

2019

SNAP into Action Plan

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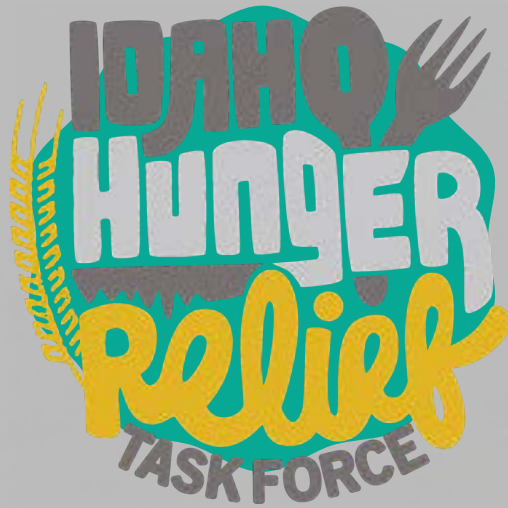




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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We express our gratitude for the partners of the SNAP Advisory Network. We look forward to another great year.



A special thanks to the USDA FNS Western Region and Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare for their guidance in this effort.





2. A Call to Action

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), better known in Idaho as the Food Stamp Program, is an essential front line program for responding to hunger and food insecurity throughout the state. In 2017, 1 in 10 Idahoans participated in the program.

Furthermore, the majority of food stamp recipients are children, elderly, or disabled. Looking at hunger through a wider lens reveals that 13% of Idaho residents and 16.7% of Idaho children are food insecure (Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, 2018).

Due to Idaho's regulatory restrictions, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) is not permitted to perform educational activities around the food stamp program. Therefore, the Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force convenes the Idaho SNAP Advisory Network to conduct this important work.

**This document serves
as the sixth Idaho plan.**

3. Celebrating our 2018 Successes



"In 2018, The Idaho Foodbank launched our Hunger to Health strategy, focusing on the well-being of individuals, along with the health of communities across our state through access to nutritious food and other resources required for good health. Committed to collaborating and partnering with other organizations and individuals, we are focused on 4 strategies: Nutrition, Education, Social Determinants of Health, and Community Health. In an effort to promote SNAP utilization, The Idaho Foodbank distributed over 5,850 SNAP brochures across the state through our programs in 2018. Additionally in 2018, every Mobile Pantry across the state received the SNAP brochures to distribute including our senior and healthcare mobiles."

"This year had a 50% increase of SNAP redemptions at the farmers market and an increased interest in the local food resource guides."



"We have had great success with our Food is Medicine program in partnership with the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho. Utilizing the 2-question food insecurity screening tool, patients who screen positive are referred to us and Care Navigators follow up to assess what is impacting their food access. Many, many times it is not directly about food—It's transportation, heating bills, and such. Our most exciting new program is our Prescription for Fresh Fruits & Vegetables. Patients screening positive for food insecurity and a diagnosis of diabetes or hypertension were eligible for a prescription for fresh fruits and vegetables and reported weight loss, diabetes control and increased consumption of produce."



"There are a couple individuals who were hugely opposed to food stamps. And they finally came to the conclusion that it could be something that could help them. They come in regularly now to connect with us and utilize our resources. We facilitated their readiness once they got to that place on their own. I'm proud of our ability to create those relationships. It's hard to know how many people follow through and get the food stamps or not."

4. Opportunities for Growth

The Network has been fortunate to have the continued involvement and relationship with the USDA FNS Western Region. With input from the Western Region and with attention to nationwide trends and best practices, the Idaho Network will continue to organize goal development and evaluation around the following program focus areas:

- Program Information & Access
- Multicultural Food Security
- Healthcare Partnership
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Community Food Security



The Idaho SNAP into Action Network began tracking financial investment in 2015 for the SNAP into Action Plan and will continue to estimate partner funding that supports the only private-sector plan in the nation.

5. Reaching Our Goals & Identifying Our Partners

The SNAP Advisory Network partners have once again submitted letters of commitment as attached to the Plan and will continue to update the group and evaluate goals on a quarterly basis. As the convener of the Plan, the Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force will continually survey and provide requested technical assistance as partners find useful.

