



**Date:** May 27, 2022

**Project:** Food distribution programs

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends awarding contracts for food distribution services to Goodr in the amount of \$72,500.00 and to Reflections of Trinity in the amount of \$100,000.00 using American Rescue Plan Act grant funds.

**Background:** The Mayor and Council chose to direct a portion of the funds from the City's ARPA grant to help relieve food insecurity experienced by local residents. RFP 22-004 solicited proposals from vendors with experience in food distribution services for individuals and families in need. Reflections of Trinity, a local non-profit located at 4037 Austell Powder Springs Road, was the sole qualified proposer. Their proposal is to create two new services: 1) an additional weekly distribution of food boxes from their existing location in the City, and 2) provide weekend food bags for eligible students at the local elementary schools.

In order to expand opportunities for local residents in need, staff has also negotiated a contract with Goodr to operate a grocery room at Tapp Middle School. This is a unique service enabling qualified students and residents to select groceries and hygiene items to take home to their families. Staff recommends awarding contracts to both Goodr and Reflections of Trinity to create multiple avenues for residents to obtain help.

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