

SEPARATE SHEET

1. **Mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work:**
Our mission is to collect local surplus food and give it to local people.
2. **How does your work align with Co-Op's mission and values?**
Each day we collect more than 5 tons of food from local grocery stores and put it back out to about 60 different households each day. We do that 6 days each week, 52 weeks of the year. That provided over 400,000 meals last year, plus about one-third of the food we collect goes to other local 501C3 agencies who provide food assistance in the Tanana Valley. Food given to other local agencies amounted to 1,208,316 pounds.
3. **How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?** In 2022 the Lend A Hand Program provided this food bank with \$2863.86. That is enough to operate our 4 vehicles for 3 months of the year, unless our vehicle cost of gas continues to rise.
4. **If your organization has received funding from Co-Op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.** In 2021 the Lend A Hand Program provided this food bank with over \$3000. We collect local food and give it away free, and that requires moving, literally, TONS of food. Vehicle fuel is a big expenses, and that is where we invest these funds.
5. **What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.**
83 words:

The Fairbanks Community Food Bank collects over 5 tons of local salvage food each day, 6 days each week. The food is packed by volunteers into food boxes which are distributed in Fairbanks and North Pole 5 days each week. Each food box has 20 pounds of collected food per person and it is expected to last at least 3 days. This is a picture of how our community works together to make sure no person in the Tanana Valley goes to bed hungry.

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