

# Executive Summary

Greccio Housing respectfully requests funding from the Journey for Good Foundation to support its Food Access and Housing Stability Initiative, serving residents of Greccio Housing communities in the Pikes Peak Region. Greccio Housing is an affordable housing nonprofit that provides stable, safe, and affordable housing, offers resources for residents to achieve stability, and promotes solutions to the affordable housing needs of the community. While affordable housing reduces financial burden, many residents continue to face challenges meeting basic needs, particularly consistent access to nutritious food.

This initiative focuses on expanding Greccio's no-cost resident food pantry and mobile market, which provide reliable access to healthy food for residents. These services are critical for individuals and families who may otherwise be forced to choose between paying for housing and purchasing food. Support from the Journey for Good Foundation will help increase access to nutritious food, reduce barriers to food security, and strengthen housing stability for economically vulnerable populations.

## Organizational Background and Statement of Need

Greccio Housing is an affordable housing nonprofit serving El Paso and Teller counties. Founded in 1990, Greccio was established to address the growing need for safe and attainable housing in the Pikes Peak Region. Over time, the organization has expanded to develop and manage multiple housing communities, now serving over 1,400 residents across more than 844 apartment units.

The mission of Greccio Housing is to provide stable, safe, and affordable housing; to offer resources to residents; and to promote solutions to the affordable housing needs of the community. Access to stable housing is only one part of long-term stability. Many low-income households continue to experience food insecurity due to limited income, rising costs, and unexpected financial challenges such as medical expenses or loss of income. Even with reduced housing costs, these households often struggle to consistently afford nutritious food. Without reliable access to food, individuals are more likely to experience negative health outcomes, increased stress, and difficulty maintaining stable housing. The gap between housing affordability and access to basic needs highlights the importance of integrated services that address both challenges together. Greccio Housing helps meet this need through its resident-focused, no-cost food pantry and mobile market, ensuring that residents have consistent access to nutritious food without financial or transportation barriers. These services are part of Greccio's broader Resident Resources program and Emergency Services, supporting overall household stability and reducing the risk of crisis.

## Program Description

Greccio Housing's Food Access and Housing Stability Initiative is designed to reduce food insecurity while supporting long-term housing stability for residents. The program provides

consistent access to food through a no-cost resident pantry and a mobile market, which brings food directly to individuals and families who may have difficulty accessing traditional resources. These services are structured to be accessible, reliable, and responsive to community needs. By integrating food access with housing support, Greccio ensures that residents are better able to maintain stability and meet essential needs.

## Goals and Expected Outcomes

The primary goal of this initiative is to increase access to nutritious food for individuals and families experiencing economic hardship. The program also aims to reduce food insecurity and support residents in maintaining stable housing.

Greccio has established the following expected outcomes:

- 60–70% of participating households will report reduced food insecurity through access to the Greccio food pantry
- Approximately 220 individuals per month will receive food through Greccio's no-cost food pantry

Collectively, these outcomes will improve consistency in food access, reduce financial strain related to food costs, and strengthen overall housing stability among participants.

## Evaluation

Greccio Housing will evaluate program success by tracking the number of individuals and households served, the frequency of food distribution, and overall program utilization.

To measure the impact of programming, Greccio utilizes Social Solutions' Apricot CRM system to track services and outcomes.

The organization will monitor progress toward objectives by tracking the number of households and individuals accessing food resources. Participant feedback will also be collected to assess accessibility and impact. In addition, Greccio will document participant stories to capture the qualitative impact of the program. This information will be used to ensure the program remains effective and responsive to community needs.

Greccio Housing works with local organizations and community partners to support food distribution and expand available resources. These partnerships strengthen the organization's ability to reach underserved populations and deliver services efficiently.

## Conclusion

Greccio Housing respectfully requests support from the Journey for Good Foundation to sustain and expand its Food Access and Housing Stability Initiative. Addressing food insecurity alongside housing stability provides a practical solution to the interconnected challenges faced by low-income households in the Pikes Peak Region. Funding will allow Greccio to continue providing consistent access to nutritious food while supporting long-term housing stability for the residents it serves.