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Q1 Name of your organization.

Food Bank of Alaska

Q2 Grant #

20170900

Q3 Grant Period

12/12/17-6/12/18

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Anchorage
State	Alaska

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:

665 families or an estimated 1,750 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:

Objective 1: Provide groceries, including a turkey, for a complete, nutritious holiday meal to families and individuals who came to the December 2017 Anchorage GIFT event needing assistance.

Activities, Results and Outcomes:

With help of the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Holiday Grant Program, all 3,600 families who came to the Anchorage Neighborhood GIFT event received groceries for a healthy, complete meal to celebrate the holidays. This gift of food allowed them to have a family meal just like their neighbors without putting at risk other necessities, such as rent, transportation or medical care. Alaskans who are food insecure are in the terrible position of having to weigh buying food against paying for other necessities of life. This is especially true for a special event like a holiday meal. People told us that having these groceries lessened this stress and, importantly, brought families together.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

This gathering to feed our Anchorage neighbors in need during the holiday was a wonderful opportunity for Food Bank of Alaska to provide SNAP outreach, helping eligible families access the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also called food stamps) as one more piece of the puzzle leading to economic stability and the chance to build a better life. In addition, it allowed us to learn more about the people we serve through a voluntary survey many completed as they waited for their turn in line. The Anchorage GIFT event also requires a large volunteer force – a chance for community members to give back and to gain insight into the level of need and the variety of people who must seek food assistance in our community.

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

This grant helped Food Bank of Alaska to fulfill its mission to fill plates for Alaskans struggling with hunger. At the same time, it nourished community by bringing volunteers together to serve their neighbors in need and by making it possible for people in need to gather their loved ones and participate in a holiday meal alongside their more affluent neighbors.

Please note: We do not collect demographic information about participants at the Anchorage GIFT event, so we are unable to complete those questions on this form.

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.

All funds were used to purchase turkeys to distribute to each family at the event. The actual average cost per turkey of \$15 turned out to be somewhat higher than the budget we submitted with our application, so your gift provided turkeys to approximately 665 families. Thank you!

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Sharon and her family were homeless for several months after they first arrived in Anchorage during the summer of 2017. She, her daughter, and her four grandchildren lived in their car, using food pantries and soup kitchens for food. With help, they were able to rent a place by October. Things were still very tight, but Food Bank of Alaska's Anchorage GIFT made a family dinner possible for the family for the holiday. "We didn't even own a couch or a bed, so we had a couple of gifts for the kids, but mostly we had a great meal for them. I remember everything."

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

A number of participants in Anchorage GIFT, when asked what having the holiday groceries meant to them, answered much like this mom:

"The holiday food allows us to have a decent home-cooked meal and possibly leftovers. To allow us to spend time together over a holiday meal."

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. Please choose only one.

Basic Needs Support

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%

Unknown

100

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

Respondent skipped this question

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.

Respondent skipped this question

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

Respondent skipped this question

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question
