

## Mountie Fresh Basic Needs Resources (Basic Needs Plan) Draft 11.16.20

Mountie Fresh Basic Needs Resources (BNR) is Mt. SAC's basic needs center, which is designed to address real college students' basic needs by providing them with food resources, housing and mental health referrals, connecting them to job opportunities, and supporting them with case management. While college students' long-term outcomes include completing an educational goal that lead to embarking on a meaningful career path, we understand that a significant number of them are dealing with immediate basic needs that are obstacles to attaining their long-term goals. BNR leverages existing resources and partnerships in addition to implementing new strategies to support the basic needs of real college students ("real college students" is a term used by The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice to reference "basic needs students"). The following is the BNR work plan, which outlines how it addresses the basic needs insecurities of Mt. SAC's real college students:

### Basic Needs Resources Work Plan

Goals	Activities	Target Outcomes	Communication
<b>Address real college students' immediate food insecurity through short-term, stop gap, food resources.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountie Fresh Food Pantry (in store access in Bldg. 67A and drive-thru during pandemic).</li> <li>• Basic Needs Cards distribution based on referrals (physical and e-cards). Student Equity has funded and would need to continue funding the basic needs cards for distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 25+lbs. of non-perishable and fresh produce food items at each pantry experience.</li> <li>• Provide quick turnaround of food and/or transportation cards based on faculty/staff referral. Basic Needs Coordinator determines need and resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Pantry announcements are made via the student portal, social media, and reminders to faculty and staff to inform their students.</li> <li>• Faculty and staff who know of real college students in need of food resources can refer them via email or phone or accessing an online referral form on the Basic Needs Resources webpage. They can also refer via BWT.</li> <li>• Marketing and Communication has focused several news features, including videos, on the food pantry to keep students informed.</li> </ul>
<b>Address real college students' longer term food insecurity through CalFresh benefits.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus in-reach activities to promote CalFresh benefits through electronic and in-person trainings.</li> <li>• Conduct CalFresh pre-screens and application assistance to as many students interested in CalFresh via</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-10 CalFresh Educational trainings/workshops to campus community.</li> <li>• 80% of participants will complete the full CalFresh application process with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote CalFresh benefits and application access at Food Pantry, CalFresh information workshops, Faculty Flex presentations, and interactive process with Basic Needs Coordinator.</li> </ul>

