

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization:	Feed the Needy
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EIN:	90-0983595
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Street Address of Organization	1224 Whippor Will Cove Memphis, TN 38109
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Office Phone:	901-482-1114
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name	Ruth
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Last Name	Banks
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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

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Last Name	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Title:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area:	Feed the Needy
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Amount Requested	20,000
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Total Organizational budget (for current year):	\$286,610
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Total Project/Program Budget: \$286,610

Dates covered by this budget: Jan - Dec 2016

Project/Program Name: Feed the Needy

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

Feed the Needy has been in existence for 22 years and it targets impoverished neighborhoods located in and around the greater Memphis, Shelby County and Mid-South areas of Tennessee by providing Thanksgiving food boxes to the needy. Feed the Needy is partnering with multiple businesses located in and around Memphis, TN and bordering states. Through delivery of food items (both perishable and non-perishable), Feed the Needy intends to foster enriched communities by inspiring communities to rise to their full potential, while nourishing the hearts and minds of people. Feed the Needy will contribute to local organizations which provide the same sort of assistance to those in need. Many individuals and families go without food during the holidays. Feed the Needy provides food baskets to the needy during the holiday season when families gathering to share a holiday meal are highly emphasized. Feed the Needy started its effort with providing 50 food baskets during its first year. During the 2014 Thanksgiving Holiday season we were able to deliver 2,025 food baskets and 2,200 in 2015. The goal of Feed the Needy is to continue to grow and to service more families in 2016 to reach 3,000 baskets.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

In 2015 we delivered 2,300 food baskets. 22 years ago the effort started with Feed the Needy delivering 50 baskets to 4 elementary schools. Each year we have increased the number of food baskets delivered. Our goal is to reach over 3,000 families for the 2016 year.

Numbers of paid full-time 0

staff:

Number of paid part-time staff: 0

Number of volunteers: 125

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

Feed the Needy is looking to reach 3,000 food baskets to deliver into the community for the 2016 holiday season. We operated at a loss in 2015 and if it were not for reserve, we would not have been able to complete the 2015 effort. We lost a few of our major sponsors due to facility office closings and economical reasoning. Our ultimate goal is to be able to continue to be able to provide needy families with food for the 2016 holiday season and beyond. Our effort delivers 2,000 of the food baskets in the Shelby County area. Our food baskets provide enough food to feed a family of 4 for an entire month. 8,000 Shelby County residents are reached.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

The grant will be used to purchase food items to be placed in boxes and distributed to needy families on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. All boxes are uniform and have the exact same items in each box. They contain 80 lbs of food including a 14-16lb turkey and all of the trimmings. The food baskets cost roughly around \$92/box to create.

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

There are so many families that go hungry on a daily basis. The mission of Feed the Needy is to be able to, for at least 1 month out of the year, provide nourishment to our malnourished communities in the Memphis metropolitan area.

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

For Feed the Needy the project and the mission is one in the same!

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

Feed the Needy Hosts between 4-6 meetings during the year to plan the effort and share best practices, lessons learned and successes. We have group of core members, most who have been involved in the effort since its inception, that meet regularly. We've made many improvements with logistics, packaging as well as keeping a good track. Success to Feed the Needy is an increase of food baskets delivered over the last year. Last year we delivered 2,200 food baskets and in 2016 we would like to increase that number to 3,000!

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
 2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
 3. Complete Budget for grant request
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If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
 2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.
 3. Complete Budget for grant request
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File 1 [FTN Designation Letter.pdf](#)

File 2 [2015 Form 990.pdf](#)

File 3 [Feed the Needy 2016 Budget.xlsx](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as

our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Maurica Jackson

Printed Name: Maurica Jackson

Date 8/25/2016
