



April 15, 2015

Mr. Jack Carlson
Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation
11623 State Road 80
Livingston, Wisconsin 53554

Dear Mr. Carlson:

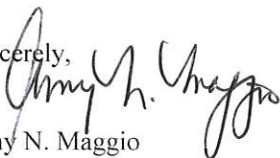
On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers at Southwestern Community Action Program, I am pleased to submit our application for consideration of funding to the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation for support for our food pantries and hunger relief programs in Iowa and Grant counties as well as support for our renovation of our food program in Iowa County.

The Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation has been a strong supporter of SWCAP and we so appreciate your consideration for support for 2015.

A copy of the application has been sent to you via email on April 15th, 2015 along with a copy of our IRS determination letter.

Thanks again for your consideration of our 2015 application.

Sincerely,



Amy N. Maggio
Grant and Funding Specialist

Elmer G Biddick

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GRANT APPLICATION

*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: April 15, 2015

Name of Organization: Southwest Community Action Program (SWCAP)

Address: 149 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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Contact Person: Amy N. Maggio-a.maggio@swcap.org

Organization Purpose: SWCAP was incorporated in 1966 as a 501c3 organization as a result of federal legislation created under President Lyndon B. Johnson's social program, *War on Poverty*. Since 1966, SWCAP has grown from providing a small array of services to low-income people in southwest Wisconsin to the largest provider of social and community services. Currently, SWCAP operates core programs throughout their target counties (Iowa, Lafayette, Green, Grant and Richland) including housing and energy assistance; neighborhood health clinics; Head Start and early childhood programs; WIC (Women, Infant and Children services); business and economic development; transportation services; food pantries and community services.

Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program (SWCAP) operates six separate food pantries and product stores in rural Wisconsin communities including its main pantry in Dodgeville (Iowa County), Boscobel, Fennimore, Richland Center, Green and Grant Counties. SWCAP also supports food pantries and community stores in Lafayette, and other rural communities as well as providing coordinating services with Second Harvest in Dane County. The pantries assist low income eligible families and individuals in their respective communities providing nutritional food that support the health needs of our citizens in rural Wisconsin. In 2013, our food pantry programs provided over 181,000 pounds of food to over 8,200 families- 10,121 children, 13,781 adults and 23,770 individuals. Without these food programs, families in rural Wisconsin counties, Grant, Iowa, Green, Richland and Lafayette would be at risk and unable to adequately feed their families. Although there are established programs for food distribution in Madison and Milwaukee, outside of those metropolitan areas there are few resources. The network of food pantries and programs that SWCAP provides brings food locally where needs are most critical. Lack of transportation in rural Wisconsin remains a critical factor for low-income individuals to access community services.

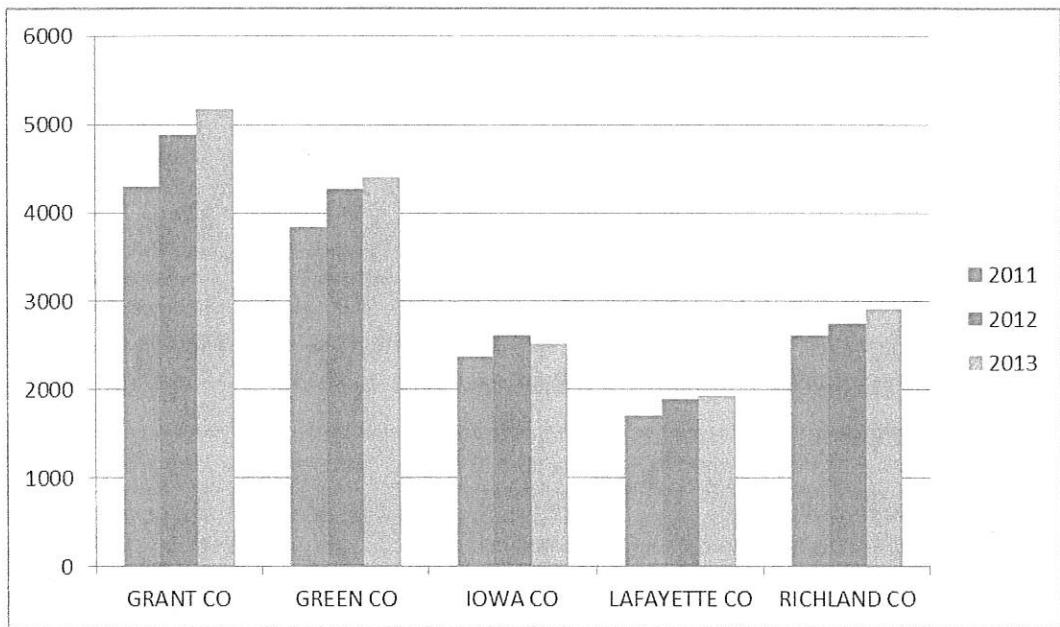
Support for SWCAP's food programs comes from a variety of sources: USDA, corporate, private and fundraising events. In 2013 and 2014, operating revenue for the food programs was approximately **\$265,678 but expenses were approximately \$407,218**. SWCAP, through fundraising, grants and community support, rose over **\$142,000** to offset the revenue shortfall. Funding for food relief programs has been greatly reduced since the great recession and the likelihood of restoring federal and state funding to levels prior to 2009 is non-starter. Even though the unemployment