2019 Partners



6. Goals by Program Area

Program Area	Partner	Goal
Program Information and Access	211	The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will participate in meetings of the Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network.
	CAPAI	CAPAI will distribute Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force materials/communications regarding recertification to Community Action Partnership agencies as appropriate.
	CAPAI	CAPAI will distribute SNAP recertification fliers/handouts to Community Action Partnership agencies for distribution to program participants plus further distribution to TEFAP food banks and soup kitchens as possible.
	ESI	ESI nutrition educators will be educated on the Idaho Food Stamp Program through the Food Stamp 'Train the Trainer' curriculum. Nutrition educators will be directed to the curriculum as part of new employee and on-going training in order to provide them with a basic understanding of the Idaho Food Stamp Program and their current audience.
	ESI	ESI faculty and staff will receive training on the updated SNAP brochures and Live Better Idaho website.
	IFB	IFB will provide access to information regarding Food Stamp program to The Idaho Foodbank's partner agency network consisting of approximately 240+ nonprofit and church organizations. Communications and materials will be distributed through the Zone portal, Partner Advisory Council, email, mobile pantry program, Cooking Matters program, and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.
	IHRTF	IHRTF will coordinate the network and twice per year implement meetings of the Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network for all SNAP into Action: Idaho Food Stamp Education and Access partners.
	IHRTF	IHRTF will review and update the online 'Train the Trainer' curriculum on a twice-yearly basis. IHRTF will utilize the curriculum to present trainings to targeted Idaho agencies.
	THC	THC will continue to refer potentially eligible households to the Department of Health and Welfare for SNAP/Food Stamp assistance. This will also include providing applications, one-on-one assistance if needed, sending applications in, and allowing individuals without phone or mail service to use THC's office for follow up.
	THC	THC will match SNAP/Food Stamp dollars 1:1 up to \$20 a week per household for people who shop at the Hailey and Ketchum Farmers' Markets while funds last.
	PVFC	PVFC will increase SNAP awareness and understanding with printed advertising in the local food guide, Food Resource guide and SNAP pamphlet(s) that will include Payette and Malheur County's Department of Health and Welfare contact information.

	PVFC	PVFC will use its website, www.payettevalleyfoodconnection.com and social media pages to expand SNAP's visibility among digital audiences by posting educational SNAP information.
Multicultural Food Security	IHRTF	IHRTF will work with the Community Council of Idaho to build capacity to review food security screenings and follow-up with Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. IHRTF will recruit CCI back to the SNAP into Action Network with this activity.
	PVFC	PVFC will translate the SNAP-related documents to Spanish (the area's predominate non-English language) and find appropriate distribution channels and locations.
Healthcare Partnerships	211	The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will utilize its resource database and standing protocols to facilitate appropriate referrals for the public who are seeking access to low-cost or affordable medical care, where they can access information on nutritional needs and dietary issues.
	IFB	IFB will promote engagement with healthcare professionals to utilize an assessment tool and process regarding the Social Determinants of Health, including food insecurity questions.
	IHRTF	IHRTF will collaborate with the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho to utilize the 2-question food security screen and to implement the 2019 Rx for FFV program expansion. Expansion will include additional clinic partners and produce vendors.
Advocacy	211	The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will utilize its resource database and standing protocols to facilitate appropriate referrals for the public who are seeking access to food pantries and food assistance resources.
	CAPAI	CAPAI will advocate for communication of staggered issuance information to Community Action Partnership agencies plus advocacy for further communication to TEFAP food banks and soup kitchens.
	IFB	IFB's Public Relations Coordinator will monitor issues relevant to the IFB Board-approved advocacy platform.
	IIRAH	IIRAH will plan and implement the spring, community-wide gathering, "Rent Eats First" to promote, educate, and discuss action that might be taken to improve access to affordable housing and access to healthy food. A fall gathering will also be planned and implemented.
	IIRAH	IIRAH will monitor the 2019 legislative session to watch for legislation and rule changes that affect food security in Idaho. Examples include food stamp rules and legislation, removal of sales tax on food and removal of the sales tax credit, other root causes affecting food security such as "Close the Gap" Medicaid expansion and other tax legislation affecting low-income households.
	THC	THC will host Cooking Matters classes up to 2 times a year providing that THC can meet Cooking Matters guidelines. THC will provide SNAP/Food Stamp informational materials to adult graduates.

