

Background

The Banque d'aliments – Sudbury Food Bank (BDSFD) was successful in securing a \$100,000 grant through a business case that was submitted by staff through the 2019 Budget process (attached appendix A). The goal of the project was to increase food distribution by 20% by improving the availability of food to citizens facing food insecurity. The funding supported the hiring of two full-time drivers, a pickup and distribution coordinator, as well as fuel and maintenance for the delivery vehicles.

The project ran for one year beginning in June 2019. This report provides an overview of the outcomes achieved.

Outcomes and Financials

Staff received a final report from BDSFD, which highlighted the following outcomes:

- From June 28, 2019 to June 19, 2020, the Food Delivery Program delivered 337,314 lbs. (168.66 tons) of perishable food items to front line food services agencies (in fresh product only). This equals \$877,160.40 of value in fresh food that was delivered to local partners in the Sudbury area.
- Average deliveries per week exceeded 3.37 tons with an estimated weekly value of \$17,524.
- Increase of delivered fresh food stocks of 40.66 tons.
- Increase of fresh food products delivered to the local food security agencies by \$211,432.00 in dollar value.
- Increase in food delivery times to member agencies.

Of the \$100,000 grant that was approved through the Budget, the project was funded based on actual expenses of \$85,778.91, which funded the following:

- payroll costs of \$80,000
- insurance expenses of \$590
- repairs and maintenance totaling \$5,189

The BDSF has also indicated that the program has been sustained through community support and resources for the next 3 years due to the initial funding provided by the City.

Next Steps

The Sudbury Food Bank continues to be a strong community partner and Social Services staff will continue to liaise with the Executive Director to evaluate any COVID-related impacts. Staff will continue to keep the Community Services Committee apprised of any issues that arise that fall within municipal jurisdiction.