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Q1 Name of your organization.

Community Action Partnership of Orange County

Q2 Grant #

20150970

Q3 Grant Period

January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Garden Grove
State	California

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

11,666 unduplicated low-income, food insecure people

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

Thanks to the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, the OC Food Bank was able to acquire an additional 100,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for their Farm to Family/Farm 2 Kids program, providing over 83,300 meals for the hungry. This produce was distributed to about 11,666 needy children, adults and seniors through nearly 400 local charities, food pantries, soup kitchens, CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) senior food box distribution sites and at our two Family Resource Centers in Anaheim and Orange.

Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

Due to the lagging economy, the OC Food Bank consistently lacks an adequate supply of food to satisfy community needs. Just recently, one of our major food drive donors shifted their priority and chose to revise their corporate giving policy towards other community programs. The result was a significant drop in donated canned and staple food items this past spring.

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

Along with other funding streams, the S.L. Gimbel Foundation's grant helped us to acquire a total of 126,630 pounds of fruits and vegetables during the grant period. Over 25,300 five-pound bags of produce were distributed Jan. 1 to June 30, 2016, providing about 105,525 meals for hungry families and seniors. Thanks to S.L. Gimbel Foundation's support, we were able to help more underserved communities gain access to healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

The OC Food Bank was able to leverage the S.L. Gimbel Foundation's grant donation with other major corporate donors such as Bank of America, Pacific Life, PIMCO, Wells Fargo, etc. to help more underserved communities gain address to fresh fruits and vegetables, promoting healthier diets and better nutrition.

Food insecure households were also made more financially stable by staff assisting eligible people to apply for Federal food assistance programs and free income tax filing services, helping them receive vital tax refunds such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

The communities we serve suffer from high rates of poverty. An estimated 350,000 people live in poverty in Orange County, and one in five children is at-risk of hunger each day. Many of those affected are the working poor, who struggle to support their families in a county that has one of the highest costs of living in the nation. Low-income neighborhoods frequently have high concentrations of fast food restaurants and they often lack full-service grocery stores where residents can buy fresh produce and healthy food. When healthy food is available, it is often much more expensive than what these families can afford.

The OC Food Bank's Farm to Family/Farm 2 Kids program addresses these needs by partnering with the California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) network of growers to obtain subsidized fresh seasonable produce for struggling families and seniors. Thanks to the support of community leaders such as the S.L. Gimble Foundation, vulnerable communities not only receive the nutritious food they need to lead healthy lives, the produce helps supplement their limited food budget.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

The entire \$10,000 grant funding was used to acquire and transport 100,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution to vulnerable families and seniors throughout Orange County and parts of Los Angeles and Riverside counties. No funds were used to purchase any canned tuna items.

Invoices documenting those purchases will be emailed to grant-info@thecommunityfoundation.net or faxed to 951-684-1911.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Maria Elena Dector struggles each day to feed her five children. With two-year old twin toddlers, she is unable to return to work full time due to the high cost of childcare. Her husband works long hours in landscaping but still does not earn enough to fully support the family.

The OC Food Bank's Farm to Family produce program helps vulnerable families like Maria's with monthly bags of locally grown produce to improve their diets and help stretch their food budget. "This program has benefited my family, especially my kids, by giving us access to fruits and vegetables that improve our health. Being able to receive these fruits and vegetables has alleviated our financial load and the concern if we will have something to eat," stated Maria.

Maria is an active participant in our Community Engagement Advisory Council and a loyal volunteer at our El Modena Family Resource Center. Our programs help families get back on their feet to become engaged members of their communities.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

CAPOC’s Community Partnership and Services department provides health and wellness education to low-income, underserved communities in Orange County. They’ve implemented community gardens in the City of Stanton as a means of engaging children, families, seniors and veterans and giving them an opportunity to learn and grow their own food. Our Community Gardens Program Coordinator works with city officials and residents to establish and maintain multi-sector contracts as well as planning and implementing community outreach and education.

Stanton’s two community gardens, one on Katella and Western Avenue and one in the Tina-Pacific neighborhood off of Magnolia, are located in low-income, blighted neighborhoods. The gardens help increase physical activity and knowledge about the benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables. They also bring residents together from all backgrounds (age, race, and culture, social class) and help increase community pride and spirit. One of the community gardens transformed an empty lot prone to gang activity into a beautiful space, where children from the community painted a colorful mural at its grand opening this past October.

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

CAPOC and its OC Food Bank aim to play a key role in improving the health of seniors who lack access to healthy food. We strive to alleviate hunger and malnutrition by advocating for healthy food choices and fresh produce consumption. To increase the accessibility of fresh produce for food insecure seniors, the OC Food Bank expanded their Farm to Families program to include Farm 2 Seniors, providing fresh produce to low-income, underserved seniors.

Key activities include helping seniors gain access to locally-grown fresh produce, nutrition education, and helping them enroll into Cal Fresh. Participants in the Farm 2 Seniors program have increased their fruit and vegetable consumption; feel empowered to make healthy food choices; make healthy meals with a limited budget; and reported positive healthy, lifestyle changes.

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. **Basic Needs Support**
Please choose only one.

Q19 What is the organization’s primary program area of interest? **Food Bank**

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%
All Ethnicities **100**

Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Children Birth-05 years of age	2
Children ages 06-12 years of age	3
Youth ages 13-18	2
Young Adults (18-24)	2
Adults	40
Senior Citizens	51

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.	Physically Disabled	28
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Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.	At/Below Poverty Level	100
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Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.	Single Adults	1
	Families	46
	Elderly	53
