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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: 4/12/2024

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) _____

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern WI

Address 2802 Dairy Dr

City, State, Zip Madison, WI 53718

Phone 608-216-7558

Person Responsible for the Grant Kate Hephner

Position in the Organization Grants Specialist

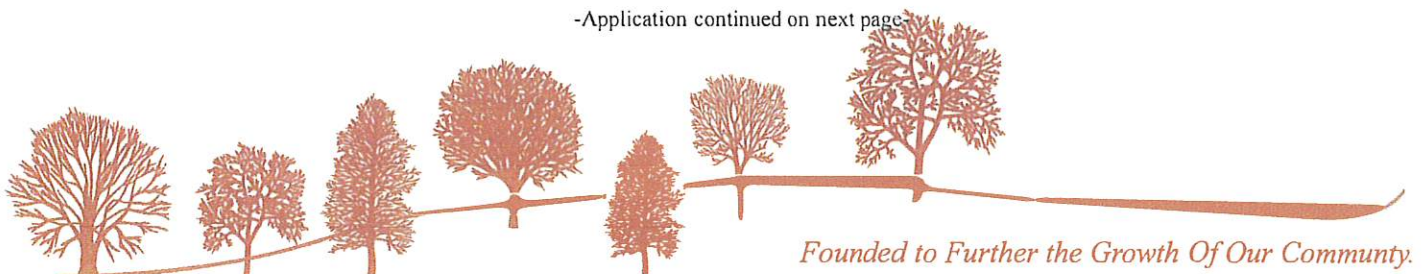
Organization's Purpose Our mission is to end hunger in south western Wisconsin

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 2,500

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

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We are requesting funds for our Farm to Foodbank initiative. With Farm to Foodbank we are able to purchase nutritious food that is locally grown and/or produced – and then distribute it to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our 16-county service area. The funding from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation will be allocated to food purchases in Grant and Iowa counties and that food will then be distributed to our partner food pantries right there in those same counties, allowing us to align with the focus of your foundation.

A. Supporting Information

1. **Specific use of grant:** funding requested will be use for food purchases in Grant and Iowa counties
2. **Time schedule:** The Farm to Foodbank initiative operates year-round.
3. **Other sources of funding:** We have diverse funding that includes corporations, foundation, and government funding.
4. **Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time:** Postponing the request would simply delay our additional purchasing in Grant and Iowa counties.
5. **Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt:**

During the pandemic, more families struggled with job loss and economic hardship and growers and food producers faced devastating setbacks due to the loss of their traditional sales and distribution outlets. The combination of the pandemic and national economic factors resulted in thousands of citizens facing food insecurity in southwestern Wisconsin. Farm to Foodbank has emerged as the model partnership to meet emergency needs while also supporting the local economy.

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southwestern Wisconsin provides services to anyone who needs nutritious food. Our primary population includes individuals and families living in low to moderate income. This includes children, seniors, veterans, and those with nutrition-related health conditions like diabetes and heart disease. The people we support will benefit from the Farm to Foodbank Initiative with increased access to fresher, more nutritious food grown right in their communities.

Nutrition security and food equity in our community is what we're working towards at Second Harvest. Through our Farm to Foodbank initiative, we are able to provide nutritious food to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity while also strengthening our local farming community. It is a win-win to meet the need in our area and support our local economy. This means we can now provide food insecure individuals with ample access to fresh produce, eggs, and dairy that is grown and produced right here in southwestern Wisconsin.

B. Organization's history, activities, services and composition.

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin began working with local hunger-relief agencies in 1986, helping to end hunger in sixteen southwestern Wisconsin counties through food distribution to an extensive network of over 300 partner agencies, promotion of outside food assistance programs like FoodShare, and raising awareness of the detrimental impact of hunger in the community. As southwestern Wisconsin's largest hunger-relief charity, Second Harvest meets nearly one million requests for help each year. We do this by engaging collaborators to develop meaningful, reciprocal and sustainable relationships that work towards our strategic goals; 1) sourcing and acquiring foods to support nutrition, preserve dignity, and provide choice; 2) to collect, analyze, and utilize data to inform organizational decision-making; and 3) share resources with our over 300 partner agencies to strengthen our network. Though our distribution center and main office is in Dane County, we have outpost staff that work in the communities throughout the other 15 counties we support.