rate has eased state-wide, rural communities in Wisconsin lag far behind in wages and employment opportunities. An integral part of the food relief and pantry programs that SWCAP operates is the access to emergency services that SWCAP provides: dental and healthcare clinics, transportation and emergency services to name a few.

SWCAP's main food program and service center is located at 147 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin. SWCAP is undertaking the renovation of that facility, pending support from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to provide expanded food and hunger relief programs to low income families in Iowa County as well as Grant, Green and other counties within our targeted service area. The renovation of the facility will require extensive accessibility features, private counseling rooms and a new community store for residents to access goods and services. SWCAP is working closely with the City of Dodgeville on the application for this project.

As part of the application to the state of Wisconsin, SWCAP is seeking additional support for the operations of its food programs from corporations, foundations and private individuals.

Table 1- 2011-2013- Caseloads for Food Distribution by County-SWCAP

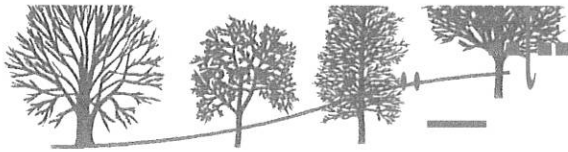


Data obtained from Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Food Share Caseload Recipients by Calendar Year.

Document created by Jeannie Blumer, SWCAP Board of Directors Chair. September 2014.

Person(s) Responsible for the Grant: Amy N. Maggio

Position(s) in the Organization: Grant and Funding Specialist



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PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

Biddick, Inc.
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Grant Request to the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation: \$15,000

Purpose of the request: SWCAP respectfully requests that the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation considers support for the on-going operations of SWCAP's food programs and pantry initiatives in Grant County- **Livingston-Iowa-Grant Pantry and the Dodgeville Pantry** as well as general support for SWCAP's plan to expand food relief programs in Iowa County at its Dodgeville location.

Specific use of the grant from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation: A grant from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would specifically fund the food programs at SWCAP with targeted emphasis on Iowa and Grant Counties. SWCAP operates the **Livingston-Iowa-Grant Food Pantry in Livingston as well as the Iowa food pantry in Dodgeville.**

Project Timeline: Support from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would be ear-marked for the 2015 operations for the food programs in Grant and Iowa counties. Support from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation for expanded operations for its Iowa county food initiative would be part of the grant request.

Current sources of funding for SWCAP Food Programs: Currently, 25% of the food program for both Iowa and Grant counties are supported through USDA. 75% of the programs are supported through the following sources: Thrivent Financial Foundation, Alliant Energy Foundation, and Monroe Fund, United Way of Grant and Richland Center, Community Foundation of SW Wisconsin, Walgreens, Jennie Olson Foundation, Dr. Scholl's Foundation and the Wal-Mart Foundation.

SWCAP-Serving rural Wisconsin communities for over 40 years- SWCAP are celebrating its 40+ year of operations providing critical community services to rural communities in Southwest Wisconsin since 1966. Recognizing the need for coordination of services, SWCAP has developed programs to support transportation, housing relief, housing subsidies, multicultural outreach programs for minority populations, food and hunger relief services to name just a few. SWCAP is the largest provider of community programs serving Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette and Richland counties in Wisconsin. SWCAP is governed by a community board of directors comprised of county representation from its service areas as well as local leaders in business and community outreach. SWCAP's operating budget is approximately \$6.6 million for 2015 with 89% support from local, state and federal programs. SWCAP's administration and management percentage is under 6% for its operations and SWCAP is dedicated to recruiting volunteers to run its many food programs through-out five counties with only **one** paid full-time staff member.