

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING
WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR**

Agency/Department/Organization Name: *Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.*

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Program Name: *Food Provision to Local Shelters*

Funding Category:

Capital Improvement

Public Facilities/Infrastructure _____ **Housing** _____ **Historic Preservation** _____
Economic Development _____ **Other** _____

Public Services (Limited to 15% of the Grant)

Homeless Services _____ **Elderly Services** _____ **Self-Sufficiency\Work**
Related\Health Related _____ **Other** X

Program/Activity Description *(Please include target population to be served and what you anticipate to be accomplished by this program or activity).*

Food Finders provides food to 4 area shelters that serve homeless persons, the mentally ill, and victims of domestic violence. Without the provision of inexpensive food these shelters would not be able to meet the needs of the clients they serve and balance their budgets.

Food Finders obtains food from grocery stores, manufacturers, salvage brokers, and food drives and distributes it for 19 cents per pound. We are also able to offer paper products (including diapers) and personal hygiene items for the same price. We offer many items to agencies at no cost.

Food Finders serves 172 agencies in 16 contiguous counties in Mid-North Indiana. In order to be a Food Finders Agency and receive food from Food Finders an organization must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization or church that meets a list of criteria and the food must be given away with no cost to the clients.

Providing food to shelters that serve West Lafayette residents is the CDBG eligible activity that we are requesting funding to support. Food Finders provides food to Lafayette Urban Ministry, Lafayette Transitional Housing, Mental Health America and the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. In 2011 these 4 agencies obtained 216,238 pounds of food spending a combined total of \$10,058.12. Feeding America, a national network for food banks, estimates that the average wholesale cost of one pound of food is \$1.60. Using this figure, these four agencies would have spent \$345,980 for this food if it had been purchased wholesale. Food Finders enabled these agencies to save \$335,921.88.

We anticipate continuing to serve these agencies by providing low cost food and essential non-food items so that these agencies may use their limited funds efficiently. We anticipate increasing the amount of food distributed to our agencies in 2012-2013 to help them meet the increased demand they are experiencing due to the down turn in the economy.

Amount of Funding Requested: \$5000

Anticipated Number of West Lafayette residents to be served: *Historical data indicate that West Lafayette residents make up 11% of the clients served by LUM, Transitional Housing, MHA and the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter.*

Are you meeting your goals for the number of West Lafayette residents served in current program year? Yes No

If No, please explain:

Total program/activity budget for last calendar/program year: \$54,059.50

Total agency budget for last calendar/program year: \$1,700,000

Other Comments:

Food Finders coordinates the Backpack Program in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties. In addition to providing food to shelters that serve West Lafayette Food Finders provided food for the Backpack Program at Cumberland, Happy Hollow and West Lafayette Junior High School. Forty-four children receive backpacks each week to ensure that they have food to eat during the weekend. In the summer of 2011 Food Finders Summer Food Service Program provided 842 meals to low income children living at Country Villa and Chapel Gate apartments.

Food Finders distributed 6,010,000 pounds of food throughout our 16 county service area in 2011. Two million pounds of food, enough to provide 1,538,461 meals, was provided to low income persons in Tippecanoe County. More than 3200 children receive a backpack of food for the weekend through the Food Finders Backpack Program.

Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.



A warehouse distribution center that solicits, transports, sorts, repackages, stores, and delivers food to charities that provide meals or groceries to low income families and individuals.



A warehouse aisle filled with a donated load of Aunt Millie's Bread



A Backpack Program participant checks out his food.



Employees from Alcoa pack holiday bags for children in the Backpack Program



Mayor Dennis visits the Summer Food Service Program at Country Villa Apartments in West Lafayette.



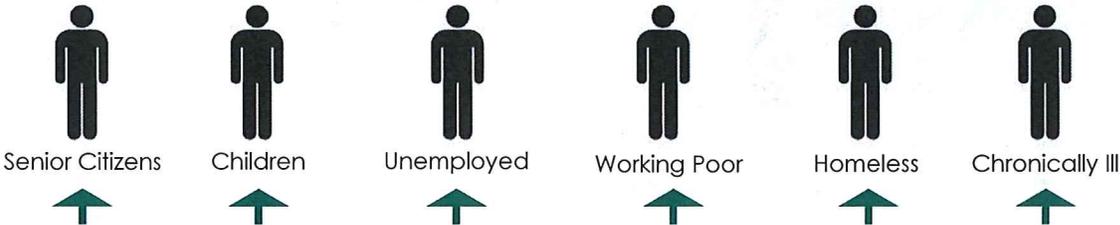
Mobile Pantry event in West Lafayette, June 2011



Mobile Pantry Truck donated by Kraft Foods and Feeding America

What We Do

Indiana's Hungry



Food Finders Partner Agencies

- Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Daycare Centers
- Senior Centers
- Shelters

Food Finders Direct Service

- Summer Food (a program of FEEDING AMERICA)
- Mobile Pantry Truck and Whistle Stops
- BackPack Program (a program of FEEDING AMERICA)

Food Finders Food Bank

Indiana Donations

- Food Manufacturers
- Feeding America
- Food Drives
- Retail Grocers
- Purdue Food Stores
- Farmers
- Restaurants
- Agricultural Associations
- Hunters
- Businesses