

Below is the proposal from CCMO to offer county-wide assistance with food and utilities.

Cooperative Church Ministries of Orangeburg

County-wide food distribution and utility assistance

#### History

“After three rounds of grantmaking in response to COVID-19, One SC’s Executive Committee notes that 18 counties are highest risk and they have the least nonprofit/philanthropic infrastructure. As such they are not receiving a proportional benefit from One SC Fund or the other regional funds established in response to the pandemic. In South Carolina the real issue is the lack of highly effective community-based organizations in our most vulnerable 18 counties.”

*Representatives from United Way Association of SC, Together SC, and SC Grantmakers Network*

In late April, the office of the Orangeburg County Administrator, Harold Young, requested that CCMO to join other community partners to participate in a conference call to discuss United Way of the Midlands’ funding for Orangeburg to assist with the Covid-19 response effort. Community needs were identified and a grant application was sent on behalf of the Orangeburg Coalition to Central Carolina Community Foundation One SC COVID-19 Fund.

CCMO was awarded a portion of the grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation One SC COVID-19 to be used primarily for food and utilities. It is the goal of CCMO to distribute food boxes and utility assistance in the entire county. The grant requires that all funds be spent by December 2020.

The CCMO plan is to contact each of 7 council members for support in setting up a one-day distribution point in each community. Food Share is partnering with CCMO to bring boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables to each community on the distribution days. The goal is to distribute 110 boxes of staples, 110 boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables, and provide a limited amount of utility assistance at each site.

The program will begin on Thursday, July 23 and continue bi-weekly (except September 3) through October 29. CCMO will need assistance from the community for the following:

#### Distribution site

- Determine a location for the distribution
- Identify a coordinator for site
- Assistance with publicity
- Assistance with set up (chairs/tables/water)
- Assistance with verifying identity
- Assistance with loading cars

Participation from volunteers in the community being served is important, though CCMO and Food Share will arrive with some volunteers,

Cooperative Church Ministries of Orangeburg has been serving the community for over 32 years. It is a privilege for CCMO to have funds available to broaden the support for the Orangeburg community. Your help in making this possible is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ray Sabalis

Cooperative Church Ministries of Orangeburg