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Wellspring Interfaith Social Services Awarded \$131,000 from the Indiana Department of Health to Address Food Insecurity.

(Fort Wayne, IN) – Wellspring Interfaith Social Services has received a grant totaling \$131,000 from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to address food insecurity as part of the state’s Health Issues and Challenges program - established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2021 with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Funding from the IDOH will ensure food insecure clients in the Fort Wayne area will have access to high-quality, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods thereby positioning them to achieve greater overall health and self-sufficiency.

“The Indiana Department of Health’s investment in Wellspring is a gamechanger for our food operations. It will allow us to understand and strategically respond to food insecurity in our community’s most underserved populations,” says Melissa Rinehart, Executive Director of Wellspring.

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services is one of more than 150 entities to receive funding for the Health Issues and Challenges program, which focuses on the following priority areas: tobacco use, food insecurity/obesity, lead exposure, hepatitis C, chronic disease, public health prevention programs, and substance use disorder and community health workers. Priority was given to applicants that demonstrated high need and high impact in their grant proposals.

The state awarded more than \$35 million statewide in the initial round of funding.

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