

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Redmond Senior Center (RHIP)

“Home Meal Services - Ensuring food security”

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- When we needed to shut down in March, we anticipated a need in meals to get to congregate participants as they could not dine in person at Redmond Senior Center (RSC).
- In April of 2020, we delivered 3047 meals to Meals on Wheels (MOW) and congregate recipients, up from 1947 meals pre shut down (Feb 2020).
- By May, many of our congregate recipients notified us that they did not need meals brought to them as they had the means to obtain their own groceries and did not need meals brought to them.
- In May, we delivered 2873 meals and in June 2816.
- Although the need decreased, we feel that all participants, MOW and congregate, could see and know that we were able to support their needs in an emergency.
- The benefit to this is that our senior members, a vulnerable and growing population, know that they can rely on RSC to support them in times of crisis.
- Our initial goal was to be prepared to serve and this was accomplished as we were prepared and did deliver more meals.

Observed Challenges:

A challenge that we had during this was the fragmented services that we were able to provide for seniors. Typically, they can come to RSC and get a multitude of services from legal aid to meals to foot care. We were able to continue providing the number of meals that we typically did to MOW patrons but we may have overestimated the number of seniors who typically came to congregate and the needs that they may have. Our number of meals delivered did rise, but not by the number that we initially thought. I don't think that we would need to change our plan as the goal was to be able to serve congregate and MOW clients and we did that. The number of meals delivered to congregate was less, only because they were able to provide for themselves.