

WKU Feed the Need Midyear Report

Narrative: We would like to once again express our appreciation for your generosity in awarding this grant. Unfortunately, the pandemic has caused us to have to shift how we address this. Specifically, we have faced challenges with both acquiring food and acting as a good community citizen by not taking huge amounts when supply is low and others are also in need. As a result, we have had to slow down the pace at which we supply the food pantry from what we initially planned. However, we believe we have struck a good balance between leaving some for everyone while still keeping the pantry stocked. However, we will continue to evaluate and adjust as necessary.

Accounting of Expenditures: Our proposal was awarded \$10,000 to address food insecurity at WKU. So far our program has made purchases from Kroger for the food pantry in the amount of \$1792.13. We plan to spend the remaining \$8,207.87 over the next eight months.

Activities: To this point our activities have consisted of purchasing food for the food pantry and promotional efforts to drive traffic toward the food pantry. Assuming we do not encounter any future pandemic related setbacks, we intend to intensify our efforts on both of these fronts.

Measures of Success: We currently have anecdotal evidence from students and staff who have benefited from our efforts to support the food pantry. Upon completion of the program we will administer a follow-up survey to gather empirical evidence regarding the success of our program.

Subsequent Funding: We will soon be moving forward to propose an annual \$1 student fee that will be devoted toward addressing food insecurity related issues. It appears to have broad support among students and, if enacted, will secure at least \$15,000 a year to address this issue.