



Hunger Free Lenawee

*Leveraging the power of Collective Impact to
fight hunger by efficiently utilizing all the resources
available in Lenawee County*

January 9, 2024

Attendance: Amada Burgard (LCHD), Diane Herr (SVDP), Jim Southard (The Daily Bread), Lisa Aleobua (Community Attendee), Liz Seeburger (Blissfield Food Pantry), Mary Donaldson (MSU Extension), Rosemary Hardnett (MAP of Lenawee), Spencer Ruffner (Tecumseh Service Club), Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Brooke Habay (LCMH) Zoom: JoAnne Baty (SVDP), Lisa Millyard (DHHS), Terrina Liogghio, De'Angelo Boone (COR Ministries MAP)

Presentation : Jim Southard of the Dailey Bread gave a presentation on grants and how to write them.

- follow all the grant directions to the letter. If you have issues don't be afraid to contact them to get clarification.
- look for keywords – unhoused instead of homeless
- there could be multiple questions looking for the same answer
- have someone review your application before you send it
- be compelling – explain who and what you are
- the application will be reviewed by multiple people so make sure your answers are constituent
- don't be afraid to offer supplemental information
- find out who their contact person is and email them with any questions
- know what kind of grants they supply. Do they fund for kids or activities, know before you apply
- find out who their contact person is and email them if you have any questions
- look for online applications – Lenawee Cares has one
- don't try to write a grant in one setting
- check for deadlines – do not miss them
- check their 990 that will give you their history and tell you what they have funded before
- NEVER pay for a grant application
- Apply for an amount you can justify using – don't go overboard
- If you don't receive a grant you could ask them if they could tell you why – to help you in the future.

The pros and cons of having your own 501c3

You need a board of directors – monthly meetings – keep minutes of the meetings. Recruit people who can help. Find a lawyer who is willing to set on your board, or an accountant. That helps with making any private donations tax free.

Adjournment

Next meeting: February 6 on Zoom <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94369775308>