Community Food Security	IFB	IFB will partner with key stakeholders on community health assessments/projects offering leadership, subject-matter expertise, and/or solutions as needed. Stakeholders could include healthcare providers, schools, other nonprofits, government and industry leaders, etc.
	IHRTF	IHRTF will collaborate with the Cultivate Wilder Initiative to strengthen the local food system to bring more food into the community and through the Wilder Community Fund for seasonal workers.
	IHRTF	IHRTF will collaborate with the Idaho Farmers Market Association to increase access to the local food system for low-income Idahoans through building capacity of farmers markets to accept EBT and increase awareness by food stamp recipients. IFMA will be recruited into the SNAP into Action Network.
	PVFC	PVFC will distribute the local food and food resource guides that include SNAP information at local organizations, businesses and community events.
	PVFC	PVFC will support, advertise and facilitate EBT acceptance and Double Up Food Bucks at the Payette Farmers' Market.
	THC	THC will collaborate with St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition Department, who will refer patients with chronic nutritional diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. Participants will receive weekly vegetables grown at Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden, as well as recipes and one-on-one support with both St. Luke's dieticians and Hunger Coalition staff and volunteers throughout the program season.
	THC	THC will engage community members at the Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden through Volunteer for Veggies: 4 volunteer sessions per week where community members are offered vegetables in exchange for their volunteer time at these locations.

9. Partner Commitment Letters



May 2, 2019
211 Idaho CareLine
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The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine is submitting this **Letter of Partner Commitment** for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, the 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will commit to the following activities:

GOAL I. Program Information and Access

Title: **Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network**

Description: The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will participate meetings of the Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network.

Timeline: Annually

Evaluation: 1) present for annual meeting

GOAL III. Health Care Partnerships

Title: **Public referral to low-cost or affordable medical care and/or medical nutritional advisement**

Description: The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will utilize its resource database and standing protocols to facilitate appropriate referrals for the public who are seeking access to low-cost or affordable medical care, where they can access information on nutritional needs and dietary issues.

Timeline: Ongoing

Evaluation: 1) # of callers referred for access to medical care; 2) # of resources and community partners in support database that address this need area

GOAL V. Advocacy and Awareness

Title: **Public access to food pantries and food assistance resources**

Description: The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine will utilize its resource database and standing protocols to facilitate appropriate referrals for the public who are seeking access to access to food pantries and food assistance resources.

Timeline: Ongoing

Evaluation: 1) # of callers referred for access to food pantries or food assistance; 2) # of resources and community partners in support database that address this need area

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles A. Beal".

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12-April-2019

Re: 2019 SNAP into Action Partner Commitment Letter

Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) is submitting this Letter of Partner Commitment for the annual 2019 project period.

Specifically, CAPAI will commit to the following activities:

- Distribute Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force materials/communications regarding recertification to Community Action Partnership agencies as appropriate.
- Distribute SNAP recertification fliers/handouts to Community Action Partnership agencies for distribution to program participants plus further distribution to TEFAP food banks and soup kitchens as possible.
- Advocate for communication of staggered issuance information to Community Action Partnership agencies plus advocacy for further communication to TEFAP food banks and soup kitchens.

CAPAI will also continue to participate as an Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network member to guide and monitor the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Idaho Plan.

Respectfully,

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May 21, 2019

The University of Idaho Extension Eat Smart Idaho Program is submitting this Letter of Commitment for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, Eat Smart Idaho will collaborate with Idaho's SNAP into Action plan in the following activities during the annual project period:

Goal I. Program Information and Access

Title: Idaho Food Stamp 'Train the Trainer' Curriculum

Description: Eat Smart Idaho nutrition educators will be educated on the Idaho Food Stamp Program through the Food Stamp 'Train the Trainer' curriculum. Nutrition educators will be directed to the curriculum as part of new employee and on-going training in order to provide them with a basic understanding of the Idaho Food Stamp Program and their current audience.

Timeline: Annual training

Evaluation: Number of educators completing curriculum

Title: SNAP Brochures

Description: Eat Smart Idaho faculty and staff will receive training on the updated SNAP brochures and Live Better Idaho website.

Timeline: Annual training

Evaluation: Number of Faculty and staff completing training

Eat Smart Idaho is also engaged in Policy, System and Environmental interventions through SNAP-Ed. Several of these projects/interventions help support EBT acceptance at Farmers Markets and aim to improve healthy choices available to Idahoans at food pantries and qualifying schools.

Sincerely,



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April 10, 2019

SNAP Advisory Network
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On behalf of The Idaho Foodbank (IFB), I would like to submit a letter of commitment to partner on activities to increase and improve food stamp participation among eligible Idahoans.

