review committee that ultimately recommends proposals for funding may consider partial funding. PCF would like to know upfront what impact this would have on your proposal.*

Hope Villages of America is simply requesting money in two categories - (1) purchasing food and (2) the cost of getting the food out in the community (staff costs). If not fully funded, the following represents the impact the reduction may have and also how HVA will prioritize the funding -

Impact and Priority 1 - The most critical priority for the funding is that an adequate quantity of food that is nutritious in quality is available to Clearwater residents. Reduction in grant funding would FIRST result in only the food being purchased and pursuing funding of staff salaries through other grant, foundation or private donation dollars.

Impact and Priority 2 - If the reduction in funding resulted in the need to reduce the total amount of food purchased, SECONDLY HVA would pursue the acquisition of food through donations, food specific drives, and other grant funding.

Impact and Priority 3 - THIRDLY, If salaries (the cost of getting the food out into the community) were funded however the requested amount was reduced, the organization would limit the request for salary funding to expenses of one driver at 50% of the salary of \$31,200. This would allow HVA to deliver food to the highest need communities.

## Sustainability\*

Given that this funding is time-limited, how does your organization plan to sustain the programming expansion? If there is no sustainability plan, how would your organization effectively wind down the expansion when this funding ends?

*Why PCF asks this: Due to the size and potential impact of this grant, PCF would like to know how clients would be supported after the grant period ends.*

The Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division is a core service that HVA has been delivering since inception in 1967. Sustainability planning has been cornerstone to the organization's longevity of 56 years. The following provides specifics -

Diversification of Funding - HVA has \$1,900,000 dollars in active grant requests from municipalities, foundations, and private corporations for The Food Distribution and Basic Needs Services Division. Through diversification in revenue, the organization is not reliant on one funding source rather multiple streams of funding creating greater stability.

Strengthening Board and Staff Fundraising Capacity - HVA recently hired a new CEO who is a seasoned fundraiser with a proven track record. The organization has strategically brought on new board members with strong fundraising backgrounds. With more private donors, the HVA displays stronger stability and sustainability as there is less reliance on grant funding, which can be uncertain.

Annual Mailing Campaign- HVA will strengthen their annual mailing campaign through segmenting donors, personalizing approaches, and a rigorous monitoring progress. Consistent giving from a broad pool of private donors, strengthens the organizations unrestricted revenue allowing HVA to divert resources to support areas in need.



Earned Income Strategies - HVA has in place earned income strategies through the Housing Stability Division and will continue to advance their effectiveness. HVA will explore more earned income strategies to optimize revenue.

Strong Evaluation Approach - HVA believes that evaluation of programming is critical to the efficiency and effectiveness of programming. The organization has implemented evidence informed surveys for clients and evaluation tools measuring the nutrition value of foods distributed. A strong evaluation approach allows the organization to make necessary changes to programming that can lead to cost efficiency.

## *Governance/Financials*

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### Board List\*

Please upload a current list of your organization's Board of Directors.

PDF and Word formats are accepted.

Board List 2023 - V2.pdf

### Organization Budget\*

Please upload your most recent, board-approved organizational budget. You may add any notes regarding your budget below.

PDF and Excel files are acceptable.

Board Approved FY23 Operating Budget.pdf

### Project Budget\*

Please use [this template](#) to describe expenses for this program. You should use this template to provide a budget narrative as well, explaining the purpose of each expense and how it relates to the program.

**The more specific your line items, the better. Any staff member(s) that would not be 100% funded by this grant should be shown with the time and effort that would be allocated to this grant.**

City of Clearwater HVA ARPA Grant.xlsx

### Capital Purchases\*

Capital expenses in your proposal should be shown to remove barriers to expanding services. Please describe below:

1. What percentage of your request is capital?

2. Describe why capital purchases are needed, and how they *directly* support the programming described in this proposal.

If your request does not include capital purchases, write "N/A" below.

*Why PCF asks this: Unlike other local opportunities using ARPA funding, this grant opportunity is not meant to primarily fund capital needs. While capital purchases are permitted, the acquisition must be connected to your programming and should be helping unlock operational resources.*

N/A

## ***Additional Upload***

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### **Additional Upload\***

If you have additional documents to support your application, you may upload them here. Please limit your upload to five pages. PDF files are accepted.

