



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Vital resource for free nutritious meals for Utahns facing hunger. Focus on nutrient density and partners with food purveyors to utilize surplus and rescued food to feed children and families in need. Each meal only costs \$2.50. Food Justice Coalition provides over 17,500 a year.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Jeanette Padilla

Organization: Food Justice Coalition

Position: Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00



Low Income Families Faces Hunger

Social Services

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$100,000.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$100,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

This project is scalable by adding staff, food, and resource. Last years RFA allotment allowed Food Justice Coalition to serve 578 households and deliver 7047 meals.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Low income children and families facing hunger. 62% of the meals go to family households. 12% of those households include individuals with disabilities.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Food Justice Coalition produces thousands of meals to families in need each year. They mitigate harms of inflation for working families by providing free meals at the cost of \$2.50 per meal. They keep costs low by using a donated kitchen and rescued/surplus food. FRA funding would go toward scaling meal producing and paying for personnel.



How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

The 2025 \$50,000 one time RFA allowed Food Justice Coalition to serve an 578 households and delivered 7047 meals. Details and data are in the attachment.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

See attached

- FJC 20262027 RFA Presentation-Final.pdf

Previous Funding Documents

<https://cobi.utah.gov/2025/3587/issues/23815>

Full Time Employees

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