

SparkPoint Staff Assistant

2022-2023 New Position Proposals

Presentations and Discussions
November 16, 2022



SparkPoint's Request

- One full-time **SparkPoint Staff Assistant** to support with Basic Needs
 - FREE Food Pantry (Room 5202)
 - Free food for everyone
 - FREE Walk-up Grocery Distribution (Lot 6 expansion)
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 - SAM Card
 - A \$150 food voucher for students facing food insecurities
 - Study Snacks
 - Snacks for students – located throughout campus

State Mandates

- **SB 129/2021** State Budget Act
 - Establish / expand a Basic Needs Center and designate Basic Need Coordinators
 - Streamline Access / Support to basic needs services
- **AB 132** One-time and On-going Funding
 - Food pantries, CalFresh applications, and housing insecure students
 - Establishment of Basic Needs Centers

We have to do it!

Alignment with SMCCCD Board

- District Strategic Plan
 - Support students by providing resources for teaching and support innovations that are designed to **increase student success**
- Strategic Goals
 - Develop and strengthen educational offerings, interventions and support programs that **increase student access and success**
 - Establish partnerships with ... community based organizations **to increase high educational attainment** in San Mateo County
- Board Initiatives
 - Support Students **Food** and **Housing** Insecurities

Alignment with Cañada's EMP and Goals

- Cañada College's Educational Master Plan (EMP) - Basic Needs Taskforce
 - 3.13 Address Food Insecurities
 - 3.14 Increase access to housing resources
- SMCCCD Strategic Goals
 - Student access, success and completion
 - Equity minded and Antiracist College Culture
 - Community Connections

We are meeting them!

We Have the Funding!

- **AB 132 (Basic Needs)** provides sufficient on-going funding for this position
 - \$25,050,000 total funding for California community colleges
 - Cañada College will receive **\$205,425 in ongoing year over year funding + one time funding**
 - Total Cost of a Staff Assistant (including benefits)*
 - \$92.2K - Step 1
 - \$117.9K - step 6

We have the funding!

