

**County of Lancaster**  
**Request for ARPA Funding – Second Round**

**Organization** Blessings of Hope **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Project/Item Description</b>	Blessings of Hope is a Lancaster county, PA based non-profit with plans to continue to provide nutritious food to at-risk families in the Lancaster County area. Blessings of Hope works with hundreds of local partner organizations to repackage and distribute semi-loads of donated foods into manageable sizes and organize it for distribution to smaller food banks and organizations. Many of these organizations do not have the storage space needed to provide quality food products on the scale we are able to deliver. We are also able to provide produce, dairy and meat to these community partners who do not have refrigeration storage facilities at their disposal. We average nearly 40,000 meals distributed every day.
<b>Estimated Cost – Project’s total cost, how cost was derived, partner funding (who is providing, how much and show commitments).</b>	The cost of the project is ongoing and we are requesting \$500,000 to offset costs. Blessings of Hope has served at-risk residents in Lancaster County from its beginning in 2010. During the period affected by COVID’s negative economic impact, Blessings of Hope provided food to local nonprofits in an attempt to feed Lancaster residents in need. The following numbers represent meals distributed in Lancaster County (1.5 lbs of food=1 meal). One million pounds of food translates into feeding nearly 10,000 families of 4 for a week, or almost 2,500 families of 4 for a month.  2022 - 352 organizations served with 2,254,772 lbs of food 2021 - 213 organizations served with 2,682,329 lbs of food 2020 - 256 organizations served with 3,877,471 lbs of food 2019 - 75 organizations served with 1,560,578 lbs of food
<b>Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet (from Round 2 Guidelines, sec. B)?</b>	Public Health and Economic Impacts Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts.
<b>Briefly explain how the project meets the County’s guidelines.</b>	Blessings of Hope has been and will continue to support the health of communities, helping households, nonprofits and the public sector recover from economic impacts related to COVID by feeding at-risk families and supplying nutrient-rich products to nonprofits in Lancaster County.
<b>Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority.</b>	A family who is fed is able to concentrate on bettering their circumstances, preparing for the future, and strengthening their community. Every day, Blessings of Hope provides local nonprofits with nutritious food, allowing them to serve their individual communities and strengthen the foundation of Lancaster county. Families who have lost their head of household, breadwinners who have lost their jobs, and nonprofits with empty shelves receive help and hope in the form of food from Blessings of Hope when they need it most.
<b>Will this project require ongoing expenses (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?</b>	Blessings of Hope has been and will continue to fulfill our mission of addressing hunger and food insecurity by facilitating partnerships between food suppliers and nonprofits while accomplishing zero food waste. We are committed to strengthening communities through food, serving, and acts of love, whether during a pandemic, throughout the recovery process and until hunger is no longer an issue.
<b>Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.</b>	Due to the ongoing nature of Blessings of Hope, the need for funds is current, but all ARPA funds will be expended well in advance of ARPA deadlines.
<b>Are there other collaborators a part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why?</b>	Earl & Marilyn Weaver, New Holland, PA = \$126,500 / The High Foundation, Lancaster, PA = \$100,000 / Barnabas Aid, Lancaster, PA = \$86,895 / David & Susan Zook, Gap, PA = \$50,000 / DAS Companies, Inc, Palmyra, PA = \$49,005 / David & Lois Landis, Manheim, PA = \$40,000 / The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger, Lancaster, PA = \$36,000 / Lancaster County Community Foundation, Lancaster, PA = \$26,640 / Landyshade Mulch Products, Lancaster, PA = \$20,000 / Hahn Family Foundation, East Earl, PA = \$20,000

<b>ARPA Committee Comments</b>	
<b>ARPA Committee Recommendation</b>	Ineligible. This project is eligible under federal guidelines, ARPA Final Rule Overview, p 18. However, the project is not eligible under County ARPA guidelines as funding would be utilized for on-going operations and does not meet one of the six defined priorities. County Guidelines, Item B, p 2
<b>Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)</b>	\$