Specifically, The Idaho Foodbank will partner in the following activities during the annual 2019 project period:

1. **Goal I: Program Information and Access:** Provide access to information regarding Food Stamp program to The Idaho Foodbank's partner agency network consisting of approximately 240+ nonprofit and church organizations.

Description: IFB will provide access to information about the Idaho Food Stamp program through the following methods:

- a) Partner Agency Network – 240+ agencies will have access to education and information through:
 - i. IFB's Agency Zone portal that will include a link to the IHRTF Food Stamp Training the Trainer Curriculum.
 - ii. Partner Advisory Council (PAC) and community-based meetings in Eastern, North Central, and Southwest Idaho.
 - iii. Email communication.

Geographic Area: 44 county service area

Timeline: Yearly, beginning April 2019

Evaluation: Number of PAC and regional meetings, number of partner agencies provided with access to information.

- b) Direct distribution of Food Stamp program materials and/or access to information through the following avenues:
 - i. Mobile pantry program
 - ii. Cooking Matters curriculum for Adults and Families
 - iii. Cooking Matters at the Store Tours
 - iv. Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)



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- v. The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- vi. School pantry program

Geographic Area: 44 county service area

Timeline: Quarterly, beginning April 2019

Evaluation: Number of Mobile Pantry distributions, number of participating recipients at Mobile Pantry distributions, number of participants at CM class and store tours, and number of CSFP participants provided with materials.

2. Goal II: Multicultural Food Security: N/A

3. Goal III: Health Care Partnerships: As part of IFB's Hunger to Health Strategy, focus is placed on the wellbeing of individuals, along with health of communities across our state through access to nutritious food and other resources required for good health. IFB commits to collaborating and partnering with other organizations and individuals as we undertake the following initiatives:

- i. Social Determinants of Health: promote engagement with healthcare professionals to utilize an assessment tool and process regarding the Social Determinants of Health, including food insecurity questions.

Geographic Area: 44 county service area

Description: IFB commits to collaborating and partnering with other organizations and individuals to meet these 3 initiatives.

Timeline: Quarterly, beginning April 2019

Evaluation: Based on the initiatives listed above, evaluations are:

- i. Report number of people engaged in IFB's education activities, and number of educational materials provided to the partner network, through each programs, and via public communication channels.
- ii. Number of IFB's health partners that assess food security, newly activated and total number. When possible, also acquire reporting on the number of people who screen positive for food insecurity, and the number who receive resources/referrals.

4. Goal IV: Advocacy and Awareness: Monitor issues relevant to food insecurity in state and federally assistance programs.

Geographic Area: 44 county service area



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Description: IFB's Public Relations Coordinator will monitor issues pertaining to IFB Board approved advocacy platform.

Timeline: Yearly, beginning April 2019

Evaluation: Number of actions taken to support advocacy efforts.

5. **Goal V: Community Food Security:** IFB will partner with key stakeholders on community health assessments/projects offering leadership, subject-matter expertise, and/or solutions as needed. Stakeholders could include healthcare providers, schools, other nonprofits, government and industry leaders, etc.

Geographic Area: 44 county service area

Description: IFB will continue to participate in healthy community collaborations as well as support other community food security efforts.

Timeline: Yearly, beginning April 2019

Evaluation: Report number and locations of engagement activities with new community health assessments/projects, and the number of new and ongoing services/programs initiated that address food insecurity. Reporting may include the number of people touched through these partnerships.

Sincerely,

Karen Vauk
President & CEO, The Idaho Foodbank



Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

Putting public and private resources into action statewide to eliminate hunger and provide food security for all Idahoans

Statewide Members:

Blaine County Hunger Coalition, *Halley*

Boise State University, Sociology, *Boise*

Boys and Girls Clubs of Ada County, *Garden City*

Catholic Charities of Idaho

Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, *Boise*

Community Council of Idaho, *Calderwell*

Duck Valley Indian Reservation, *Owyhee*

Emmett Friendship Coalition, *Emmett*

Idaho Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Food Stamp Program, *Boise*

Idaho Farmers Market Assoc., *Boise*

Idaho Foodbank, *Boise*

Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger, *Boise*

Idaho Organization of Resource Councils, *Boise*

Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture

Idaho Voices for Children, *Boise*

Idaho State Dept. of Education—*Child Nutrition*

Metro Meals on Wheels, *Meridian*

Payette Valley Food Connection, *Boise*

University of Idaho Eat Smart Idaho Program, *Payette*

Women, Infants and Children (WIC), *Boise*

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April 12, 2019

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Dear Megan,

The Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force (IHRTF) is submitting this Letter of Partner Commitment for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, the IHRTF will commit to the following activities.