** Does not include COLA*

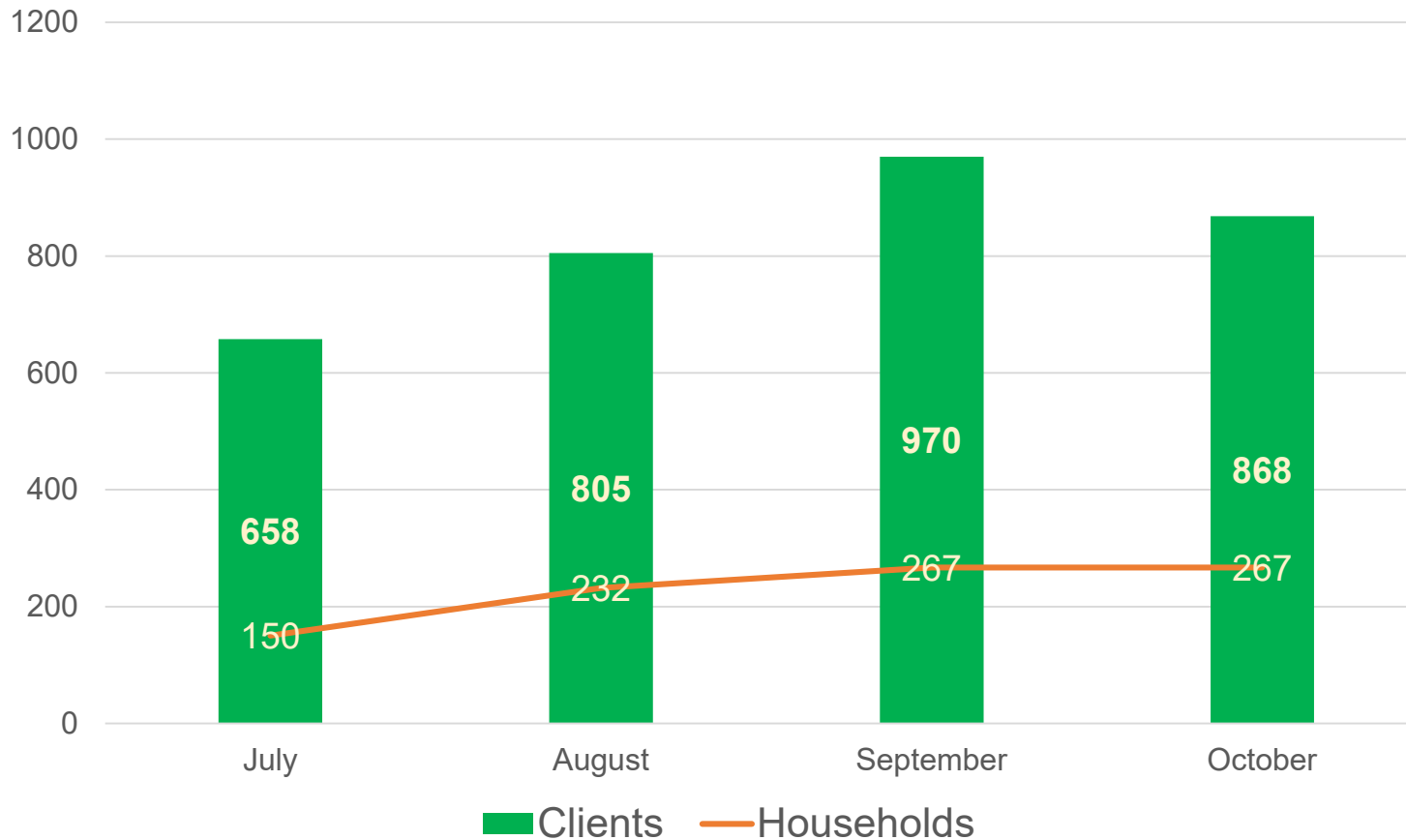
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