



2018 S.L. Gimbel
Foundation Fund Holiday
Food Program Grant
Application

Internal Use Only: Grant :

Organization / Agency Information

<i>Organization/Agency Name:</i> Northern Illinois Food Bank		
<i>Physical Address:</i> 273 Dearborn Court		<i>City/State/Zip:</i> Geneva IL 60134
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Program / Grant Information

<i>Program/Project Name:</i> Produce Acquisition			<i>Amount of Grant Requested:</i> \$15,000
<i>Total Organization Budget:</i> \$21,609,310 (operating)	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Program Service Expenses (Column B/ Column A x 100):</i> 97.4%	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses Only (Column C/ Column A x 100):</i> < 1%	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses and Fundraising (Column C+D/ Column A x 100):</i> 2.6%
<i>Purpose of Grant Request (one sentence):</i> Northern Illinois Food Bank is requesting \$15,000 to purchase 85,000 pounds of fresh produce for distribution through our network of food pantries across 13 northern Illinois counties.			
<i>Gimbel Holiday Grants Received: List Year(s) and Award Amount(s):</i> 2017: \$10,000; 2016:\$10,000; 2014: \$10,000; 2013: \$10,000; 2011: \$6,612			

Signatures

<i>Board President / Chair: (Print name and Title)</i>	<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
Geneace Williams, Board Chair		11/9/18
<i>Executive Director/President: (Print name and Title)</i>	<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
Julie Yurko, President & CEO		11/9/18

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Please provide the following information for items I. through III. by answering all questions in ONE PAGE-12 Font. Please be thorough, clear, specific, and concise.

I. Organization/Agency Background: State your mission, vision, purpose, and provide a brief history. What are your core programs and activities? How many people do you serve? How many paid staff, full time and part-time? How many volunteers?

Northern Illinois Food Bank's mission is to lead the northern Illinois community in solving hunger by providing nutritious meals to those in need through innovative programs and partnerships. Over the past thirty-five years we have built a strong and intricate network of partners working together to serve a persistent need for food assistance in our 13-county service area. Our primary program is the acquisition of food from more than 400 retailers and manufacturers that is distributed through our network of food assistance sites. We also provide after-school and summer meals and weekend food backpacks to serve 12,000 children at risk of hunger annually. Our Senior Nutrition Program serves over 1,000 seniors with monthly boxes of food delivered to their residence or through a Mobile Pantry. With the collaboration of more than 900 network members, Northern Illinois Food Bank provides nutritious meals for over half a million hungry neighbors every year and distributed almost 66 million meals in FY2018. We have 106 full time employees, 14 part-time employees and 26,000 unique volunteers. Last year our volunteers donated 136,000 hours to sort and pack donated food.

II. Project Information: Describe your food distribution program. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.** Explain the community need including demographics, geographic characteristics of the area or community to be served, community conditions and income level. What are the specific activities of the food program?

One in twelve residents and one in six children in our 13-county service area are food-insecure (Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap 2018) without access to enough nutritious food to lead an active, healthy life. Our service area is diverse with suburban and rural areas, where transportation can be a barrier to accessing food pantries. 77% of the people using our food pantry network are working, but not making enough to adequately feed themselves and their families due to lower paying or part time jobs. The Food Bank serves all those in need of food through a network of 900 program partners, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, schools, youth and senior sites. Our two Mobile Pantry trucks make an average of 30 visits a month to underserved and rural areas.

How do you identify/qualify those in need? How often is the food distribution offered?

Each of our member agencies determines the eligibility requirements for people to receive food. 120 agencies that receive federal commodities (TEFAP) through the Food Bank are required to have clients self-attest that their income is 185% below federal poverty level to receive the commodities. Remaining agencies serve all those in need of assistance. Some agencies have geographic restrictions but will serve a client outside their area one time and direct them to a food pantry in their area. Each agency determines their opening times and how often clients can visit.

How many people will be served by the food distribution program (children, youth, adults, seniors)? Please explain how you keep track of number of people served.

The Food Bank network serves over half a million people annually. Of these 36% are children and 9% are seniors. Currently our most accurate count of people served is through the signature sheets from agencies receiving federal commodities and monthly reports from other agencies. We are in the process of implementing a common platform for all agencies to register clients that will give us more accurate and up-to-date demographic information on the people we are serving.

