

# Progress Report - Campus Sustainability Fund

## March 2023 – Campus Pantry Bulk Foods Program

### Email:

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### Project Manager Name:

*who is submitting this project?*

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### Project Name:

Campus Pantry Bulk Foods Project

### Project Subaccount Number:

23.54

### Project Summary Snapshot:

*Please copy and paste the "Summary Snapshot" you provided in your project application.*

### Response

In order to provide a sustainable future for the pantry, we must look towards alternatives that minimize costs and waste to ensure we can provide an effective amount of supplemental groceries to our users. This is why we are proposing a bulk foods program to help reduce the cost of our most popular items, as well as eliminate as much waste as possible that comes with the packaging of individual servings. This proposal will first look at the amount of waste we produce within a week, compare expenditures across our current system and the bulk proposal, and conclude with implementation strategies.

### Requested Metrics:

*Please report your project's metrics and their most recent number or response in a list format.*

### Response

# jars distributed: 4956

# of people who have refilled: 1257

# jars refilled since fall 2022: 2245

# of types of foods offered through the bulk food program Rice, Oats, Lentils, Pinto Beans, Black Beans, Chick Peas, Pasta x3, Flour, Sugar, Cinnamon, oregano, cumin, salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, curry

#students who received reusable containers: 1239 people

# of people in the core project team involved in planning and execution of the project (if they're a student/ staff/ faculty etc).

Student Director: planning & Execution: 20 hours. Student Operations: cleaning & purchasing: 1 student at 2 hours per week.

Student/ volunteers: distribution: 12 hours per week

Full time Staff: 5-10 hours a semester

Qualitative: Most utilized goods/ spices: rice, oats, pasta

Students' perception of the program and how it has impacted them Students have been very interested in this program! They were very eager to pick up their jars for the first time and have been receptive to refills.

## Project Accomplishments :

*Please describe what aspects of the project have been accomplished. Be as descriptive and specific as possible. Examples of accomplishments could include: Held 4 public meetings totaling 130 attendees; Transitioned 300 square feet of dirt into usable garden space and signed on 14 community garden volunteers. Other examples of accomplishments could include sharing a confirmed schedule of events, the connections/contacts that have been established, etc.*

### Response

Bulk foods have become a staple of the pantry over the past semester! We have now distributed almost 5000 jars to 1239 people! We have had 2245 jars refilled since beginning this program. We have been working to start to train volunteers for this station as it has grown among popularity and needs additional support during our distributions. We have increased the number of items offered based on the success of our program and requests from students. Currently, all 24 of our staff are trained for this station and roughly 15 volunteers.

## Next Steps:

### Response

At this point our only steps of the project is to maintain the program. This is done through purchasing new jars and new stickers. We have reached a space capacity for bins and cannot buy more large containers right now. As spices are requested we might add more.

## Challenges Faced:

*Please identify and describe any obstacles/roadblocks you or your team have experienced, and detail how you've managed them/ will manage them. Should your project already be completed, please note what challenges you faced and what you would do differently.*

### Response:

This program grew faster than expected and we are running out of space for the program. Definitely a good problem to have, but the bins took up more room than we thought!

## Project Support:

*Can the CSF support you in addressing any roadblocks you've encountered? How else can the CSF support your project?*

### Response:

We do not think there are any at this time.

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### Response:

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