PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE Request for Proposals

The Phoenix Food Hub (PFH) and Greater Lynn Senior Services will be offering community organizations the opportunity to apply for funding that supports promoting healthy nutrition and the reduction of food insecurity in Lynn. This funding will support community initiatives that:

- 1) meet a specific and demonstrated need.
- 2) serve populations that are typically harder to reach.
- 3) strengthen collaboration across the PFH network.

<u>Priority will be given to applicants who incorporate food sustainability efforts, such as</u> food recovery, as part of their proposed project or services.

Proposals are requested from organizations to provide services to Lynn residents of all ages for the Community Grant Program.

Funding is not available to individuals, although individuals (e.g., chefs) can partner with a 501(c)(3) organization to request support. Similarly, community entities that are not organized as non-profits can partner with a 501(c)(3) agency to deliver their programming. The Lynn Food Policy Council can help to identify and promote these collaborations and partnerships.

The PFH plans to disburse up to \$125,000 in this program year. There are no specific restrictions on the amount of applicant funding requests. We hope to support as many projects as possible and are interested in learning about your ideas and vision. Partial funding, as appropriate, may be awarded in support of larger efforts. We are also interested in supporting smaller scale efforts that meet identified needs but prefer that the minimum funding request be \$2,500.

Grant requests may include but are not limited to:

- Food recovery
- Community Garden programs
- Food distribution programs
- Teaching Kitchen classes that promote healthy eating and that reflect cultural preferences
- Nutrition classes
- Nutrition mentoring programs
- Programs that can centralize and/or share key resources such as volunteers, vans, chefs, etc.
- Mobility supports to connect isolated families to PFH and other nutrition programs
- Healthy eating promotions

Minority businesses/organizations are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will demonstrate an ability to address food security opportunities, promote healthy nutrition, collaborate with PFH, and meet reporting requirements.

Project funding period: October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 30, 2025. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** For application materials or more information, please contact Lema Sharifi, Community Grants Administrator, by email lsharifi@glss.net