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Q1 Name of your organization.

Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc.

Q2 Grant #

20160726

Q3 Grant Period

December 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Delmont
State	Pennsylvania

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

This funding provided immediate relief to 7,200 food insecure households served by the Westmoreland County Food Bank and 16,500 individuals. Overall, this funding, along with additional monies allocated to purchase a shipment of spaghetti, and provided product in the monthly food box for two and a half months.

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:

The Westmoreland County Food Bank was able to meet the needs of 7,200 food insecure households through the S.L. Gimbel Holiday Food Grant. This grant enabled the organization to procure commodities which were included in the monthly food box and delivered to persons in need. As a result, the Food Bank was able to assist these persons who were hungry and provide them ready access to food.

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

In recent months, the Westmoreland County Food Bank has been affected by a number of changes to funding streams that support various operational needs, including the Food Pantry Distribution Program. Whether it has been cuts to county funds and support from the United Way, or the depletion of grant funds, the Food Bank has had to make budgetary adjustments to maintain programs and services and meet the demands of food insecure households throughout Westmoreland County. The objective of the Food Pantry Distribution Program is to maintain aid based on demand, including the number of food insecure households, as well as the amount of charitable food assistance being supplied to them. Additionally, this is to be done in the most efficient and cost effective way, maintaining low-overhead and maximizing the availability of funds to operate the program.

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

By securing restricted grants, including the S.L. Gimbel Holiday Food Grant, the Food Bank has been able to ensure that funds are available to procure staple food commodities for the Food Pantry Distribution Program. During the budget preparation process, the Food Bank reviewed the funding needs for various programs and identified a goal to maintain the monthly food box in support of the Food Pantry Distribution Program. From there, the Development Associate pursued funding to meet that goal. Adjustments are made as grants are denied and/or unsolicited grants are awarded for this need.

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

The S.L. Gimbel Holiday Food Grant provided support as the Westmoreland County Food Bank pursued other grant funding opportunities. The Food Bank leveraged the Gimbel grant to leverage additional funds when pursuing other grants. Not only did this grant demonstrate commitment from another funder, but also from a new funding source not previously secured. This endorsement supported fundraising efforts so that the Westmoreland County Food Bank was able to secure additional grants for the Food Pantry Distribution Program.

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

This grant had a positive impact on the organization in that it provided funding for the most basic and widely-demanded program at the Westmoreland County Food Bank. The Food Pantry Distribution Program is central to the work of the organization and delivers fresh, frozen, and non-perishable charitable food assistance to 7,200 households comprised of 16,500 individuals each month. Without this funding, the Westmoreland County Food Bank likely would not have been able to acquire spaghetti, or at least this volume of product, in the monthly food box to aid food insecure households.

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 funds were utilized to maintain the Westmoreland County Food Bank Food Pantry Distribution Program. Once the funds were received from the S.L. Gimbel Holiday Food Grant, the Director of Operations was notified and a plan to utilize them for first half of 2017 was created. From there, the Director of Operations evaluated what typical items are received through state food, retail store donations, and food drives and then identified a suitable commodity to place in the food box. Additional funds were leveraged in order to obtain a large shipment and once the product was secured, it was scheduled for distribution through the Food Pantry Distribution Program. Identifying food items to be included in the monthly food box while considering the various product sources is a delicate process in order to efficiently operate the Food Pantry Distribution Program.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Although not a direct result of the grant with the purchase of the spaghetti, the following story provides an example success story of an individual recently served by the Westmoreland County Food Bank Food Pantry Distribution Program:

Georgette, WCFB Recipient

Upon being injured in a car accident and losing her job, Georgette turned to the Westmoreland County Food Bank for assistance with feeding her family. She was grateful for the support and kindness that she was shown when attending the food pantry at St. Margaret Mary in Lower Burrell where she also began to volunteer. In addition to the Food Pantry Distribution Program, Georgette was able to benefit from the Food Bank's Super Cupboard Program which was offered in partnership with Penn State Nutrition Links. This unique five-week program serves families with children under the age of 20 receiving food from local pantries and demonstrates how to prepare nutritional and appetizing meals with the items they typically receive in the monthly food box.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

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

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

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%

African American	10
Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Caucasian	82
Native American	1
Hispanic Latino	1
All Ethnicities	0
Other	2
Unknown	3

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

Children Birth-05 years of age	11
Children ages 06-12 years of age	10
Youth ages 13-18	10
Young Adults (18-24)	9
Adults	37
Senior Citizens	23

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.

At/Below Poverty Level	100
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Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question