



Request for Proposals (RFP)

Fundraising Plan Development for Regional Senior Center Grow Dome Project

Project Overview

The Good Food Collective is seeking proposals from qualified fundraising consultants to support a regional senior center grow dome project in partnership with the Ignacio, Silverton, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Senior Centers. Launched in 2024, this partnership supports three senior center-led grow domes located in Ignacio, Silverton, and Towaoc.

The Good Food Collective provides financial backbone and coordination support, while each senior center operates its own grow dome. We are seeking a consultant who can develop a practical and sustainable fundraising plan for overall project coordination, as well as, individual grow dome operations based on the unique assets and capacities of each senior center.

The grow domes are year-round, community-centered food production spaces that support:

- Senior nutrition and food access
- Social connection and community engagement
- Health, wellness, and aging with dignity
- Local food systems education

Scope of Work

The consultant will be expected to complete the following:

- Review background materials on the project, the grow domes and participating senior centers
- Conduct limited stakeholder interviews (e.g., project staff, senior center leadership)
- Assess current and potential funding sources
- Develop a written fundraising plan, structured as a single, cohesive plan with four components:
 - A shared, regional fundraising strategy that supports coordination and coordinated activities for the overall senior center grow dome project and such as collective storytelling, coordination, and shared funding efforts; and
 - Three individualized fundraising strategies, one for each senior center grow dome (Ignacio, Silverton, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe), each tailored to the senior center's unique assets, relationships, capacity, and community context.



Deliverables

At minimum, the consultant will provide:

- A written fundraising plan that includes one regional fundraising strategy and three site-specific strategies for the Ignacio, Silverton, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Senior Center grow domes.
- A meeting with each senior center team to review site-specific plans and recommendations.

Timeline

Anticipated project timeline:

- Proposals submitted: February 8, 2026
- Project start: February 16, 2026
- Draft fundraising plan: April 30, 2026
- Final deliverables: May 31, 2026

Budget

The project budget is **\$4,000**, though we welcome proposals that clearly justify costs based on scope and expertise. This funding is provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment through the Health Disparities Community Grant Program

Consultant Qualifications

Ideal candidates will have:

- Demonstrated experience in nonprofit fundraising
- Experience with community-based, food access, health, or senior-focused programs
- Ability to create practical, capacity-aware fundraising plans
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

In addition, strong preference will be given to consultants who:

- Live in Southwest Colorado or the Four Corners region, or have recent, sustained professional experience working in this region



- Possess deep familiarity with our local fundraising landscape, including rural philanthropy, relationship-based giving, local businesses, community foundations, and nontraditional or creative fundraising approaches
- Demonstrate the ability to tailor fundraising strategies to distinct organizational assets, cultures, and capacities, recognizing that each senior center grow dome has different strengths, constraints, and opportunities
- Value place-based, relationship-driven fundraising and understand the nuances of working in small, interconnected communities
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders, including rural and tribal partners, with experience adapting communication styles and tools to meet partners where they are (e.g., phone, text, in-person meetings, or limited use of email and shared digital platforms).

Proposal Submission Requirements

Proposals should be limited to 5 pages and include:

1. Brief overview of your approach to this project
2. Relevant experience and qualifications
3. Proposed scope of work and timeline
4. Budget and fee structure
5. Two references

Proposals should be submitted electronically to foodsecurity@goodfoodcollective.org by **February 8, 2026**.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance of experience
- Quality and clarity of proposed approach
- Understanding of community-based fundraising
- Cost and overall value

Questions?

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The Good Food Collective works in deep partnership with stakeholders across Southwest Colorado to, together, build a more resilient and just food system. We believe that the value of food systems extend far beyond nourishment; they are essential mechanisms for addressing rural poverty, creating meaningful employment, honoring cultural identities, supporting population health & well-being, and building strong, connected, and civically engaged communities.