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III. Project Budget

Please provide a detailed line-item budget for your project by completing the budget form below. **The maximum requested amount is \$15,000** or 25% of your operating budget, whichever is less. You can request for less than \$15,000. You may delineate your line items requests per examples below:

- 85% of total request for the purchase of food items only. (Ex. Total request of \$15,000; 85% is \$12,750 for food)
- 15% of total request for female hygiene products and/or diapers. (Ex. Total request of \$15,000; 15% is \$2,250 for diapers and female hygiene products)
- 100% of total request for the purchase of food items
- Canned tuna will not be funded.

Food items must be delineated (i.e. canned vegetables, soup, pasta, dried beans, rice, etc.). For each food item, indicate the cost per unit (pound, carton, case, etc.) and the quantity. See attached example.

Line Item	Line Item Description	Requested Amount
Fresh potatoes	30,000 pounds @ \$0.10/pound	\$3,000
Fresh carrots	20,000 pounds @ \$0.13/pound	\$2,600
Fresh Apples	15,200 pounds @ \$0.25/pound	\$3,800
Fresh Melons	20,000 pounds @ \$0.28/pound	\$5,600
TOTAL:		\$15,000

IV. Administrative Expenses Percentage

This section calculates how much the organization spent for general management, overhead, indirect items as a percentage of the organization's total expenses. The figures are based on your most current 990 form that you submitted, Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses.

Management & general expenses (Column C only)	/Total expenses (Column A)	= Administrative Percentage
\$852,211	\$131,976,826	<1%

S.L. Gimbel Final Evaluation Report Questions.

Questions 1-15 are required and must be completed

1. Organization name: Northern Illinois Food Bank
2. Grant # 20170964
3. Grant Period 12/7/17-6/12/18
4. Location of Services (City and State) : Geneva, IL
5. Name and Title of person completing evaluation: Hester Bury, Director of Foundations and Grants
6. Phone Number: 630-443-6910 ext.124
7. Email address: hbury@northernilfoodbank.org
8. Total number of clients served through this grant funding: 71,500
9. Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives:

This grant was used to acquire fresh produce that was distributed through our member food pantries and on Mobile Pantries. 50,477 pounds of fresh produce was acquired and distributed. 80 food pantries and eight Mobile Pantries benefitted from this produce. Items included bell peppers, apples and onions. This was a little less than our estimated 56,000 pounds due to increased transportation costs.

This funding helped us acquire and distribute over 17 million pounds of produce in FY18 (7/1/17-6/30/18), representing 23% of our total distribution.

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

We did not encounter any serious obstacles. Our challenges include our reliance on food manufacturers and distributors to donate produce, acquiring variety in produce to meet our program needs and transportation costs. Although much of the produce we acquire is donated we have to cover transportation costs to get it to our food bank. Transportation costs are rising and impact the amount of produce we can acquire with available funds. Our location in mid-west means that we are often bringing produce from out of state with high transportation costs.

Another challenge can be the unpredictability of supply from our donors. In FY17 we received 1.7 million pounds from Greater Chicago Food Depository that was surplus to their needs; in FY18 this has decreased by 13%. Other produce suppliers including Get Fresh and Mighty Vine have also decreased donations from last year and Central Grocers who donated 720,000 pounds in FY17 closed their company.

Our direct distribution programs that are providing produce boxes for our Healthy Harvest Program need variety so they can include six to nine different products in each box and this can also be a challenge as it is more costly to acquire mixed loads than loads of one product.

11. How did the organization overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

Transportation: we continue to look for local sources for produce that we can pick up in our own trucks and to research the best deal when using third party transportation to bring fresh produce from out of state.

Donor supply: Our food sourcing team is continually researching potential new produce donors both through the Feeding America resource and local connections and stewarding our current donors. Our CEO Julie Yurko has made several visits in recent months to food donors to thank them and let them know how important their contributions are to our work. The addition of Amazon as a regular donor, who have more than doubled their donations in the past year, has been a benefit.

