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2019 Response to questions for Direct Appropriations applicants:

1. What services does your organization provide to the residents of Davidson County?

With this request, we will fund a portion of the Emergency Food Box Program (EFB). We will apply Metro funds to food purchase, transportation and distribution site costs. This is just one of many hunger relief services we provide to Davidson County residents. Through this program, households may receive up to three boxes in a 6-month period (max. 6 boxes/year). Last year, we provided about two million meals, at no cost through 16 agencies in low-income neighborhoods that operate the program by our standards.

2. How many residents are you currently serving and how do they benefit?

Last fiscal year, EFB served 39,687 residents one or more times (up to six times).

3. How much funding are you requesting from Metro?

\$250,000 (the same amount as in 2004, when we served fewer people)

4. If funding is awarded, how many additional residents will be served and how will they benefit?

An allocation of \$250,000 will provide funds for food, transportation and site costs to serve 39,000 residents (based on the FYE18 number above) at least one time. Metro has been a partner in this program for decades as together we meet basic needs up to six times per year. Basic nutrition supports health and productive behavior.

5. In addition to serving more residents, are there other community benefits Metro funding would help you achieve?

Second Harvest resources serve Davidson County residents through various programs, including those listed below. Therefore, Metro funds for the Emergency Food Box Program allow us to focus fundraising efforts toward support of all hunger relief programs in Davidson County, including

- Millions of meals through the programs of 140 nonprofit agencies.
- 318,000 meals at 24 Mobile Pantries, serving 16,943 individuals.
- 79,000 meals at Kids Cafe sites, serving 1,373 children, and weekend meals for 449 children at eleven schools.
- Frozen meals and dry groceries to senior citizens, when funded.
- Meals at Metro Warming Stations and disaster relief when needed.
- And we host fun and productive volunteer opportunities to thousands of Nashville residents and hundreds of area companies, making feeding people truly a community effort.

We ask Metro Government to support only about 15% of the total cost of the Emergency Food Box effort, while we raise funds and collect donated food to maintain this and all other efforts to keep Davidson County residents fed.

6. How would you use this funding to help create a more equitable Nashville, where all residents have an opportunity to participate in the city's success?

In all our efforts, we concentrate service where the needs are greatest, and we partner with organizations that welcome the neediest residents, meeting needs equitably and without judgment nor expectation of providing anything in return.