ARPA Additional Documentation.pdf

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Board List 2023 - V2.pdf
- Board Approved FY23 Operating Budget.pdf
- City of Clearwater HVA ARPA Grant.xlsx
- ARPA Additional Documentation.pdf

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Employment</b>		
Matthew Weber	Board Chair	FY22	Palm Harbor - 34683	Enterprise		
Seema Ramroop	Immediate Past Board Chair	FY23	Palm Harbor - 34683	Prudential Financial		
Ed Cole	Vice Chair & Treasurer	FY22	Clearwater -33764	Green Dot Bank		
Lonnie Brewer	Secretary	FY22	Tampa - 33326	Brewer Executive Consulting		
Nick Diceglie	President & CEO	FY 23	Clearwater - 33756	Hope Villages of America		
<b>At Large Members</b>						
Debra Jones	Board Member	FY23	Largo - 33774	Regions Bank		
Cherri McGrew	Board Member	FY23	Dunedin - 34698	Retired		
Zebbie D. Atkinson	Board Member	FY23	Lutz - 33549	President - NAACP Upper Pinellas		
Adam McGill Ross	Board Member	FY23	Clearwater - 33762	Executive Director SAO -6th Judicial		
Nathaly Patterson	Board Member	FY24	St. Pete - 33716	St. Pete Police Department		
Laura Stewart	Board Member	FY24	Clearwater - 33760	Xerox Corp		
Daniel Shoumlin	Board Member	FY 25	Largo - 33770	Owner/Operater Clearsky		
Harrison Hickinbotham	Board Member	FY 25	Tampa - 33329	Enterprise Holdings		
Jamie Jensen	Board Member	FY 25	Valrico-33594	Suncoast Fleet Services		

**HOPE VILLAGES OF AMERICA**  
**Board Approved Operating Budget - FY23**

	<b>FY 23 Board Approved Budget</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>	
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Contributions - Cash	\$1,188,727
Contributions - Pledges	53,000
Estate Gifts	25,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,266,727</b>
<b>Grants &amp; Contracts:</b>	
Federal Grants	\$400,000
State & Local Grants	1,594,888
Foundation & Corporate Grants	366,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>\$2,360,888</b>
<b>Interest Revenue - Operations</b>	\$50
<b>Investment Earning - Gains (Losses)</b>	\$60,000
<b>Program Fees - Rent</b>	\$414,700
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,102,365</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Personnel	\$2,662,183
General	90,079
Occupancy	696,606
Office	225,297
Program Services	145,100
Staff	36,100
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,855,365</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND</b>	8,000,000
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND</b>	(8,000,000)
<b>NET BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>\$247,000</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	(247,000)
<b>NET AFTER DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Budget Detail

**ORGANIZATION NAME:**

EXPENSES	Total Project Cost	ARPA Grant Request
<b>1 Salaries</b>		
<b>Show your calculations. Include any project staff that will be paid a percentage of time from ARPA funds. Explain what will they do, how many hours will they work on the project.</b>		
<i>Senior Vice President of Operations</i> - Provides operational oversight of the division including budget, staffing, and purchasing.	\$ 80,000.00	\$0
<i>Director of Program Services</i> Cesar Garcia (25%) - A minimum of 10 hrs. weekly will be spend on sourcing, purchasing, allocating, and distributing food directly to the City of Clearwater.	\$ 50,000.00	\$12,500
<i>Warehouse Driver</i> - (50%) - A minimum of 20 hrs. per week will be spent, picking food up from retailers, receiving food deliveries, sorting, storing, and preparing for distribution of food to sites located in City of Clearwater.	\$ 31,200.00	\$15,600
<i>Distribution Associate</i> - Unloads food deliveries, build food orders for agencies, and loads trucks for food deliveries to agencies.	\$ 28,300.00	\$0
<i>Warehouse Driver</i> - (50%) - A minimum of 20 hrs. per week will be spent, picking food up from retailers, receiving food deliveries, sorting, storing, and preparing for distribution of food to sites in the City of Clearwater.	\$ 31,200.00	\$15,600
<i>Warehouse Manager</i> - Maintains inventory, plans pick up routes, maintains the schedule to receive food deliveries, provides oversight of warehouse operations, creates food delivery and pick up schedules for warehouse drivers.	\$ 44,600.00	\$0
<i>Program Support Specialist</i> -Processes all bill of ladings (documentation on how much food is being delivered), invoices, processing delivery receipts, and maintains documentation. Schedules food drives, food barrel drop off and pick up for community members including the City of Clearwater.	\$ 39,000.00	\$0
<b>Salaries Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 304,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,700.00</b>
<b>2 Fringe Benefits</b>		
<b>Show your calculations. Includes such items as FICA, medical, dental, life insurance, etc.</b>		
<i>Senior Vice President of Operations</i> - No fringe costs charged to this grant.	\$ 7,708.00	\$ -
<i>Director of Program Services</i> Cesar Garcia (25%) - Health \$7904.40, Dental \$150.24, Life \$87, Vision \$61.56	\$ 7,708.00	\$ 1,927.00
<i>Warehouse Driver</i> - Logan Heddens (50%) - Health \$7409.40, Dental \$150.24, Life \$87.00, Vision \$61.56, 401K Match \$582.40	\$ 8,291.00	\$ 4,145.50
<i>Distribution Associate</i> -No fringe costs charged to this grant.	\$ 8,170.00	\$ -
<i>Warehouse Driver</i> - Edward Tomlinson (50%) - Dental \$150.24, Life \$87.00, Vision \$61.56	\$ 299.00	\$ 149.50
<i>Warehouse Manager</i> -No fringe costs charged to this grant.	\$ 8,877.18	\$ -
<i>Program Support Specialist</i> -No fringe costs charged to this grant.	\$ 869.34	\$ -
<b>Fringe Benefits Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,922.52</b>	<b>\$ 6,222.00</b>
<b>3 Contractual</b>		
<b>Show calculations for reimbursement. Include: funds to hire someone for the project who is not a member of the agency's staff; Name of person/company, if known; What will they do?</b>		
N/A	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Contractual Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>4 Equipment</b>		

