

Christian Love Pantry

205 Edwin Holladay Place #105
Pell City, Alabama 35125

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Teri St. James
City of Pell City
1905 First Avenue North
Pell City, Alabama 35125

Dear Ms. St. James,

Enclosed is our City of Pell City Application for Funding – FY 2019-20. In addition to the application, the following information is provided for your review and consideration:

- Annual Budget and Tax Return: The annual budget for calendar year 2020 and our 2018 IRS form 990 are enclosures 1 and 2.
- Audited Financial Statement: Our 2018 financial statement is enclosure 3. While it was not audited by a CPA firm due, our financial statements are reviewed quarterly by our Officers and Board of Directors.
- Direct Funding or In-Kind Services from Other Government Entities: The Christian Love Pantry received \$919 of the \$1838 that was approved from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to purchase food for St. Clair County residents. This is a federally funded program. Only ½ was distributed in 2018 due to backlog in their processing. Since funding levels for these funds are based on unemployment rates, the total for St. Clair County has been dramatically reduced. In 2019, we can expect to be approved for no more than \$1200, which will likely be distributed in 2020.
- Additional Information: Located in downtown Pell City, co-located with the Community Action Agency and other St. Clair County social services, the Christian Love Pantry is currently the only full time provider of emergency food service in St. Clair County. Clients are referred by Community Action Agency, Department of Human Resources, Easterseals Health Clinic, churches or individuals.

Many in our local community are on fixed incomes, are intermittently employed, or are in very low paying jobs. Our clients' circumstances are wide ranging and include job loss, fire, unusually high utility bills or home repairs that left no money for food. In some cases, a relative unexpectedly had to take in minor children, necessitating help with food assistance until other assistance is in place.

Based on household size, clients are provided more than a week's worth of canned, bottled and dry food products from a list approved by a nutritionist which includes flour, cornmeal, soups, vegetables, meats, pasts, sauces, cereal, oatmeal, raisins, juice, dried

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beans, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fruit, applesauce, and other staples. Fresh breads and pastries donated daily from our local Publix grocery store are also included.


We are a 100% volunteer organization with minimal overhead expenses. Approximately 110 volunteers interview clients, procure, stock, and distribute food. About 1/3 of the food is purchased through the Community Food Bank. The remainder is purchased at a discount from our local Food Outlet or donated by individuals, schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations.

In 2018, 2866 families/ 7733 people were served. Children accounted for 32% of those we served. The estimated value of the groceries provided was over \$177,000, not including the bread, pastries and other extras.

We serve households that meet the eligibility criteria for needy families in Alabama. However, exceptions to the income limitation may be made in certain circumstances such as fire, theft, natural disaster or exceptional medical expenses. No one truly in need of food is turned away hungry. In 2019, all of the households served were classified as low income – 76% were below the very low income threshold.

- Proportion of Services to Residents Outside of Pell City: The Christian Love Pantry serves all of St. Clair County. In 2018, 52% of the households were local Pell City and Cropwell residents. Enclosure 4 contains our Annual Report and includes a chart showing the distribution of services.

Thank you for your past support to the Christian Love Pantry and your consideration for fiscal year 2019-2020 support.


Alan Foster
Director, Christian Love Pantry

4 Enclosures as stated