Variety of produce: We are working with food donors to source smaller donations so that we can provide the variety needed for our programs. The donations we are receiving from Amazon are helping provide this variety. We have looked at acquiring mixed produce pallets from the Midwest Regional Cooperative but their administrative fees make this source costly. We try to use available funds for produce as wisely as possible and buying in large quantities is often the most economical. We also save by bringing in bulk produce and using volunteers to repack into 5 pound family friendly packages for distribution to member food pantries.

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

Our outcomes from the grant funding were what we had expected to help us source produce for distribution through our food pantry network.

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

Acquiring and distributing fresh produce continues to be a priority for our Food Bank and is a vital contribution to our distribution of highly nutritious foods. We are pleased with our progress towards our 2020 strategic goal of 25% of food distributed being fresh produce.

Fresh produce is vital for the health of our hungry neighbors, many of whom suffer from diabetes or high blood pressure, both of which can be managed with access to nutritious food.

14. Please provide a narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

Funds were used for cost of acquiring fresh produce through the Feeding America system. As a member of Feeding America the Food Bank has access to fresh produce donated to the network and pays the transportation and packing costs to bring the produce to our headquarters in Geneva. We acquired 18,200 pounds of fresh bell peppers (\$4,186), 27,707 pounds of fresh apples (\$5,174.20) and 4,570 pounds of fresh onions (\$639.80). This was 5,523 pounds less than budgeted in the grant request, due to costs at time of acquisition. The produce was made available to 80 member food pantries through our on-line shopping list at no cost to them and delivered directly to their sites for distribution to the people coming to them for food assistance. The Food Bank network serves an average of 71,500 each week. Produce was also used on eight Mobile Pantry distributions, serving an average of 100 families at each visit.

Support documents (**receipts, expense reports or marketing materials**) can be emailed to grant-info@thecommunityfoundation.net or faxed to 951-684-1911 or mailed to The Community Foundation, 3700 Sixth St. Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501

15. Please relate a success story.

The following stories are two of many we receive from food pantry clients that appreciate the availability of fresh produce at their local food pantry.

When living on a fixed or low income, healthy and nutritious food can sometimes be difficult to come by. That's why Kathleen, 68, is so thankful for the food distribution at Minooka Bible Church — she knows the food she receives is good for both her health and well-being.

Kathleen comes to the food pantry twice a month. She is usually accompanied by her husband Donald, 78, and today is no exception; he is moving quickly around the tables laden with produce while she walks at a slower pace, falling behind to examine the dairy products one by one. "He knows what he wants," she laughs, catching sight of Donald already halfway around the tables. The couple has been coming to the church's food distribution for several years, due partly to proximity. "They're very helpful," Kathleen says, "[and] they're close to home."

But it's not only the convenient location that keeps them coming back. She shares that they also enjoy the variety of food available, naming the juices, fruits, and yogurt.

While neither Kathleen nor Donald have any dietary restrictions, they try to stay away from excessive quantities of sugar and also do not often take home "fancier" items such as salsa, or dips. She is halfway through explaining they would love to see more potatoes when she catches sight of the five-pound bag Donald is accepting from a volunteer near the door. She stops mid-sentence, her smile widening, and exclaims, "Wonderful!"

Jennifer would do anything for her children. She knows one of the best things she can do to ensure their happy and healthy growth and development is fill their table with nutritious food. But that's not always easy to do. When we met Jennifer, her husband didn't have steady work. Most of the family's income was coming from his odd jobs and helping out at a local church. Jennifer plans to go back to work as soon as her youngest kids—Kylie, 3, and Kyrie, 4—are old enough to go to school. Until then, the family will continue to struggle.

The day we spoke with Jennifer at Cornucopia Food Pantry, a Food Bank partner near her home in Rockford, she had Kylie and Kyrie in tow. They're bright and energetic children with a preference for healthy food. Kyrie told us he loves when his mom cooks the greens she gets from the pantry, and Kylie was hoping there'd be grapes—they're her favorite.

Not all kids get excited about fresh produce, and Jennifer says she feels lucky she doesn't have to convince her children to eat fruits and vegetables. She also feels fortunate to be able to access these nutrient-rich foods, which are expensive at the grocery store.

