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METRO UNITED WAY OPENS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY IN SHELBY COUNTY

SHELBYVILLE, KY. (July 12, 2021) – More than 11% of Shelby County residents are food insecure and many of those affected by food insecurity are the most vulnerable in our community – senior citizens, rural residents, veterans and kids. Because of this, Metro United Way partnered with Shelby County farmers to create the [Farmers Feeding Families program](#), focused on reducing hunger across the County.

Metro United Way is issuing a [request for proposal \(RFP\)](#) to provide investments to Shelby County nonprofit organizations serving residents' most basic food needs. The goal is to ensure that individuals in Shelby County have the food they need to live healthy lives. Programs or projects of nonprofits applying should help address food insecurity in Shelby County.

"This RFP will allow more programs and projects to directly address the issue of food insecurity in Shelby County," said Erica Price, Regional Director, Metro United Way. "We know the need was great before the pandemic and food insecurity was only amplified for our most vulnerable communities during 2020. Metro United Way is committed to providing resources to nonprofits with direct connections to those communities, so everyone has a chance to thrive."

In addition to addressing food insecurity, programs or projects of nonprofits applying for investments must help people to maintain or move toward self-sufficiency by removing food gap barriers and increase access to the basic need of food in Shelby County. Organizations must have a defined unmet need demonstrated by a waiting list or other case statements defining why the organization cannot meet the need by their current resources.

Metro United Way will be accepting open requests for investments from Monday, July 12, 2021, to Monday, October 4, 2021. The Farmers Feeding Families Team will review all applications and make final investment recommendations by Monday, October 25, 2021. To apply for investment please complete the request for [access to the application here](#) and email erica.price@metrounitedway.org if you have any questions.

Applying organizations must be a federally recognized nonprofit organization serving Shelby County. Nonprofits must demonstrate a [commitment to model diversity, equity and inclusion](#). All applicants must be able to provide program budget, list of Board of Directors, IRS determination letter and the organizations most recently completed 990.

ABOUT METRO UNITED WAY

For more than 100 years, Metro United Way has united and empowered communities by investing in the full potential of individuals and families to ensure positive, sustainable change. We use data-driven insights to identify our community's greatest needs and address systemic challenges with a focus on advancing equity and sharing opportunities for all. Together, we fight

to improve the disparities that persist in early care and education, economic mobility, home ownership, racial equity, and public policy in Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham and Shelby counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties in Indiana. We invite you to join us and be a part of transforming Greater Louisville. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED.

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