GOAL I. Program Information and Access

Title: Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network

Description: The IHRTF will coordinate the network and twice per year implement meetings of the Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network for all SNAP into Action: Idaho Food Stamp Education and Access partners.

Timeline: Two times per year

Evaluation: 1) # of meetings—agenda and minutes; 2) # of partner trainings; 3) 2019 SNAP into Action Food Stamp Education and Access Plan; 4) 2018 SNAP into Action Final Report

Title: Idaho Food Stamp ‘Train the Trainer’

Description: The IHRTF will review and update the online ‘Train the Trainer’ curriculum on a twice-yearly basis. The IHRTF will utilize the curriculum to present trainings to targeted Idaho agencies.

Timeline: 1) Curriculum updates—2 updates; 2) trainings—four annual

Evaluation: 1) completed curriculum updates; 2) # of trainings; and 3) # of participants.

GOAL II. Multicultural Food Security

Title: Community Council of Idaho

Description: The IHRTF will work with the Community Council of Idaho to build capacity to review food security screenings and follow-up with Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Recruit CCI back to the SNAP into Action Network with this activity

Timeline: January through December

Evaluation: 1) # of meetings to review CCI food security screenings; 2) tracking system changes

GOAL III. Health Care Partnerships

Title: Food is Medicine—Screen and Intervene and ‘Rx for Fresh Fruits & Vegetables’

Description: The IHRTF will collaborate with the Family Medicine

Residency of Idaho to utilize the 2-question food security screen and to implement the 2019 Rx for FFV program expansion. Expansion will include additional clinic partners and produce vendors

Timeline: ongoing

Evaluation: 1) # of patients identified as food insecure and receiving follow-Up; 2) # of families receiving Rx for FFV; 3) pre-post Rx for FFV evaluation for 2019 program

GOAL V. Community Food Security

Title: Cultivate Wilder Initiative

Description: The IHRTF will collaborate with the Cultivate Wilder Initiative strengthen the local food system to bring more food into the community and through the Wilder Community Fund for seasonal workers

Timeline: April 2019 through December 2019

Evaluation: 1) # of meetings with Wilder Community Group; 2) amount of funds dispersed through the Wilder Community Fund.

Title: Food Stamp EBT in local food systems

Description: The IHRTF will collaborate with the Idaho Farmers Market Association to increase access to the local food system for low-income Idahoans through building capacity of farmers markets to accept EBT and increase awareness by food stamp recipients. IFMA will be recruited into the SNAP into Action Network.

Timeline: ongoing

Evaluation: 1) # of new markets accepting EBT; 2) # of markets with ‘Double Up Bucks’ program

Best,

Kathy D. Gardner

Kathy D. Gardner
Director



April 3, 2019

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The Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger (IIRAH) is submitting this letter of partner commitment for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, IIRAH will commit to the following activities:

GOAL IV. ADVOCACY

Title: Spring Community Gathering—"Rent Eats First"

Description: IIRAH will plan and implement a community-wide gathering to promote, educate, and discuss action that might be taken to improve access to affordable housing and access to healthy food.

Timeline: April 25, 2019

Evaluation: # of event planners and meetings
of flyers and advertising pieces and media outreach
of panel presenters
of community members attending

Title: 2019 Idaho Legislative Session

Description: IIRAH will monitor the 2019 Legislative Session to watch for legislation and rule changes that affect food security in Idaho. Examples include food stamp rules and legislation, removal of sales tax on food and removal of the sales tax credit, other root causes affecting food security such as "Close the Gap" Medicaid expansion and other tax legislation affecting low-income households.

Timeline: January, 2019 through April, 2019 and Sine Die.

Evaluation: # of position papers issued
of bills monitored
of hearings and /or testimonies given
of sign-ons issued in support of legislation

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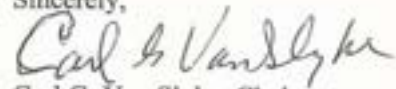
Title: Fall Community Gathering

Description: TBD

Timeline: September, 2019

Evaluation: # of event planners and meetings
of flyers and advertising pieces and media outreach
of panel presenters
of community members attending

Sincerely,



Carl G. Van Slyke, Chair

Payette Valley

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Payette County



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April 30, 2019

Megan Wilson
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Payette Valley Food Connection is submitting this Letter of Partner Commitment for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, Payette Valley Food Connection will commit to the following activities:

GOAL I. Program Information and Access

Title: SNAP Print Outreach Campaign

Description: Increase SNAP awareness and understanding with printed advertising in our Local Food guide, Food Resource guide and SNAP pamphlet(s) that will include Payette and Malheur County's Department of Health and Welfare contact information.

