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THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

MEETING AGENDA
January 20, 2026

1:00 p.m. to Adjournment

This meeting is being held virtually and in person. The public is invited to attend.

IN PERSON INFORMATION

Carson City Onsite Location:
Room 303, 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706.

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 3. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2025, and November 14, 2025.
 4. For Information Only: Medicaid Waiver Presentation
 5. For Information Only: Final Reports-SFY25 Fund for a Healthy Nevada, 2025 Council on Food Security (CFS), and 2025 Food for People not for Landfills (FFPNL).
 6. For Information Only: Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) report on the FFY25 Home Feeds Nevada Annual Report per [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) § 561.51](#).
 7. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables.
 - a. Northern and Southern Nevada Food Security Conference.
 - b. Northern and Southern Food Security Workgroups.
 8. For Possible Action: Discuss and possible action on the FFPNL Subcommittee:
 - a. Updates regarding the Subcommittee.
 - b. Approval of member applications.
 9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on study updates:
 - a. [SB233](#) Home Feeds Nevada study.
 - b. [AB405](#) Food Insecurity Study.
 10. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on CFS outstanding goals:
 - a. Remaining 2025 goals.
 - b. Determine 2026 goals.
 11. For Possible Action: For discussion and possible action to review and determine future agenda items.

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13. Adjournment

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- Nevada WIC Office: 680 West Nye Lane Ste. 205 Carson City, NV 89703
- Three Square Food Bank: 4190 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89115
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THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

October 14, 2025, 1p.m.

Draft Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams and Carson City

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Allison Herzik
Amber Torres
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Dr. Sabina Malik
Dr. Julian Goicoechea
Jill Moe
Kelly Cantrelle
Lori Lutu
Nishat Gould
Marcia Blake
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Roberto Carrillo
Tori Lawson-Boffelli
Sara Ramirez
Vickie Ives

Members absent:

Bethany Herzing
Lisa Swearingen
Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi

Others Present:

Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Jeff Duncan, Chief of Staff, Three Square
Jen Thompson, Office of Analytics
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Tammera Brower, DPBH

Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Troy Lovick, CDPHP
Sabrina Schnur, Cartwright NV Government Affairs
Jenny Yeager, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Taylor Moseley, CDPHP

1. Call to Order:

The meeting time was called to order at 1:04PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Herzik

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was made. The public comment period was closed.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2025

Chair Allison Herzik requested action on the July meeting minutes. No changes were suggested by the Council.

Motion: Chair Allison Herzik accepted a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Julian Goicoechea moved to approve; Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded the motion to approve.

4. Information Only: Discussion on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Deliverables

Sarah Rogers discussed the potential reorganization of the Food Security Conference work group. The Council had established this work group to plan the Northern Nevada Food Security Conference. Recently, there has been consideration, in collaboration with UNR Extension, to possibly dismantle the current work group and incorporate food security topics into an existing conference that covers similar themes. This shift is being considered due to the loss of funding sources initially allocated for the conference.

Chair Allison Herzik indicated that a discussion about a work group would take place at a later date, and provided an update on various initiatives and progress on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) included in the meeting packet.

5. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of member applications for the Food for People Not Landfills Subcommittee

Sarah Rogers explained that a Request for Information (RFI) was sent; however, no applications were received. Sarah Rogers confirmed that another RFI will be resent at another time. No action was taken.

6. Information Only: Nevada Division of Social Services Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program waivers

Kelly Cantrelle stated that they expect to submit two waivers. The first waiver addresses the limitation of sugar-sweetened beverages that several states have already put into practice. This initiative aims to redirect SNAP funds towards healthier beverage alternatives, enhance household nutrition security, and lower obesity rates along with type 2 diabetes prevalence. The targeted items include soda, sugar-sweetened beverages, energy drinks, and fruit beverages containing less than 50% juice. Kelly Cantrelle intends to share a strategy with the Retailer Association of Nevada to facilitate this process. The second waiver would permit the purchase of certain hot foods, including deli items such as rotisserie chicken and turkey, using SNAP benefits. Implementing this change would necessitate additional effort, as it might require modifications to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The advantages of this adjustment would simplify meal preparation for individuals who struggle with cooking or lack adequate space to prepare food.

