RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for NeighborImpact (RHIP)

"Emergency Food Box Storage"

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- This project allowed the NeighborImpact Food Bank to receive and store additional pounds of Farm to Family Food Boxes which was a USDA COVID response food program during the height of the pandemic.
- This grant helped pay for off-site refrigerated storage at Sno-Temp so that we could meet the food insecurity need of Central Oregonians.
- The NeighborImpact Food Bank received and distributed 513,078 pounds of Farm to Family Food Boxes.
- Without the aid of the additional offsite cold storage, we would have been only able to accept and distribute about half of that inventory.
- Those pounds resulted in serving an additional 6,000 individuals throughout Central Oregon when the demand for food was at its highest and before other federal programs set in.



• This resulted in serving approximately 32,000 individuals/month from March 2020-July 2020.

Quote:

As quoted from one of our Head Start families that received a Farm to Family Food Box, "Had to share! Evelyn was excited about the recipe in box today, she made it for lunch! Spaghetti squash spaghetti! We added onions, celery and tomatoes for the sauce. She had a lot of fun picking veggies and using the fork to shred the spaghetti squash to make noodles."