



## Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation

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April 28, 2016

Ms. Adriana de Bruin  
Business Manager, County Executive Office  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406  
Santa Barbara, CA

RE: Senior Nutrition Grant Request

Dear Ms. Adriana de Bruin and County Supervisors,

The Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation, DBA the Buellton Senior Center would like to thank the County for your past support. The Buellton Senior Center is seeking a \$26,000 grant to provide 1,818 Meals on Wheels to Buellton area low-income seniors. Funds will pay for food and container purchases, direct kitchen staff time and fuel, which average \$14.30 per delivered meal.

The Buellton Senior Center is the only Meals on Wheels provider in Buellton and the second largest distributor of food in the Santa Ynez Valley. Our seniors need your help.

We raise half of our annual budget with our volunteer-run thrift shop in Buellton. The County generously began funding our Nutrition Program in 2011 when annual meals prepared were 19,285. Currently, we prepare and serve 19,108 meals annually and offer 5,200 bags of free groceries.

The people that we serve cannot afford our local assisted living facilities and are food insecure. By providing a daily meal and checking in on them, we are making it possible for them to remain in their homes and not receive additional government subsidies. Our meals provide 70% of seniors' daily dietary requirements.

72% of our Food Program users are low-income based on HUD's standards for Santa Barbara County and receive free meals. We require our scholarship clients to provide annual tax returns and complete an application. We offer the application in English and Spanish. The average income of our scholarship clients is \$860/month.

### **The Center's Nutrition Program Provides**

- ❖ 19,000+ meals annually to 840 clients including 124 Meals on Wheels Clients
- ❖ 5,200 bags of free groceries are supplied to 100 low-income seniors annually
- ❖ Daily Free Farmer's Market Open to the Public
- ❖ Pick up and delivers weekly Food Bank food for two other local agencies
- ❖ Monthly "mandate" dinners in collaboration with Valley Christian Fellowship

The Buellton Senior Center would like to thank the County Supervisors for your past support and consideration. We would love for you to come by for lunch at your convenience.

Sincerely,

*Pam Gnekow*  
Pam Gnekow  
Executive Director



County of Santa Barbara

## FY 2016-17 Outside Agency Funding Request Form

**Deadline for Submission: Monday, May 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Supervisors *may* consider funding requests from outside agencies during the FY 2016-17 budget hearings in June 2016, if funding is available. An allocation of funding to outside agencies is not guaranteed.

Please submit the following by **5:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2016, NO EXCEPTIONS, via Email or Hardy Copy (postmarks will not be accepted)**:

1. Provide a cover letter explaining your request; and
2. Fill out this application (no more than 2 pages); and
3. Attach the Line Item Budget spreadsheet (no more than 2 pages) for the agency's program request

Hearings are scheduled for June 13, 15, and 17, with Outside Agency Requests considered on one of these days (yet to be determined). The **requesting agency must be represented and present**; please plan accordingly.

Total Request: \$ 26,000

Name of Organization: Buellton Senior Center

Title of Program: Nutrition Program New or ongoing program? Ongoing

Location(s) of services delivered: Buellton and surrounding rural area

Name of Agency Executive Director: Pam Gnekow

Phone #: 688-4571 Email: pamg5@aol.com Website: www.buelltonsc.org

1. Briefly summarize the purpose of the program, why the funds are needed, and the benefit to the community:

The Buellton Senior Center strives to end senior hunger in the Santa Ynez Valley. We are effectively accomplishing that goal with our extensive Nutrition Program. The Buellton Senior Center is seeking a \$26,000 grant to provide 1,818 Meals on Wheels to Buellton area low-income seniors. Funds will pay for food and container purchases, direct kitchen staff time and fuel, which average \$14.30 per delivered meal. The Buellton Senior Center is the only Meals on Wheels provider in Buellton and the second largest distributor of food in the Santa Ynez Valley. Our seniors need your help. 72% of our Food Program users are low-income based on HUD's standards for Santa Barbara County and receive free meals. The average income of our scholarship clients is \$860/month. We have never turned anyone away and look at new ways to reach people. We are ending senior hunger in the Santa Ynez Valley.

2. Briefly summarize the service to be provided and how many people will be served:

The Buellton Senior Center is seeking funding for our Food Program, which provides daily lunches, Meals on Wheels, daily free Farmer's Market, weekly groceries, and monthly dinners to local senior citizens. In 2015, we prepared and served 19,108 meals. 72% were subsidized to low-income seniors. 124 people benefitted from Meals on Wheels. 5,200 bags of groceries were distributed to unduplicated 100 seniors. Approximately 841 unduplicated people were served in the Center's Food Program and 962 unduplicated people were served by the Center in total. The Center operates a thrift store and a catering company as fundraising ventures. The Center is open Monday - Friday from 10:00-3:00. A \$26,000 program grant will provide 1,818 delivered meals to low-income seniors.

3. Detail the timeline for providing the service:

The Nutrition Program is an ongoing program offered year round. We do not have a waiting list, everyone is served.

4. Describe key outcomes to be achieved with the funding and how they will be measured:

Our main success driver is the number of meals prepared and the number of people served. Our Food Program goals for 2016 are to: serve more than 950 people, prepare at least 20,000 meals, distribute at least 5,200 bags of groceries, and add weekend Meals on Wheels that will be delivered Fridays as soon as funding is secured. Our organizational vision is to end senior hunger in the Valley. We have implemented our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

5. Describe if this is a one-time or ongoing request, and if funded in prior years and amounts:

The Nutrition Program is an on-going program. The County of Santa Barbara has generously funded the program in 2015-16 for \$26,000 and in 2012-2015 in the amount of \$5,298 per year. Thank you so much for your support.

6. Describe the agency's expertise and capacity to deliver services including fiscal stability:

We have been providing services to seniors for 40 years. Our volunteer-run thrift store accounts for a third of our revenue. We have been profitable for the past two years and our Executive Director has been acting as a volunteer while we build our cash reserves. We have lowered our food costs through innovative menus and collaborations. We will be paying the Executive Director next year and have the capacity to do so. Thank you so much for your past support!

7. Agency staff responsible for application: Pam Gnekow

County Staff Comments Only:

**Address submittals to:**

Adriana de Bruin  
Business Manager, County Executive Office  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Requests can be emailed to:** [outsideagency@countyofsb.org](mailto:outsideagency@countyofsb.org)

**Questions:** Please contact Adriana de Bruin, Business Manager, County Executive Office, at 568-3400.

**FY 2016-17 Line Item Budget  
For Program**

Agency: Buellton Senior Center  
 Program Name: Nutrition Program  
 Amount \$\$ Requested: \$26,000

<b>Program Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
<b>Funding Sources/Revenues</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Uncommitted</b>
County of Santa Barbara		26000
Fees for Services		20000
Thrift Store		80000
<i>City of Buellton</i>		50000
<i>Valley Foundation</i>		20000
<i>Wood-Claeyssens Foundation</i>		50000
<i>Balin Trust</i>		2000
<i>Latkin Foundation</i>		3000
<i>Legacy Foundation</i>	10000	
<i>Other Foundations</i>		44500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>295500</b>

<b>Funding Uses/Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<i>Food &amp; Container Costs</i>	75000
<i>50% of the Utilities</i>	11000
<i>Kitchen Staff</i>	182000
<i>Van Expenses</i>	7500
<i>Kitchen Maintenance</i>	20000
	<b>Total</b>
	<b>295500</b>