The floor was open for any questions or comments. Tori Lawson-Boffelli inquired whether the waivers would be submitted collectively or individually. Kelly Cantrelle clarified that they will be submitted individually but concurrently. Tori Lawson-Boffelli also asked about the possibility of providing nutritional education along with alternatives to beverages that are typically chosen by Nevadans. Kelly Cantrelle confirmed that there are plans to reach out and offer beverage alternatives. Nishat Gould questioned if there are exceptions for drinks that contain added sugar but have positive health benefits (such as protein or yogurt drinks, and fresh fruit or vegetable juices) that low-income Nevadans depend on. Kelly Cantrelle responded that the waiver is being more clearly defined and is not intended to impact dairy-based products, coffees, teas, and similar items. Dr. Sabina Malik stressed the importance of consumer choice and advocated against penalizing consumers, while suggesting that corporations should be encouraged to reduce the sugar content in their products.

7. For Possible Actions: Discussion and possible action on the Creation of an Emergency Food Security Plan

Heather Lafferty, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Homeland Security's Chief Resilience Officer, emphasized the importance of meeting with the Council as they are subject matter experts and the Council's mission aligned with OEM plans. She stressed the necessity of collaboration and leveraging the capabilities of state agencies, partners, and councils to rise to the occasion. OEM is actively promoting the Ready 30-Day Campaign to assist families in preparing for emergencies. The Mass Care Annex is scheduled for an update in 2026 or 2027, as it undergoes revisions every five

years. This annex concentrates on sheltering and feeding, including Community Care sites, temporary shelters, food distribution points, recovery efforts, and maintaining food security during emergencies. The Council's expertise and involvement will be crucial when workshops commence, and there is a desire to utilize the Council's emergency plan to enhance and integrate efforts. OEM has proposed collaborating and organizing a webinar or educational event with the Council or individual teams to ensure everyone is adequately prepared.

Chair Allison Herzik opened the floor for discussion and inquired whether the Mass Care Annex includes any information related to food security or if there are any existing strategies. Heather responded that there is currently no emergency food security plan, but internal plans could be developed and then integrated with the MCA, or the MCA could take the lead and incorporate those items. Marcia Blake asked how information is shared and whom to contact. Heather clarified that it differs by level due to a multi-jurisdictional approach, with local and state entities having their own plans. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger indicated that Clark County Food Service for the school district is part of the emergency plan, which is determined by the size, scale, and security of the facility. Nishat Gould questioned Heather Lafferty about whether food retailers, manufacturers, and others are already included in the plan and what the current status is. Heather Lafferty confirmed that they collaborate with retailers, including Walmart. Jill Moe asked what actions the council could take in the meantime. Heather Lafferty requested that the council coordinate plans in case they are needed and that specific actions can be identified. Amber Torres revealed that the Food Bank of Northern Nevada has a disaster response plan that could be integrated into a larger state or regional plan. Jill Moe asked Amber if the Council could use it as a starting point or share it, Amber Torres explained that she would need to seek permission or would follow up with a response. Chair Allison Herzik noted the need to investigate other states that have adopted a similar model, while Vickie Ives suggested examining the structure for different age groups. Dr. Sabina Malik inquired about the methods for activating the plans and the associated processes. Heather Lafferty explained that it depends on the scale of the disaster, but communication and coordination efforts may serve as a reference guide.

8. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve or provide final edits to the 2025 Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) Annual Report and the 2025 Council on Food Security (CFS) Annual Report

Chair Allison Herzik opened the floor for discussion regarding the FFPNL Annual Report by inquiring with Sarah Rogers about the meetings and the frequency of meetings required for the subcommittee. Sarah Rogers responded that the July meeting achieved quorum, but the October meeting did not, and she was uncertain about the reasons for this. The Council was assured that a rescheduled meeting is being planned, with the date to be determined later. Due to the lack of

quorum at the FFPNL meeting, one of the standing agenda items was the edits and approvals of the FFPNL Annual Report, no modifications were made. Chair Allison Herzik then commenced the discussion on the CFS Annual Report, allowing Council members 5 minutes to review the document. Dr. Sabina Malik inquired about the CFS reporting timeline. Sarah Rogers clarified the dates being based on a calendar year, as there are quarterly meetings that facilitate timely submissions to the Legislative Council Bureau by January 31st. Chair Allison Herzik and Dr. Sabina Malik recommended rephrasing the policy section to include requirements and discussions on bills. Dr. Pamela Juniel expressed the need to ensure that the request for additional seats and the correction of her name in the report was included. Chair Allison Herzik noted that the request had been formally submitted to the Legislative Interim Health and Human Services Committee. Furthermore, the bill draft was requested through the Chair of Health and Human Services, Senator Doñate, but both requests were denied, which will also be documented. Sarah Rogers mentioned that the report reflected last year's request but emphasized the intention to bring it up again in the next legislative session. Marcia Blake highlighted that the SNAP program will transition from federal funding to state funding, which is expected to significantly affect the state. Vickie Ives stressed the importance of providing language on future focus regarding a second presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee. Marcia Blake wanted to ensure that the SNAP waivers being worked on by Kelly Cantrelle were addressed.