"It helps a lot," she says of the food pantry. Food pantries like Cornucopia will be essential for so many families like Jennifer's during the summer when their school-age children aren't able to eat full meals in the school cafeteria through the free and reduced-price school meal programs.

Thanks to your partnership, Jennifer doesn't have to worry about how to fill her kids' bellies. She's so thankful for the peace of mind your gifts help provide. Thank you for connecting her family—and countless others—with nutritious groceries!

Questions

16-24 are optional questions and relate to demographic information on clients served. This helps us provide a broader picture of your organization and populations being served. (Q16-17 optional space to relate additional success stories)

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

19. What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

20. Approximate percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100% :

White – 40%

Hispanic – 33%

Black – 17%

Other – 10%

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

Children – 36%

Adults (18-59) – 55%

Seniors (60+) – 9%

22. Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds. We do not track this

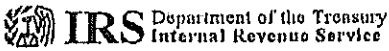
23. Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

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

Northern Illinois Food Bank

GIMBEL GRANT REPORT

Item No.	Description	Grant Amount	Total Weight
1731	Fresh BELL PEPPERS;	\$4,186.00	18,200
1761	Fresh APPLES;	\$5,174.20	27,707
1765	Fresh ONIONS;	\$639.80	4,570
Grand Total		\$10,000.00	50,477



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Employer Identification Number: 36-3203648
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Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Oct. 17, 2011, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(03) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in December 1982.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

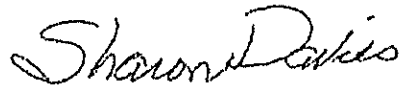
Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Sharon Davies
Accounts Management I

Northern Illinois Food Bank, Board of Directors FY2019

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	
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	Superintendent

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	119,604,928.	119,604,928.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	387,871.	170,066.	122,326.	95,479.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	5,212,139.	4,194,939.	349,653.	667,547.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	115,579.	91,581.	7,145.	16,853.
9 Other employee benefits	746,989.	623,006.	24,385.	99,598.
10 Payroll taxes	401,372.	323,305.	23,510.	54,557.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	18,943.	11.	15,649.	3,283.
b Legal	78,930.		78,930.	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	640,053.			640,053.
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	106,519.	79,276.	15,320.	11,923.
12 Advertising and promotion	573,646.	16,447.	9,410.	547,789.
13 Office expenses	441,518.	284,430.	54,460.	102,628.
14 Information technology	52,407.	4,629.	345.	47,433.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	753,472.	725,195.	7,658.	20,619.
17 Travel	123,520.	101,309.	5,108.	17,103.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	49,425.	34,830.	8,865.	5,730.
20 Interest	196,519.	187,086.	2,555.	6,878.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,051,444.	1,007,437.	17,330.	26,677.
23 Insurance	282,341.	269,355.	8,449.	4,537.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a TRANSPORTATION	618,223.	618,223.		
b DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	90,970.	29,199.	3,316.	58,455.
c FEEDING AMERICA/IL FEE	88,356.		88,356.	
d STAFFING DEVELOPMENT	49,822.	39,278.	3,536.	7,008.
e All other expenses	291,840.	230,755.	5,905.	55,180.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	131,976,826.	128,635,285.	852,211.	2,489,330.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 858-729)

**Northern Illinois Food Bank
 FY2019 Budget
 Statement of Activities**

REVENUE

Gross revenue and other support

Contributed revenue	\$ 13,326,000
Government fees & grants	3,466,538
Agency shared maintenance & purchased food	4,480,989
Other income	4,500
Operating revenue before gift-in-kind	21,278,027
Investment revenue	340,000
Total revenue	21,618,027

EXPENSES

Operating expenses

Cost of purchased food distributed	7,203,745
Employee expenses	8,433,508
Distribution expenses	716,162
Facility expenses	957,160
Direct mail, event & advertising expenses	1,419,812
Agency grants	190,900
Organizational & other expenses	1,463,178
Depreciation and amortization	1,224,845
Operating expenses before gift-in-kind	21,609,310

Operating Net Surplus/(Deficit) before gift-in-kind **8,717**

GIFT-IN-KIND

Gift-in-kind revenue	120,613,789
Total operating and other revenue	142,231,816

Gift-in-kind expenses	120,613,789
Total operating and other expenses	142,223,099