



July 21, 2022

ARPA –RFP Coordinator
Monroe County Office of Purchasing & Central Services
200 County Office Building
Rochester, NY 14614

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the YMCA of Greater Rochester, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Foodlink, Inc's application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities request for proposals. Foodlink's services are crucial to members of the community who face food insecurity, and we know that the need for emergency support has increased due to the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant will enable Foodlink to provide healthy and nutritious food to our community members who need it most.

The proposed project highlights Foodlink's well developed food distribution process. Their Kitchen provides nutritious, hot and cold meals to local schools and community-based organizations in Rochester at a subsidized rate. This grant will allow them to increase kitchen production to target groups of individuals who fall outside of traditional supportive food services because of their age, income, or residential status. Prior to the onset of the pandemic, Monroe County already faced food insecurity. We know that the need for emergency food has increased, as economic hardship has worsened with the pandemic and rising inflation.

The social and economic challenges of the pandemic have made it clear how vital Foodlink is to the wellbeing of our community. Foodlink is a trusted partner of ours. As a community-based organization, we know that this work is greatly needed. We have the utmost confidence in their proposed services.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres
Senior Vice President of Urban Services



July 26, 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Open Door Mission, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Foodlink, Inc's application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities request for proposals. Foodlink's services are crucial to members of the community who face food insecurity, and we know that the need for emergency support has increased due to the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant will enable Foodlink to provide healthy and nutritious food to our community members who need it most.

Having Foodlink provide meals to the Coldwater House will be particularly supportive in that it will allow limited staff resources to focus on case management and housing. In addition, it will foster the opportunity to get new, nutritious foods to families. Moreover, it will help offset a gap in federal funding that does not support multi-generational programs like Coldwater.

The social and economic challenges of the pandemic have made it clear how vital Foodlink is to the wellbeing of our community. Foodlink is a trusted partner of ours and we would be eager to partner with them on this initiative. Please consider their proposal and let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "s".

Robert Williams
Vice President of Operations



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July 22, 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Hunger Solutions New York, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Foodlink, Inc's application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities request for proposals. Foodlink's services are crucial to members of the community who face food insecurity, and we know that the need for emergency support has increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant will enable Foodlink to provide healthy and nutritious food to residents who need it most.

As a statewide organization dedicated to alleviating hunger, we strive to equip local providers like Foodlink with the information and technical assistance they need to effectively deliver federal nutrition programs at the local level, and maximize their resources in order to do so. In the past several years, we have worked closely with Foodlink to expand their services to reach more children with summer meals in underserved communities. Their innovation and commitment to this work has had an indelible and positive impact in the Rochester area.

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The social and economic challenges of the pandemic have made it clear how vital Foodlink is to the wellbeing of the region. As a leading statewide anti-hunger organization, Foodlink is a trusted partner to us. We have the utmost confidence in their proposed services.

Sincerely,

Sherry Tomasky
Director, Public Affairs and Communications
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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Wegmans Food Markets, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Foodlink, Inc's application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities request for proposals. Foodlink's services are crucial to members of the community who face food insecurity, and we know that the need for emergency support has increased due to the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant will enable Foodlink to provide healthy and nutritious food to our community members who need it most.

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Sincerely,

Patrick Bourcy
SVP, Rochester/Southern Tier Operations

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Wednesday, July 26, 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Common Ground Health, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Foodlink, Inc's application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities request for proposals. Foodlink's services are crucial to members of the community who face food insecurity, and we know that the need for emergency support has increased due to the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant will enable Foodlink to provide healthy and nutritious food to our community members who need it most.

Common Ground Health's mission is to bring focus to community health issues via data analysis, community engagement and solution implementation through community collaboration and partnership. We bring together leaders from health care, business, education, and other sectors to find common ground on health challenges and prioritize collaborative solutions informed by the region's most comprehensive health data

Common Ground Health recognizes the positive impact that access to healthy foods can have on improving the lives of Rochester's children and families. By analyzing regional health data and primary research, Common Ground Health has identified food insecurity, low rates of fruit and vegetable consumption, and diet-related chronic disease, as health barriers for families in Rochester.

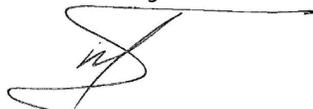
For over a decade we have partnered Common Ground Health has partnered with Foodlink on several initiatives to improve our local food system. Since 2015, we have worked alongside Foodlink to pilot the Curbside Market, Foodlink's mobile farmers market, at several locations and supported its expansion throughout our community. Most recently, we have worked together to pilot the Curbside Market at schools and local recreation centers to bring fresh fruits and vegetables directly to families while they pick up their children. Together we are working to combat food swamps one location at a time.

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Wade S. Norwood, CEO
Common Ground Health