Motion: Chair Allison Herzik initiated the motion to approve the FFPNL annual report, amend the CFS Annual Report and fix Dr. Pamela Juniel's name, landscape of SNAP, changing language DHS presenting to join interim, and adding 3 seats to the council. Vickie Ives moved to approve, and Marcia Blake seconded.

9. For Information Only: SFY25 Fund for Healthy Nevada (FHN) Annual Report

Sarah Rogers informed the Council that the FHN will be shared in January as we are waiting for information from partners.

10. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Second Public Comment Period was not opened as quorum was lost.

11. Adjournment:

Adjournment was made without motion as quorum was lost.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Special Session Meeting:

Date: November 14, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted online and at physical locations in accordance with Open Meeting Law).

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The Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS)

NOVEMBER 14, 2025

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Amber Torres
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Dr. Julian Goicoechea
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Jill Moe
Marcia Blake
Nishat Gould
Sara Ramirez
Tori Lawson-Boffelli
Vickie Ives

Members absent:

Allison Herzik
Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
Dr. Sabina Malik
Kelly Cantrelle
Lori Lutu
Roberto Carrillo

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, CDPHP
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Anaïs Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Anakaren Lamas, CDPHP
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH

Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Jeff Duncan, Three Square
Johnathon Welch, DPBH
Josh Hobson, The Green House Project
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Michelle Harden, DPBH
Oscar Fernandez, DPBH
Taliman Afroz, CDPHP
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Taylor Moseley, DBPH
Troy Lovick, CDPHP
Yanyan Qiu, CDPHP
Sarah Rogers, DPBH

1. **Call to Order:**

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:33PM

Name of the presiding officer: Proxy Chair Vickie Ives

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

No public comment was made virtually nor in the conference room. The public comment period was closed.

3. **For Information Only: CFS chair update.**

The chair was not present; therefore, updates will be presented at the next available meeting.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study updates, including making recommendations, establishing a subcommittee or subcommittees, and meeting frequency and dates for the SB233 Home Feeds Nevada Study and the AB405 Food Insecurity Study**

Proxy Chair Vickie Ives opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger expressed interest in a subcommittee. Amber Torres, Tori Lawson-Boffelli, Nishat Gould, Vickie Ives, Marcia Blake, Jeff Duncan and Dr. Pamela Juniel wish to be apart from the subcommittee.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger started a motion to create one subcommittee for both AB405 and SB233 to complete both studies by the end of September 2026 with one update in 5 months (April 2026) to larger communities and include the mentioned Council members.

Vickie Ives moved to approve the motions and Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded it. The motion Passed unanimously.

5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the food security conference work group.

Sarah Rogers emphasized the goal of proceeding with the planning for the Northern Nevada Food Security Conference while also exploring the possibility of collaborating with the upcoming work group being established by the University of Northern Nevada, Reno, and the Department of Agriculture.

Marcia Blake mentioned that merging the conferences could lead to growth and financial advantages.

Jill Moe indicated that the Small Farms Conference Planning aims to merge with the Governor's Food Security Conference and concurred with the decision to combine the events.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger moved to approve the motion, Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on 2026 CFS meeting dates

Proxy Chair Vickie Ives opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Pamela Juniel voiced concern regarding Martin Luther Jr. King Day as it may not produce quorum.

Dr. Pamela Juniel moved to approve the motion, with understanding that flexibility is needed, and the date will be adjusted as needed by the committee or under special circumstances. Sara Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Josh Hobson, Board of the Greenhouse Project in Carson City, expressed interest in learning more about what the state is doing to address the growing needs.

Jill Moe, Desert Farming Initiative at UNR, wanted to highlight the work that has been going on to address concerns. Two food banks have emergency food plans as well as individual counties. UNR has a working group meeting weekly to mobilize volunteers, donations, and vehicles for distribution of food.

8. Adjournment:

Proxy Chair Vickie Ives adjourned the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: January 20, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted online and at physical locations in accordance with Open Meeting Law).