	<p>phone call with BNR staff or online pre-screen form submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase access to CalFresh by expanding eligibility criteria to include real college students involved in special programs.</li> </ul>	<p>assistance with Basic Needs team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To date, EOPS, REACH, ASPIRE, and SSEED are approved programs. Goal is to add two more programs in 2020-21.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty and staff refer students with food insecurity to Basic Needs team, who can assist students with their CalFresh application.</li> <li>• Basic Needs Resources webpage houses CalFresh information and access to schedule remote contact with Basic Needs team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improve successful linkage to on and off-campus resources to students with housing insecurity.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a bio-psych-social assessment of student's current housing situation by Basic Needs Coordinator and Campus Peer Navigator.</li> <li>• Implement LAHSA based Problem-Solving Intervention solutions.</li> <li>• Conduct the "Next step tool" for students under the age of 24.</li> <li>• Connect student with a Mt. SAC counselor to ensure educational goal is attainable and adjusted taking into account student's basic needs circumstances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve an average of 10-15 students per month</li> <li>• Check in once a week with students referred to Campus Peer Navigator.</li> <li>• Follow-up with students after completion of "Next step tool" and assist with referral process as necessary.</li> <li>• Students connected with academic counselors to have an updated education plan and maintain progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with housing needs information is located on BNR webpage for students in need or faculty/staff seeking housing resources for students.</li> <li>• One-on-one remote meetings can be scheduled from the BNR webpage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provide assistance to real college students through an interactive process through case management, led by Basic Needs Coordinator.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Needs Coordinator has one-on-one appointments scheduled during the week to meet with students remotely for an interactive process.</li> <li>• Collaborate with on-and off-campus partners, including housing agencies, mental health resources, financial aid office, and BWT for possible resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on assessment of student needs, appropriate resources, including basic needs card distribution, emergency grant funds, housing referrals, BWT referral, and/or possible mental health referral may be made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case management assistance is provided primarily through referrals by faculty and staff. Informing the campus community about BNR as the hub for related resources is done through campus presentations by BNR staff.</li> <li>• Information about case management resources will be made available on the BNR webpage.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Connect students to mental health resources.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(PROPOSAL – NO AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME)</b> Collaboration with SHS mental health component to create specific support group for real college students with mental health professional.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between 5-10 eligible students would receive up to four mental health counseling sessions each term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students would be informed of this service on a case by case basis upon the recommendation of the Basic Needs Coordinator. Information will not be advertised widely.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Create partnerships with key on-and off-campus resources.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mt. SAC key partners:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Basic Needs Committee</li> <li>○ Student Life Office (space usage)</li> <li>○ Student Equity (basic needs card funding)</li> <li>○ Financial Aid</li> <li>○ Grant's Office (administer CalFresh Outreach Grant)</li> <li>○ Foundation (fundraising for basic needs fund)</li> <li>○ Equity Center programs</li> <li>○ EOPS, CalWORKs, SSEED</li> <li>○ Event Services/Police &amp; Campus Safety/Facilities</li> <li>○ Sodexo</li> <li>○ The many volunteers from the campus community</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Off-Campus partners:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sowing Seeds for Life (food pantry)</li> <li>○ Chico State University (CalFresh Outreach grant contractor)</li> <li>○ Tzu Chi Foundation (discussion phase of partnering to provide financial assistance for real college students participating in case management with Basic Needs Coordinator)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes measures will be developed for some of our partnerships (i.e. fundraising goal and outcome through Foundation, MOU with Tzu Chi Foundation for direct aid to students)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will develop a communication plan to strengthen key partnerships with these key groups and others.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)</li> <li>○ Higher Ed and Homelessness Workgroup (HEHW)</li> <li>○ Leah's Pantry (technical support for food pantry)</li> </ul>		
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunger Free Campus allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$103,000 (carryover from 19-20; allocation has ended)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CalFresh Outreach Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$64,000 (federal share from grant used to fund BNR hourlies and ambassador; Year 3 of 3 year grant)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• General Fund (Basic Needs Coordinator salary/benefits)</li> <li>• Basic Needs Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$58,000+ (Foundation's fundraising efforts)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• COVID-19 State Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$288,000+ (food pantry in collaboration with Sodexo)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunger Free Campus will be spent by June 2021 with no additional funding expected.</li> <li>• CalFresh Outreach Grant will end on 9/30/21. Renewal application was submitted for 3 year grant starting 2022.</li> <li>• COVID-19 State Fund will be spent by June 2021.</li> <li>• Former VPAS, Mike Gregoryk has generously been donating food to the pantry on a regular basis since the start of the pandemic.</li> <li>• <b>Increased and sustained funding is necessary to maintain and/or expand basic needs resources and services as this is a key Student Equity issue among college students.</b></li> </ul>	

### Basic Needs Funding/Budget Overview

Basic Needs Areas	Funding Source	Amount	Funding Cycle	Proposed Funding Source starting 7/1/21	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunger Free</li> <li>COVID (state)</li> <li>SEAP (food cards)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$103,000</li> <li>\$288,000</li> <li>\$35,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/30/21</li> <li>6/30/21</li> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAP</li> <li>Sowing Seeds</li> <li>SEAP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150,000</li> <li>Donations</li> <li>\$35,000</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jovenes model \$350,000 for 15+ students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Aid (can be used for cash for temporary housing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JBAY</li> <li>Basic Needs Fund (Foundation)</li> <li>Tzu Chi Foundation*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20,000</li> <li>\$58,000</li> <li>\$10,000+</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/30/22</li> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Short-term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JBAY</li> <li>Foundation</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Lottery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20,000</li> <li>\$50,000</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>\$250,000 available</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Needs Coordinator</li> <li>Temporary (hourly/student)</li> <li>Basic Needs Manager</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unrestricted General</li> <li>CalFresh Outreach</li> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100,000</li> <li>\$64,000</li> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>9/30/21</li> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unrestricted General</li> <li>CalFresh Outreach (if renewed)</li> <li>Unrestricted General <b>or</b> SEAP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100,000</li> <li>\$80,000 (requested)</li> <li>Requesting \$130,000</li> </ul>