Chat Transcript September 22, 2022 Agency Online Exchange

00:18:48 Sophia, she/her SHH Agency Relations: Sophia Ogren-Dehn, Agency Relations Communications Specialist at Second Harvest Heartland sogren-dehn@2harvest.org

00:18:49 Annissa Zynda (she/her), SHH: Good afternoon, folks! Annissa Zynda (she/her), Compliance Lead at SHH - azynda@2harvest.org

00:20:42 SHH Agency Relations: Lisa Boyd, Agency Partner Specialist, lboyd@2harvest.org

00:22:00 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Objectives: Share experiences around grant seeking. Receive feedback from agency partners of what would be beneficial to them and their organizations/programs as we put together the Second Harvest Heartland grant program. How can we help you with grant seeking and how can we improve our grant process?

00:22:35 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What geographic area do you provide services to?

00:22:52 Stuart Iseminger: North Side of Minneapolis

00:23:07 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Urban/Inner City, Suburban, Rural

00:23:09 Katrina B, WeCAN: Western Hennepin County

00:23:10 Mike O'Connell: South Minneapolis

00:23:13 Paula Domena: Pipestone County

00:23:26 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: northern Dakota County

00:23:26 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: Southern Anoka County

00:23:28 Alex Palacios, CLUES: Metro; Austin, Sleepy Eye, Willmar

00:23:29 Katrina B, WeCAN: (between rt 7 and 55, west of lake Minnetonka)

00:23:29 Nancy Gregory: Metro Area

00:23:32 Joe Stokes: N metro, Blaine and surrounding

00:23:58 Shawn Morrison: metro area

00:24:03 Dave Rudolph: Spring Lake Park, Fridley, Hilltop, Columbia Heights, NE Mpls

00:24:15 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: How many grants does your organization apply for to support your food

00:24:30 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: programs/that are food-related in your fiscal year?

00:24:37 Stuart Iseminger: Dozens

00:24:49 Mike O'Connell: 20 annually
Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: None/Haven’t yet, 1-5, 6-10, 11+

Joe Stokes: whatever is available for us

Dave Rudolph: 20 - 25

Katrina B, WeCAN: 11+

Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: 6-10

Alex Palacios, CLUES: 15+

Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: 1-5

Paula Domena: Everything available

Nancy Gregory: 8 - 12

Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: Does your organization have a dedicated grant writer or development staff member?

Joe Stokes: No

Katrina B, WeCAN: No

Stuart Iseminger: Yes, a Development Team

Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: Yes, No, It’s complicated

Alex Palacios, CLUES: thankfully

Mike O’Connell: Yes

Nancy Gregory: No

Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: Yes

Paula Domena: Dedicated grant writer

Andie Kukacka: No :( 

Shawn Morrison: Yes, contracted grant writer

Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: partial, but only volunteer

Stuart Iseminger: I write my fair share of grants myself!

Joe Stokes: can you lean in closer to your mike? You come in muffled/garbled

Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: Have you applied for a grant from Second Harvest Heartland in the last 3 years?

Katrina B, WeCAN: yes

Joe Stokes: Yes
Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: yes
Alex Palacios, CLUES: Yes
Mike O’Connell: yes
Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: yes
Dave Rudolph: Yes
Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: Yes, No, It’s complicated
Andie Kukacka: Yes
Shawn Morrison: Yes
Stuart Iseminger: Yes
Paula Domena: Yes, I think so. Grant writer not I meeting.
Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: What type of funding will your organization seek in the next year?
Alex Palacios, CLUES: Grants for sure
Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: Combination of grants, individual donors, events
Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: private donations and grants
Katrina B, WeCAN: grants, individual small donors, increased larger donors, foundation donations
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): All of the above!
Bri O’Brien (she/her), SHH: What are some of the reasons your organization has decided to not apply for a specific grant?
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Reporting
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): I agree!
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Right now we are having to re adjust our entire race demographics on our Pantry saver just to match the demographics needed for the report - its a pain
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Navigate through brick walls
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): *walls
SHH Agency Relations: I’m curious if anyone else has experienced having to do extra data collection from your community for a funder?
Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Limits to where the funds can be used
Mike O'Connell: yes

Alex Palacios, CLUES: definitely

Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What client feedback are you planning to or want to incorporate in your services or programs over the next year that require funding?

Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): we have a FEDS (family education diabetes series) program that we would like to get restarted and are hoping for funding

Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: In addition to this discussion, we have a survey that can be found on the Agency Zone (https://agencies.2harvest.org/agency-online-exchange).

Sophia, she/her SHH Agency Relations: In the advanced group I heard lots of love for unrestricted funding!

Joe Stokes: Training day would be great

Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Thank you, all, for joining and sharing! Feel free to reach out to me at bobrien@2harvest.org, 651-238-8422 or grants@2harvest.org

Dave Rudolph: Fundraisers

Joe Stokes: Finding foods for the holidays.

Stuart Iseminger, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center: How are folks handling supply chain issues?

Shawn Morrison: TEFAP allocation

Katrina B, WeCAN: finding food...

Andie Kukacka: More repeat visits (more than once a month)

JoMarie Williamson Delano Helping Hands: Will updates to the ordering system be coming soon?

Stuart Iseminger, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center: More and more of our clients are unsheltered. It's tough to find affordable individual serving sized items.

Alex Palacios, CLUES: Yes, thank you!!

Andrea Thomas: Topic: SuperShelf

JoMarie Williamson Delano Helping Hands: Thank you!

Shawn Morrison: Thank you!