



## Rapid Response Grantmaking Program

The Mary E. Bivins Foundation began efforts to address hunger and food insecurity among old adults living in the Texas Panhandle in late 2015. The Rapid Response Grantmaking Program was launched in 2022 to continue to address hunger and food insecurity among older adults in the Panhandle.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided to help meet small and immediate needs to ensure the needs of food insecure older individuals are met.

### **Rapid Response Grant Program Criteria**

- Must be an eligible organization (i.e. 501(c)(3) nonprofit, church, or government)
- Must address food insecurity for older adults living in the Panhandle
- Amount equal to or less than \$5,000
- Only one Rapid Response grant per fiscal year per organization (Oct 1 – Sep 30)
- No large capital requests will be considered
- No salary and no general operating

Examples of things that would be considered for funding include: projects that make food more accessible to seniors like ramp installation or lowering of shelves; projects that increase food storage, preparation, or delivery such as refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, or tires for a van; and/or technology infrastructure such as ipads for gathering client information or ensuring Client Choice.

### **Projects that have been funded through the Rapid Response program:**

- To purchase refrigerators and/or freezers
- To purchase a printer to print routes for meal delivery drivers
- To repair the van for the home delivered meals program
- To purchase kitchen equipment
- To purchase and install a state-required 3-compartment sink
- To repair the ovens

\*There is a final report requirement for all Rapid Response Grant Program grants.\*

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