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Attachment for Agenda Item #6



Nevada Department of Agriculture

Home Feeds Nevada: Director's Report

Annual Report for the Council on Food Security

Food Distribution – Home Feeds NV
Division of Food and Nutrition



Home Feeds Nevada / Director's Annual Report

Division of Food and Nutrition

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is pleased to submit the 2025 annual report on the Home Feeds Nevada program.

During the 81st Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill 370 established the Home Feeds Nevada Program to help Nevada become more food secure and create economic opportunity for Nevada agricultural producers. Pursuant to NRS 561.515, the NDA Director is required to submit an annual report to the Council on Food Security. [NRS: CHAPTER 561 - STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE](#)

Per the requirements in NRS 561.515, this report contains the following information for October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

- Expenditures from the Nutritious Food Purchase Account
- Number of people and households served by the program
- Variety, supply, and cost of purchases made pursuant to section 6 (c)

Expenditures

Program expenditures have been funded through the NDA's USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance Grant and allocated State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Item	Amount
Food Acquisition Costs	\$677,427.90
Transportation Costs	\$0
Contract Program Manager	\$0

Units Delivered

The following is the number of pounds delivered during the subject period.

Item	Amount
Pounds Procured/Delivered	390,847

Sample Variety and Units of Food Items

The following is a sample of food items that were purchased during the subject period.

Item	Units (pounds)	Cost
Meat Proteins	101,321	\$473,800
Milk (fluid)	223,911 (26,866 gal)	\$85,225
Honey	600	\$4,572
Fresh Produce*	48,017	\$109,929

**Sample produce items: Tomatillos, winter squash, green beans, tomatoes, peppers (Anaheim, Jalapeno, Shishito, hot chili, sweet), cucumbers, summer squash, watermelon, mixed salad, lettuce, mustard greens, cantaloupe, spaghetti squash.*

Households Served

The number of households and people served by the program is reported by the two food banks as they distribute directly to recipients.

Total Numbers Served	Households	People
Three Square Food Bank	186,714	636,271
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	55,836	153,585
Totals	242,550	789,856

Attachment for Agenda Item #7

Priority: Social Determinants of Health			
Focus Area: Food Security			
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
SMART Objective 1.1: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information and data-sharing among food ecosystem partners by developing and delivering a well-designed presentation to the Nevada legislature on food insecurity and food needs in Nevada. Collaborating with existing organizations like DPBH and CFS, as well as other relevant food ecosystem partners, to increase the effectiveness of these presentations. Host two (2) Food Security fairs/conferences in Southern and Northern Nevada, bringing together local food ecosystem partners, community members, and policy makers, to engage through various keynote speakers and discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Banks, Food Pantries, Council on Food Security (CFS), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and sponsors.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.1.1 Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) each Biennium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A designated CFS council member will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present annually to the committee. CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee each biennium, including recommendations that align with Objective 1.2 and 1.2.3 strategy. CFS to identify a member to present to JISCHHS who will prepare and present a presentation, follow up on Committee questions, and provide ongoing presentations as necessary and/or requested by JISCHHS and/or CFS. <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>LCB to be initially contacted by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>LCB contacted again in 2026 by 05/31/2026.</p> <p>CFS identifies a member to present by 02/29</p> <p>A minimum of one (1) annual presentation by 12/31</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 2027.

<p>1.1.2 Organize and host two (2) Food Security Fairs/Conferences: one, (1) in Southern Nevada and one (1) in Northern Nevada. Fairs/Conferences to include stakeholders/partners and service providers/vendors as identified by the food security partners, CFS, and the workgroup.</p>	<p>The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be the OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences. • A Survey with Food Security stakeholders/partners and service providers to determine the target audience, presenters (WIC, Child Welfare, Seniors, SNAP, food banks and pantries, transportation service, NDA, early education, mobile grocery shopping, etc.), location, remote option, vendors, date, and time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Target Audience for the fair/conference at minimum must include an invitation to the following programs: WIC, SNAP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program, and food service vendors across the spectrum of food services, including at least one (1) agency with a fleet. • Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship. • Establish a Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda. • Determine if guidelines are necessary. • Invitations to both conferences are to include legislative partners as identified by the CFS. <p>Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs. <p>Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc. 	<p>Workgroup Established by 02/29/2024.</p> <p>Survey to Partners by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>Funding Source and sponsors Identified by 12/31/2024.</p> <p>Efforts and presentations to be documented in the CFS Annual report by 01/31</p> <p>Schedule/Agenda for the Fairs/Conferences to be completed 3 months before Fair/Conference Date.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>One (1) Fair/Conference in Southern Nevada and one (1) Fair/Conference in Northern Nevada with a CFS Annual Report that includes a provider and vendor list, conference presentation summaries, and a contact list to assist in the elimination of the hunger gap in Nevada.</p>
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Resources: <https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf>, Southern Nevada Food Council, Northern Nevada Food Council, Washoe County Food Policy Council, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Mental Health Stakeholders, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Southwest Regional Food Business Center Project, and Food Service partners identified in the 2022 survey for the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan.