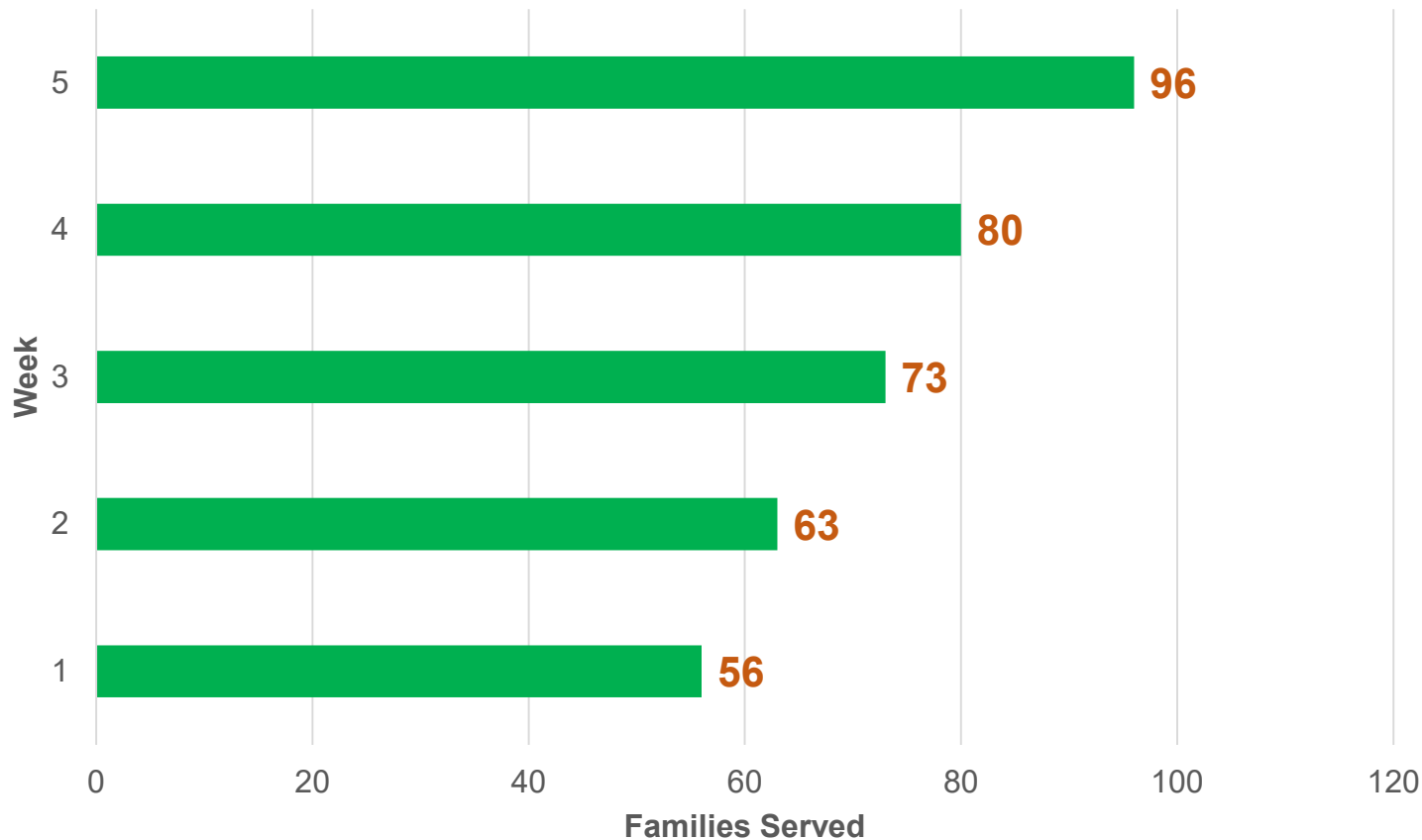
Food Pantry Impact – Fall 2022



