

## Chat Transcript September 22, 2022 Agency Online Exchange

00:18:48 Sophia, she/her SHH Agency Relations: Sophia Ogren-Dehn, Agency Relations Communications Specialist at Second Harvest Heartland sogren-dehn@2harvest.org

00:18:49 Annissa Zynda (she/her), SHH: Good afternoon, folks! Annissa Zynda (she/her), Compliance Lead at SHH - azynda@2harvest.org

00:20:42 SHH Agency Relations: Lisa Boyd, Agency Partner Specialist, Lboyd@2harvest.org

00:22:00 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Objectives: Share experiences around grant seeking. Receive feedback from agency partners of what would be beneficial to them and their organizations/programs as we put together the Second Harvest Heartland grant program. How can we help you with grant seeking and how can we improve our grant process?

00:22:35 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What geographic area do you provide services to?

00:22:52 Stuart Iseminger: North Side of Minneapolis

00:23:07 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Urban/Inner City, Suburban, Rural

00:23:09 Katrina B, WeCAN: Western Hennepin County

00:23:10 Mike O'Connell: South Minneapolis

00:23:13 Paula Domena: Pipestone County

00:23:26 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: northern Dakota County

00:23:26 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: Southern Anoka County

00:23:28 Alex Palacios, CLUES: Metro; Austin, Sleepy Eye, Willmar

00:23:29 Katrina B, WeCAN: (between rt 7 and 55, west of lake Minnetonka)

00:23:29 Nancy Gregory: Metro Area

00:23:32 Joe Stokes: N metro, Blaine and surrounding

00:23:58 Shawn Morrison: metro area

00:24:03 Dave Rudolph: Spring Lake Park, Fridley, Hilltop, Columbia Heights, NE Mpls

00:24:15 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: How many grants does your organization apply for to support your food

00:24:30 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: programs/that are food-related in your fiscal year?

00:24:37 Stuart Iseminger: Dozens

00:24:49 Mike O'Connell: 20 annually

00:24:51 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: None/Haven't yet, 1-5, 6-10, 11+

00:24:56 Joe Stokes: whatever is available for us

00:25:00 Dave Rudolph: 20 - 25

00:25:05 Katrina B, WeCAN: 11+

00:25:05 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: 6-10

00:25:09 Alex Palacios, CLUES: 15+

00:25:16 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: 1-5

00:25:18 Paula Domena: Everything available

00:25:31 Nancy Gregory: 8 - 12

00:25:34 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Does your organization have a dedicated grant writer or development staff member?

00:25:41 Joe Stokes: No

00:25:44 Katrina B, WeCAN: No

00:25:46 Stuart Iseminger: Yes, a Development Team

00:25:46 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Yes, No, It's complicated

00:25:46 Alex Palacios, CLUES: thankfully

00:25:47 Mike O'Connell: Yes

00:25:52 Nancy Gregory: No

00:25:54 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: Yes

00:25:55 Paula Domena: Dedicated grant writer

00:25:57 Andie Kukacka: No :(

00:25:58 Shawn Morrison: Yes, contracted grant writer

00:26:21 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: partial, but only volunteer

00:26:26 Stuart Iseminger: I write my fair share of grants myself!

00:27:05 Joe Stokes: can you lean in closer to your mike? You come in muffled/garbled

00:27:05 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Have you applied for a grant from Second Harvest Heartland in the last 3 years?

00:27:13 Katrina B, WeCAN: yes

00:27:14 Joe Stokes: Yes

00:27:14 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: yes

00:27:15 Alex Palacios, CLUES: Yes

00:27:15 Mike O'Connell:yes

00:27:17 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: yes

00:27:17 Dave Rudolph: Yes

00:27:19 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Yes, No, It's complicated

00:27:20 Andie Kukacka: Yes

00:27:20 Shawn Morrison: Yes

00:27:21 Stuart Iseminger: Yes

00:27:47 Paula Domena: Yes, I think so. Grant writer not I meeting.

00:29:28 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What type of funding will your organization seek in the next year?

00:29:38 Alex Palacios, CLUES: Grants for sure

00:30:03 Scott Andrews, Neighbors Inc: Combination of grants, individual donors, events

00:30:14 Jane Hosman Manna Market at Fridley Covenant Church: private donations and grants

00:30:19 Katrina B, WeCAN: grants, individual small donors, increased larger donors, foundation donations

00:33:52 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): All of the above!

00:34:47 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What are some of the reasons your organization has decided to not apply for a specific grant?

00:36:10 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Reporting

00:36:15 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): I agree!1

00:37:01 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Right now we are having to re adjust our entire race demographics on our Pantry saver just to match the demographics needed for the report - Its a pain

00:37:59 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Navigate through brick wals

00:38:03 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): \*walls

00:39:31 SHH Agency Relations: I'm curious if anyone else has experienced having to do extra data collection from your community for a funder?

00:39:45 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): Limits to where the funds can be used

00:39:45 Mike O'Connell:yes

00:40:05 Alex Palacios, CLUES: definitely

00:40:41 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: What client feedback are you planning to or want to incorporate in your services or programs over the next year that require funding?

00:42:37 Theresa Halvorson-Lee (Department of Indian Work): we have a FEDS (family education diabetes series) program that we would like to get restarted and are hoping for funding

01:07:43 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: In addition to this discussion, we have a survey that can be found on the Agency Zone (<https://agencies.2harvest.org/agency-online-exchange>).

01:09:42 Sophia, she/her SHH Agency Relations: In the advanced group I heard lots of love for unrestricted funding!

01:12:05 Joe Stokes: Training day would be great

01:13:19 Bri O'Brien (she/her), SHH: Thank you, all, for joining and sharing! Feel free to reach out to me at [bobrien@2harvest.org](mailto:bobrien@2harvest.org), 651-238-8422 or [grants@2harvest.org](mailto:grants@2harvest.org)

01:13:55 Dave Rudolph: Fundraisers

01:14:10 Joe Stokes: Finding foods for the holidays.

01:14:15 Stuart Iseminger, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center: How are folks handling supply chain issues?

01:14:20 Shawn Morrison: TEFAP allocation

01:14:28 Katrina B, WeCAN: finding food...

01:14:51 Andie Kukacka: More repeat visits (more than once a month)

01:14:58 JoMarie Williamson Delano Helping Hands: Will updates to the ordering system be coming soon?

01:14:59 Stuart Iseminger, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center: More and more of our clients are unsheltered. It's tough to find affordable individual serving sized items.

01:16:05 Alex Palacios, CLUES: Yes, thank you!!

01:16:07 Andrea Thomas: Topic: SuperShelf

01:16:18 JoMarie Williamson Delano Helping Hands: Thank you!

01:16:22 Shawn Morrison: Thank you!