LFUCG ESR Program Clarifications to FY2021 Proposal

God's Pantry Food Bank appreciates the opportunity to be considered for FY2021 funding through the ESR Grant Program. We know the city and the program have faced significant and unique challenges this year—as have we—and we appreciate the importance the community and council have placed on this program.

In reply to your June 26, 2020 request, we provide the following related to our submission of 4/2/20:

1. The narrative portion of the proposal submitted by God's Pantry Food Bank is still viable for implementation as originally submitted.

   We would like to alter the Total Funding Amount requested to: $67,000.

2. At this point the main change from our original program plan versus current program operation is within the Program Design portion of our application, particularly the Service Delivery Model. Due to COVID-19 and related changes to health and safety recommendations, the program currently is operating in a drive-through delivery model that gives pre-packed boxes of food to clients versus in-person pantry shopping. Unfortunately, we are unable to determine when we will return to our Client Choice model, our preferred service delivery model. This is dependent on health and safety recommendations and volunteer availability, not food availability.

   This change in the Service Delivery Model will also mean a change in our ability to meet our desired outcomes. Specifically, it could impact the number of meals that are provided through the program. At this point, the drive through delivery model has not been able to provide a week's worth of food to families. We can work with the LFUCG Social Services team to provide more details when and if our proposal is funded.

3. We do not anticipate that the modifications above will increase or decrease our budget significantly (more or less than 5%).

   The full budget for this program has not changed since our initial application. The full budget for the program is $455,383. We have, however, secured additional funding for this program since our application. We have an anticipated, but unconfirmed, grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, through LFUCG, of $300,000 that will be applied to this program's expenses. We also have a confirmed gift of $20,917 from the Fayette County

Emergency Food and Shelter board that will be used only toward food purchases. This leaves a budget gap of $134,446 to operate the program for the coming year. We are, however, only asking for $67,000 to support the program. We are confident that with this investment, and the funds already pledged and in process, we could successfully implement the program for the year.

The Lexington community has helped God's Pantry Food Bank meet the food needs our neighbors are facing at this time. We still intend to operate the program to the absolute best of our abilities and to maintain service at the level outlined in this proposal. However, we cannot anticipate what the next 11 months will look like in our community and among the current and potential food-insecure families in our community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have additional questions about this proposal.

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