Timeline: End of 2019

Evaluation: 1) # of guides & pamphlets created that include SNAP information

Title: SNAP World Wide Web Outreach Campaign

Description: Use our website, www.payettevalleyfoodconnection.com and social media pages to expand SNAP's visibility among digital audiences by posting educational SNAP information.

Timeline: End of 2019

Evaluation: 1) # of views on SNAP web page 2) # of SNAP posts on social media pages

GOAL II. Multicultural Food Security

Title: Provide our Hispanic population with printed SNAP information in Spanish

Description: Translate our SNAP related documents to Spanish (our area's predominate non-English language) and find appropriate distribution channels and locations.

Timeline: End of 2019

Evaluation: 1# of guides & pamphlets with SNAP info translated to Spanish 2) # of guide & pamphlets placement channels and locations 3) total # of Spanish guides & pamphlets distributed

GOAL III. Community Food Security

Title: Provide the community with local food and emergency food information

Description: Distribute our local food and food resource guides that include SNAP information at local organizations, businesses and community events.

Timeline: End of 2019

Evaluation: 1) # of locations and events where guides & pamphlets distributed 2) total # of guides & pamphlets distributed

GOAL IV. Community Outreach - Food Security

Title: Payette Farmers' Market EBT Acceptance and Double Up Food Bucks Match

Description: Support, advertise and facilitate EBT acceptance and Double Up Food Bucks at Payette Farmers' Market

Timeline: July – September 2019

Evaluation: 1) amount of EBT redeemed at the market 3) amount of EBT matched at the market 2) % redemptions increase over last year's

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joey Peutz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Payette Valley Food Connection



April 12, 2019

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The Hunger Coalition is submitting this Letter of Partner Commitment for the annual 2019 project period. Specifically, The Hunger Coalition (THC) will commit to the following activities:

GOAL I. Program Information and Access

Title: Application assistance

Description: THC will continue to refer potentially eligible households to the Department of Health and Welfare for SNAP/Food Stamp assistance. This will also include providing applications, one-on-one assistance if needed, sending applications in, and allowing individuals without phone or mail service to use our office for follow up.

Timeline: Ongoing - Weekdays Monday through Thursday beginning January 1, 2019

Evaluation: Number of community members receiving support for SNAP (one-on-one contact, applications submitted through our office, assistance for follow up services provided at THC).

GOAL II. Program Information and Access

Title: Double Up Bucks (formerly known as Fresh Bucks)

Description: THC will match SNAP/Food Stamp dollars 1:1 up to \$20 a week per household for people who shop at our Hailey and Ketchum Farmers' Markets while funds last.

Timeline: May through October (or when funds run out)

Evaluation: Number of adults who participate. Amount of SNAP/Food Stamp dollars matched with grant funds.

GOAL III. Advocacy and Awareness

Description: THC will host Cooking Matters classes up to 2 times a year providing that THC can meet Cooking Matters guidelines. THC will provide SNAP/Food Stamp informational materials to adult graduates.

Timeline: 2018

Evaluation: Offer 2 six-week Cooking Matters classes and at least 2 Cooking Matters at the Store classes

GOAL IV. Community Food Security

Title: Build Community Through Food

Description: Engage community members at Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden through Volunteer for Veggies: 4 volunteer sessions per week where community members are offered vegetables in exchange for their volunteer time at these locations.

Timeline: June through October

Evaluation: Engage a minimum of 200 community members

GOAL V. Community Food Security

Title: Veggie Rx: Prescription for Health

Description: Collaborate with St. Luke's Clinical Nutrition Department, who will refer patients with chronic nutritional diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. Participants will receive weekly vegetables grown at Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden, as well as recipes and one-on-one support with both St. Luke's dieticians and Hunger Coalition staff and volunteers throughout the program season.

Timeline: Growing Season (10 weeks minimum)

Evaluation: Engage up to 15 adults diagnosed with Diabetes Type I & Type II

The Hunger Coalition will continue to participate as an Idaho Food Stamp Advisory Network member.

Sincerely,

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