Goal Indicators:

- Food insecurity rate
- Number of clients served by food security service providers
- Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate

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Focus Area: Food Security			
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
SMART Objective 1.2: Partner with local farmers, food vendors, tribal communities, and other community organizations to support initiatives aimed at increasing mobile access (food trucks, community gardens, mobile markets, etc.) to healthy foods throughout the State of Nevada, specifically the underserved and remote areas (Churchill County, Elko, Esmeralda County, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Lyon, Storey, Douglas, and White Pine).			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: CFS, OFS, sponsors, stakeholders/partners from Nevada tribal nations, housing, and the transportation sector. Supporting partners will also include NDA, The Division of Plant Health and Compliance works and Division of Food and Nutrition and local farmers.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.2.1 Recommend a revision of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFS to make recommendations to Nevada's Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee through an interim HHS presentation. • CFS to make recommendations to the Director of the Health Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the CFS Annual Reports that are submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). • Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing and transportation section(s) and include at least 	<p>A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.</p> <p>Recommendation to DHHS Director by 01/31/2025</p> <p>CFS 2024 Annual Report with recommendations completed by 01/31/25</p>	Three (3) additional seats for the CFS by 2027.

	two (2) members from Nevada's tribal communities (North/South).		
1.2.2 Allow representative(s) from the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to present during the Food Security Fairs/Conferences and CFS.	<p>CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.</p> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027)</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report each year.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
1.2.3 Meet at minimum of one (1) time per biennium with the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee	<p>CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.</p> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in 2025 and again in 2027</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
Resources: CFS, OFS, NDA, Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, and Northern Nevada Council on Food Security.			

Priority: Social Determinants of Health			
Focus Area: Food Security			
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
SMART Objective 1.3: Support new strategic partnerships and increase awareness among the food security ecosystem regarding service providers and funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity. The Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Council on Food Security (CFS) will leverage a statewide Food Security Fair/Conference and other existing marketing to assist with awareness.			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: OFS, CFS, sponsors, Food Banks, Food Pantries, NDA Division of Food and Nutrition, Food Security Service Providers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.3.1 Support the state lead in needs related to the federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually. OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year. Allow representative(s) from SNAP to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference on SNAP EBT Modernization and other funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people. 	<p>One (1) presentation to CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report</p>	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.

		each year.	
		Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
1.3.2 Support a minimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying a minimum of two (2) service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference. OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of a minimum of two (2) service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Nevada In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference. Transportation Service providers shall include but not limited to services that bring the food to the people and the people to the food with equity among the rural and urban communities. 	<p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people.</p>
Resources: https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center , Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.			

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SMART Objective 1.4: Utilize existing outreach channels and participate in marketing opportunities to inform eligible individuals and eligible households about WIC and SNAP benefits, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and any other additional summer food, school lunch, and breakfast programs. Increase awareness of existing campaigns that emphasize the benefits, requirements, and application processes for sponsors.

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Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school stakeholders (Department of Education, school districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.4.1 Support in the identification of partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP participation and support rural program efforts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC, SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify a representative who is willing to present at CFS about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships statewide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation to include barriers preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications, which will be tracked via CFS Annual Reports. CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at minimum three (3) rural representatives for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or Summer Food Service Program to present during the CFS annually. This can include, but not limited to NDA program staff. Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference. CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders (food distribution on Indian Reservations, school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to increase awareness around NDA administered 	<p>Four (4) presentations to the CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>Identification of partners for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by</p>	<p>Increase participation in programs designed to reduce food insecurity.</p> <p>Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS by 2027.</p>

	<p>programs aimed to improve food Security (Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Programs, etc.).</p>	<p>12/31/27.</p> <p>All efforts and presentation summaries are to be included in the CFS Annual Report.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	
<p>Resources: Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, Northern Nevada Council on Food Security, State of Nevada’s Council on Food Security, Division of Public Behavioral Health-The Office of Food Security, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Education, and Statewide Food Banks.</p>			