Highlights (Unduplicated)

- Nearly 180 clients weekly
- 229 clients per month
- 916 Individual visits
- 80lbs. = Weight of food clients can walk away with
- 300% increase in client visits compared to FY20
- \$82K = approximate grocery offset

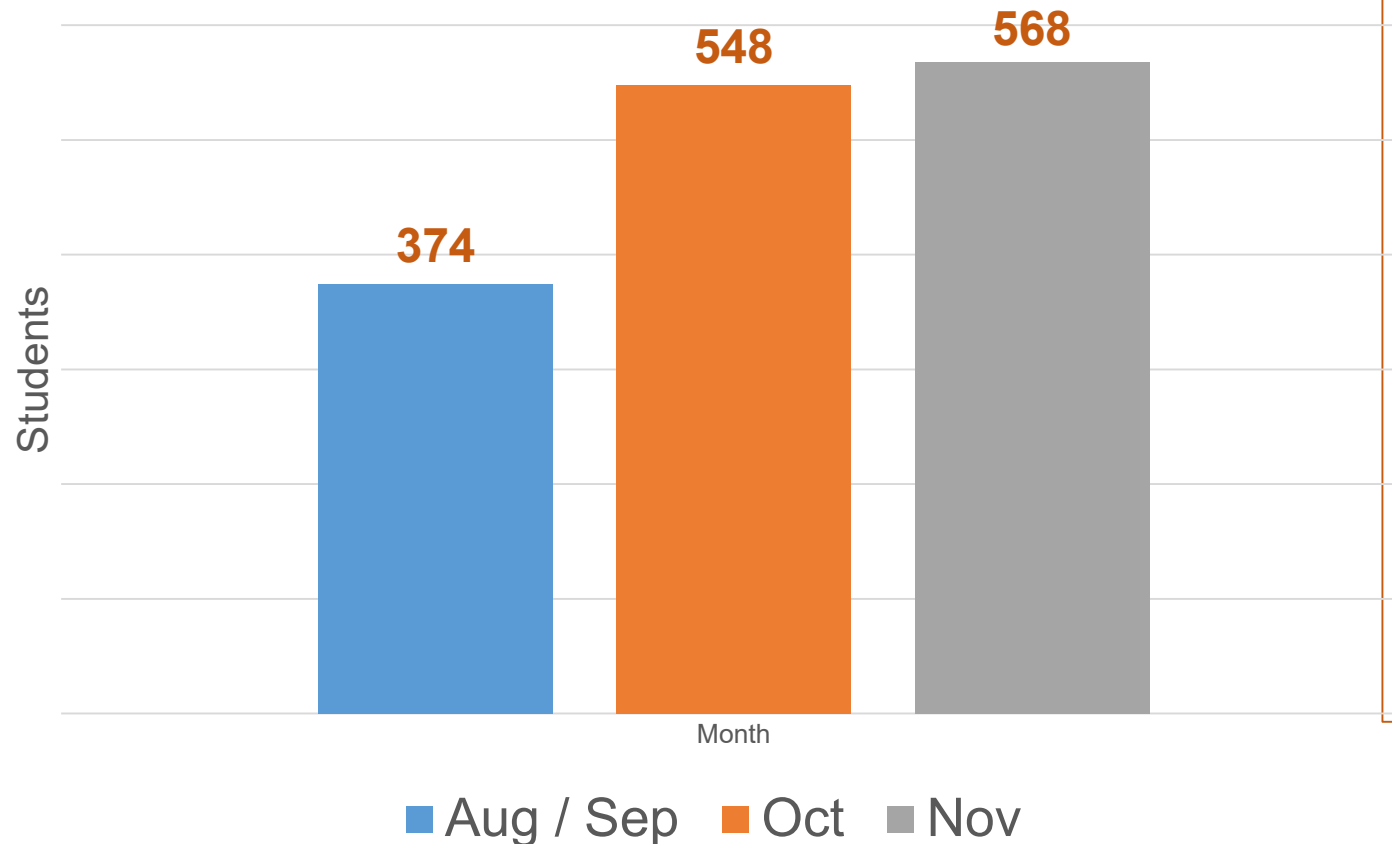
Free Grocery Distribution - Impact – Fall 2022



Highlights

- 20,340 lbs. of food distributed
- 565 clients served
- \$45,561 in grocery offset
- Open rain or shine
- Open every Tuesday except Dec 27
- Open to students, staff and the community

The Sam Card - Impact – Fall 2022



Highlights

- Goal = Address **Food Insecurity**
- **Initial \$1M** from District
- **583** students applied
- **568** students accepted
- **\$150** monthly award
- **\$378,900** Awarded
- Extremely Manual Process
- To be awarded for **SP 2023**

2018 SMCCCD Food and Housing Insecurity Survey

Survey results revealed the following challenges experienced by students with regard to their basic food needs due to income limitations:

- **55%** indicated that the food they purchased, “just didn’t last and I didn’t have money to get more.”
- **28%** of students reported, “cutting the size of meals or skipping meals” because there wasn’t enough money for food.

Beyond the literal lack of food, the level of psychological insecurity is high:

- **41%** of students report that, “I am worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.”

Strengthening **ALL** Departments/Divisions

- This position will **increase** students' **access** to healthy & nutritious food.
- Clients will benefit from **increased food pantry** hours, expanded CalFresh enrollment efforts, & increased connection to SparkPoint services
- SparkPoint is experiencing an **increase in pantry use** by student athletes, international students, evening students and staff and faculty
- These expanded services will **increase student retention** by reducing student hunger and food insecurity as a barrier to student success.
 - **Increased and sustainable staffing means increased access to food**



Key Takeaways

- This position is state **mandated** by the CCCCCO
- **We have ongoing funding** to cover 100% of the salaries and benefits
- **2021 Self-Sufficiency Standard (family of 4) = \$13,385/month // \$160,617 / year**
- This position will allow the SparkPoint Coordinators to support students with financial education and support with housing insecurities.
- This position will **increase access** to the Pantry
- **Previous support** for similar position (pre-Pandemic)
 - A 0.50 FTE SparkPoint OAll position was approved for FY21
- **We have ongoing funding** to support this position

Supporting our Students!



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