

CRC Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Project Identification Template and Instructions

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Instructions: Please complete all of the information requested with the best information you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if necessary to adequately describe the project but the **total length should be limited to 6 pages** one-sided (including attachments). This Identification Template is intended as a preliminary mechanism by which proposals and projects to improve the resiliency of Coastal Alabama are solicited and captured with some consistency of format, scope definition, and project benefits and impact. **This is only a first step: proposals and projects will not be funded based upon this submittal. Further information and details will be solicited at such time as the screening and funding process is more fully defined.**

Responses should be received by November 26, 2010, to be included in the appendix the Coastal Recovery Commission Report to the Governor to be submitted December 15, 2010. Submittals after that date will be accepted for consideration but will not be included in the Project Appendix.

Completed Templates may be submitted:

- Electronically (.pdf preferred) to: crcalabama.templateresponse.com.
- By US mail to: Coastal Recovery Commission.

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I. What – Project Information/Basic Facts

1. Project Scope **Building to Meet the Need for growing weekly emergency food program and large-scale disaster relief for Baldwin County, Alabama.** The struggling economy brought a 62% increase in families seeking emergency food assistance. Since the Oil Spill in April, Prodissee Pantry has served and additional 20% increase. That equates to purchasing and distributing four to five tons of food weekly. To date, 8,000 families have received fresh, frozen and staple groceries this year. To meet the need, Prodissee Pantry is going to build an 11,000 square foot facility. The land for this project has recently been gifted to The Pantry by W. Allen Cox who is also our project consultant. White-Spinner Construction, Inc. has estimated the budget for the building and will help facilitate the project. Our goal is to break ground early 2011 and more to our new location on Highway

31 by year's end. The new pre-engineered metal frame building will consist of two sections. The first is a large 5,000 square foot receiving/storage/repackaging area for dry/frozen/cooled foods and disaster relief supplies with the necessary loading/unloading docks. The second section is the public and office space. This will consist of a large multi-purpose room for interviewing clients/meetings/events, an emergency kitchen, restrooms, and several offices for use by our partnering agencies. Attached is a drawing of the building and a site rendering.

2. Project duration or schedule by phase and status of any work in progress Fundraising is ongoing, land is acquired, preliminary architectural drawings of site and plan view of building are complete, goal is to begin construction early 2011 if funds are present

2.1. Conceptual and Feasibility Planning, Engineering, Construction Conceptual and Feasibility Planning is complete, Engineering is ongoing and Construction is pending

3. Estimated Cost (plus or minus 30%) \$1,500,000

3.1. Indicate level of confidence in accuracy of these estimates 90% confident

II. Why - Project Description relative to Impact and Criteria

1. Identify what need, threat or opportunity that this project, study, or recommendation will address Expanding Prodissee Pantry's Weekly Emergency Food Program to address basic need for food due to economic and natural disasters and allowing for Large-scale Disaster Relief. Currently, our weekly food program is the largest in the 24 county area served by the Bay Area Food Bank. Our seven year track record, including large-scale disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina shows this program's importance and the need for this 11,000 square foot facility. Our program is currently in a temporary location that does not allow for expansion.

2. How does this project or recommendation address and impact the recommended evaluation criteria:

2.1.1. Coastal Recovery Prodissee Pantry's dual function as a weekly emergency food program and large-scale disaster relief operation are counted upon by communities along the Southwestern Alabama Gulf Coast. Small business owners, their employees and others turned to the pantry after Hurricane Katrina, the recession and the BP Oil Spill for food, information and encouragement. We have a relationship with the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, developed the I-10 Disaster Co-op of

churches and other volunteer groups, will assist Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disasters, and currently sit ready to respond with tons of food should a disaster strike. Following Hurricane Katrina, Prodissee Pantry sent out more than 16,000 emergency food boxes and other relief supplies valued in the millions all along the Gulf Coast.

2.1.2. Resiliency The ability to house emergency supplies of food in Baldwin County for immediate distribution following a disaster is essential in the resiliency of the community.

2.1.3. Transformational Prodissee Pantry is designed to give families a hand up not just a hand out. We encourage continuing education, job training, counseling and a host of other resources that ultimate improve a family's situation and quality of life. The new facility will allow the expansion of this program and will offer other programs like Project Rebound, The Council on Aging, The Salvation Army, the Nutrition Program for the Health Department, the Humane Society's pet pantry and more to continue to have a presence and serve families in crisis.

