



Clarksville
Food Pantry

946 FM 1159

Clarksville, TX 75426

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Program Summary

The Clarksville Food Pantry, Inc. would like to apply for a grant of \$10,000.00 to be used primarily for the purchase of foodstuffs from the East Texas Food Bank, our wholesale source, in Tyler, Texas. These foodstuffs and assorted items (soap, toothpaste, etc) would be sorted, packaged and distributed to qualified recipients and their families to increase and improve the fulfillment of their dietary needs. Our program serves the residents of the city of Clarksville and certain areas of the county not served by other county food pantries. The program has been in effect since 2000, and we hope to continue operations as long as needed.



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Section I

(a) The contact information for our grant person is Patsy Jones, 946 FM 1159, Clarksville, Texas 75426. Her phone number is (903) 219-2204. Her email address is dpjones946@windstream.net.

(b) The name of our organization is The Clarksville Food Pantry, Inc., 946 FM 1159, Clarksville, Texas 75426

Section II

(a) The Clarksville Food Pantry was organized in 2000 as an outreach project of the Methodist Church in Clarksville to assist in the distribution of "commodities from the federal government." During the early years, it changed to a non-denominational group, incorporated and in August 2008, received its Federal tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.

After moving several times, the Food Pantry purchased and renovated its current building in 2013. Its mission is simply "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Its purpose is to provide qualified residents with food items to add to their own purchases for a better and more diversified diet. With this 15 year history and its own facility, the Clarksville Food Pantry, Inc. is well prepared to carry out its mission into the future.

Section III

(a) Clarksville and Red River County are, unfortunately, one of the poorest areas in Texas. The distribution of foods to our less fortunate neighbors has been of tremendous importance. Other Food Pantries in our county have started with our assistance. Statewide statistics have always identified our area as one of the most needy in the state. The large number of people living below the poverty level is an indicator of the needs of our residents.

(b) The program is comprised of approximately 30-40 volunteers who receive food products twice each month, assemble the items into individual and family packages for distribution. The organization is incorporated and includes a Board of Directors (see attached) including Mrs. Patsy Jones, the project's manager who is in charge of the day-to-day operations.



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(c) The Clarksville Food Pantry is made up of volunteers from all areas of our population. This number is augmented with those required to perform supervised community service. Residents of all ages, races and backgrounds make up the work group as well as the recipients that benefit from our program. According to figures from the East Texas Food Bank, during 2014, approximately 2000 individuals and families received approximately 419,932 pounds of foodstuffs with a retail value of \$722,283.04.

(d) The Food Pantry is unique in the make-up of volunteers and recipients that come from all parts of our community. Everyone works well together towards our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The best way we communicate our process is to have those interested parties come to see the day long distribution that happens once per month and the success of people working as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

(e) See Attached Profit and Loss Statement and budget. The funds from the grant would be used primarily to purchase food items from the East Texas Food Bank. If the TRC is unable to fund the total amount requested, the Clarksville Food Pantry would gladly accept a smaller amount.

(f) It is easy to measure the outcomes and accomplishments of our program by observing the smiles and appreciations of recipients and volunteers alike.

(g) The timeline for the Food Pantry is on a monthly basis and is ongoing during the coming year.

(h) The Clarksville Food Pantry has never received a grant award from TRC and is looking forward to their participation in our efforts.