Food Coordination Group: Updates

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Updates

• Notes from Community Listening Sessions
• RFP Updates
• New Programs
• Questions?
Community Listening Sessions

Notes Summary
3 Sessions in June 2021

46 participants, 31 CBOs

Intent: To listen to community needs and lessons before deciding a funding strategy

Design: Three sessions in late June 2021

• General Community
• Families with children
• Immigrant Populations

• Met with some organizations and groups outside of the listening sessions if we noticed underrepresentation
Common Themes

• Many organizations **pivoted** to providing food supports because clients needed assistance and the need exceeded what was available prior to the pandemic.

• Community members value **choice and variety** in their food items and the **modalities** of getting food support.

• Funding opportunities to support administrative, operational, infrastructure and capital expenses

• **Ongoing** financial support for the food security network is critical

• **NO** strong preference for either delivery or pick-up options for meals and groceries, rather that having both options is best in order to meet the unique needs of certain populations.
For Specific Populations

- For seniors:
  - really enjoyed the higher quality meals that were provided during the pandemic.
  - also enjoyed having delivery as an option because many cannot drive, MUNI services were cut, and many had physical difficulties bringing heavy items home.

- Full needs of multigenerational households not met

- Immigrant populations go to seek help from CBOs they know and trust

- For families, convenience and flexibility in accessing food programs is key
RFPs

Request for Proposals

- RFP 952 Innovative Neighborhood Support closed 8/24
- RFP 953 Prepared Meals Support closing 9/2
- RFP 954 Community Grocery Access closing 9/3

- Steps **before** public announcement:
  - Unbiased and unaffiliated panels
  - Program and contract negotiations
  - Commission approvals
  - Program launch
New Program:

Takeout Today
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In partnership with SF New Deal

Intent: To provide a restaurant meal pick up option for those with urgent meal gap via text

• Same day pick up at participating restaurants

• Neighborhoods identified to have low-income residents along with low access to large-scale supermarkets:
  • Bayview: 94124 (Launched 8/30/2021)
  • Hunters Point: 94124
  • Ingleside: 94112
  • Merced Heights: 94132
  • Ocean View: 94112
  • Treasure Island: 94130
  • Visitacion Valley: 94134

To learn more: Thomas.mcclain@sfgov.org
Pantry at Home Expansion

In partnership with SF-Marin Food Bank

Intent: To provide home-delivered groceries to those who are otherwise unable to attend a pantry

- Eligible Groups:
  - Is 65 years or older
  - Has an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk for complications from COVID-19
  - Has difficulty attending a food pantry due to a physical or cognitive disability
  - Families with children under the age of 2

- Participant Support Center

To learn more: Seth Harris at Sharris@sfmfoodbank.org
Thanks!

Questions?

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