2.1.4. Regionalism Large-scale disaster relief and emergency food distribution by volunteers along the Gulf Coast is critical to the recovery of the region following a disaster. The cooperative efforts that exist will allow the speedy implementation of these plans.

2.1.5. Economic Diversification Changing peoples lives by moving them from crisis to rebuilding their lives through educational and job training opportunities starts with the meeting their most basic needs first: food and encouragement. These are two things Prodissee Pantry does well. Emergency food and referrals allow the families to focus on moving forward.

3. Project Economics Emergency Food and Disaster Preparation equals a reduction in recovery time for the area.

4. Identify Direct Project benefits to Coastal Alabama, including avoided costs, consequence of "No Build" alternative. Warehousing of food for large-scale disasters by an emergency pantry with the volunteer-base and track record to carry out the distribution.

4.1. Impact on employment, job training and development, both short term and permanent Building the facility would provide jobs locally initially. Expansion of Prodissee Pantry will allow for more referrals to educational and job training opportunities.

4.2. Oil spill mitigation outside of claims process We are easing hunger on the physical, emotional and spiritual levels through emergency food, referrals and partnerships.

5. Identify Indirect benefits and costs

5.1. Collateral Benefits to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) Helping families move from crisis to stability results in healthier communities.

5.2. Collateral Costs or impacts to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) Prodissee Pantry is the largest emergency food program in a 24 county area. Due to the re-purposing of our current location, our dual function as a large-scale disaster relief operation and emergency food pantry is in jeopardy without the new facility. The impact would be food insecurity for thousands of families in crisis.

5.3. Connectivity and Linkage to other projects or initiatives: Does this project complement or compete with other projects? What other projects would be precluded if this project is funded? Prodissee Pantry is an integral part of the social service safety net in Baldwin County. We get referrals from a wide variety of agencies including but not limited to Ecumenical Ministries, Catholic Social Services, Community Action Agency, Council on Aging, Food Stamps, Baldwin County Mental Health, and local churches. Building to meet the need benefits the entire community as we serve those who fall through the cracks or have to wait weeks for services due to governmental requirements and other agency constraints.

III. Who/How - General Information

1. Name and contact information for Entity, Collaboration or Person submitting project or recommendation nomination. Deann Servos, Prodissee Pantry, P.O. Box 7403, Spanish Fort, AL 36577, 251-626-1720

1.1. Entities and communities sharing a common threat or need are encouraged to collaborate for a joint/combined project submittal to raise the profile of the issue and solution to be addressed. Also please indicate the level of community support or resistance and hurdles to collaboration.

2. Identify Sponsoring Entity for oversight and accountability if different from above.

2.1. Existing or to be created? Existing

2.1.1. If to be created, what parties or interests must be involved and what level of effort is required to do so? _____

2.2. Describe governance, organizational capacity, availability of skills, experience of sponsoring entity to implement the Project Prodissee Pantry's Board of Directors has strategically planned for this community ministries growth and expansion for the past three years. The Executive Director manages a volunteer staff of 100 weekly volunteers and organizes large-scale volunteer efforts. It is estimated The Pantry has a \$1.5 Million impact annually in the area. In the seven years since The Pantry opened 29,500 families in Baldwin County facing tough times have received food. That's over 80,000 individuals. Following Hurricane Katrina, hundreds of volunteers received, re-packaged and distributed food and other relief supplies valued in the millions all along the Gulf Coast.

2.3. Project complexity: Hurdles and barriers to project implementation, completion and sustainability. Identify regulatory issues. The main barrier to implementation and completion is the securing of funds for construction due to the tough economy.

3. Identify any known or anticipated administrative, regulatory, or legislative action that would be required at either the local, state, or federal governmental level. None currently identified

4. Requested funding from Coastal Recovery Fund (CRF) \$1,200,000

5. Identified potential funding sources other than the CRF \$177,500 pledged or received

5.1. Leverage or multiplier on CRF investment: matching funds, public or private _____

5.2. Public Private Opportunities, user fees, Federal funds, private foundation grants, bonding capacity, etc. \$177,500 from Foundations, applied for and waiting to hear from other grants with end of year allocation possibilities

6. Forecast of ongoing maintenance or operating costs and source of funding if not self sustaining Estimates of overhead are \$40,000 annually. Monies will come from additional fundraising efforts to meet the increase in our operating budget.