This is the category requesting to purchase a major piece of equipment such as a computer or copy machine and during the grant period, must be used primarily for the project. Explain: What is the specific item and how did you determine its cost? Why is this needed for the project? Please show any calculations.

N/A		
<b>Equipment Sub-Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -

**5 Travel**

Provide any travel costs and calculations. Include, for example, if you plan to reimburse project staff for local travel and/or to send for out of town training/conference. Show calculations.

N/A		
<b>Travel Sub-Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -

**6 Supplies**

What specific items, how many, unit and extended cost? Include expendable items, including office supplies necessary for day to day project activities.

Dollars will be spent on food - @ \$2.58 per lb. an additional 38,790 lb. of food can be distributed	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 100,078.00
<b>Supplies Sub-Total</b>	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 100,078.00

**7 Other**

Includes miscellaneous items that do not fit into any other category such as, but not limited to, costs for printing, duplication of project-related materials. Provide details. Emergency Relief fits here.

RemainingBudget expenses (Utilities, Maint & Repairs, Vehicles, Insurance, Staff & V	\$ 299,297.76	\$ -
<b>Other Expenses Subtotal</b>	\$ 299,297.76	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 8,645,520.28	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Difference between requested ARPA grant and project cost</b>	\$ 8,495,520.28	





## Senator Ed Hooper

*District Office*

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*Capitol Office*

408 Senate Building, 404 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
Phone: 850-487-5021

July 26, 2023

Dear City of Clearwater ARPA Grant Review Committee:

Thank you for considering Hope Villages of America for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant through the City of Clearwater for \$150,000 to help those struggling with food insecurity.

Across the state, Floridians are facing incredible financial stressors due to the cost of housing, and Clearwater is no exception. The connection between housing and food insecurity is undeniable; many households are accessing food banks for the first time. As Florida's State Senator for District 21, I believe it is imperative that our neighbors in Clearwater have the opportunity to thrive—that starts by making sure that residents' most basic needs are met.

Hope Villages of America has brought excellent value to the City of Clearwater. The organization was founded in the city in 1967 and, for 56 years, has been feeding the hungry in our community. Their service locations are easily accessible to residents, and services are always delivered with compassion.

I am highly appreciative of the work that Hope Villages of America does every day by restoring help and hope to the hungry, homeless, and abused. I appreciate your consideration of funding for the organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hooper", written over a circular stamp or seal.

**Senator Ed Hooper**

Florida Senate, District 21

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*This grandmother is raising her school age grandson alone, and needs additional assistance with food, so she visits Hope Villages of America for additional help to make it through the month.*

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*The Kononenko family relocated from Ukraine to Florida, and due to food insecurities the family made a visit to Hope Villages of America's food bank where their needs were met in getting food assistance and resources.*