



Cowley County Economic Development Partnership

## Mobile Grocery Store for Rural Communities

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## **Honor Capital**



- Mission and Vision
  - Provide high-quality, affordable groceries and fresh produce to rural communities in Cowley County
  - Connection with mission Food Deserts
  - Creation of Anchor Mobile Food Market Food insecurity



## Mobile Food Market Model



- Creating a model for Rural Communities
  - They reached out to us for assistance
  - Unlike we've seen
  - Customers have to be willing to change their grocery shopping habits to become a dependable base
- Hub & Spoke Model



#### Mobile Food Market- Timeline



February – Sunflower Grant awarded to assist with pilot project research and implementation
March – Hire Coordinators and complete community survey
April – Review survey data to establish schedule for community stops
May – Test runs to communities



### **Targeted Communities**



- Which were identified
- Community data
  - Atlanta- 195
    - 33% poverty
    - 26 miles
  - Burden- 535
    - 56% LMI
    - 18 miles
  - Cambridge- 82
    - 50% LMI
    - 23 miles
  - Dexter- 278
    - 45% LMI
    - 20 miles
  - Udall- 746
    - 48% LMI
    - 17 miles





#### First steps



- Hired Community Coordinators
  - Help with community outreach and surveying
- Survey
  - Process paper, social media, meetings, mailing, time
  - Data told us...
  - Heard Perceptions / Misconceptions Examples:
    - Food truck not a restaurant
    - Government funded Not
    - Higher costs
    - Not a door service like Schwan's
    - "Come to us!"



#### Engagement



- Community buy-in and support
  - Must get buy-in and support went to council meetings
  - Do they have permitting? Sales tax?
  - Access to electricity
  - Place to park the truck
  - Where will people wait



## Timeline – Outcome



- Today Planning for runs to start in July
- Takes longer then we anticipated
  - What has happened
  - Coordinators
  - The good and the bad





- Trailer Behind the process
  - Design method
  - Costs
  - Funding partners
  - Who built it and the wrap?
  - Unforeseen challenges?





- Inventory
  - What will be on the truck
  - How will the sales differ from brick & mortar
  - Pre-orders plan to address
  - Payment methods



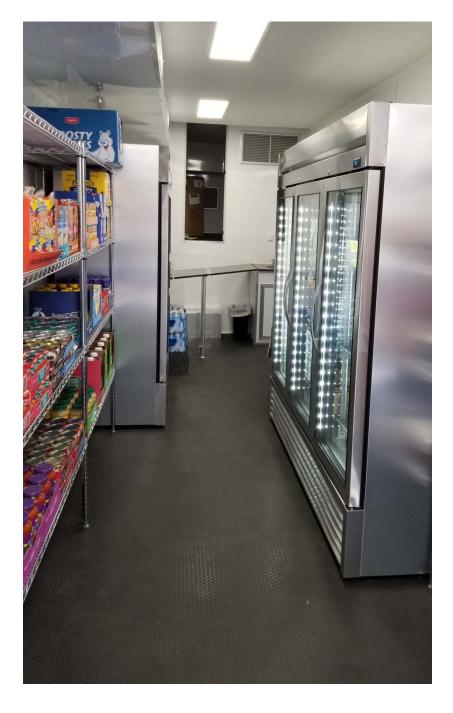


- Options to come
  - Potential for institutional purchasing
  - Sustainability requirements

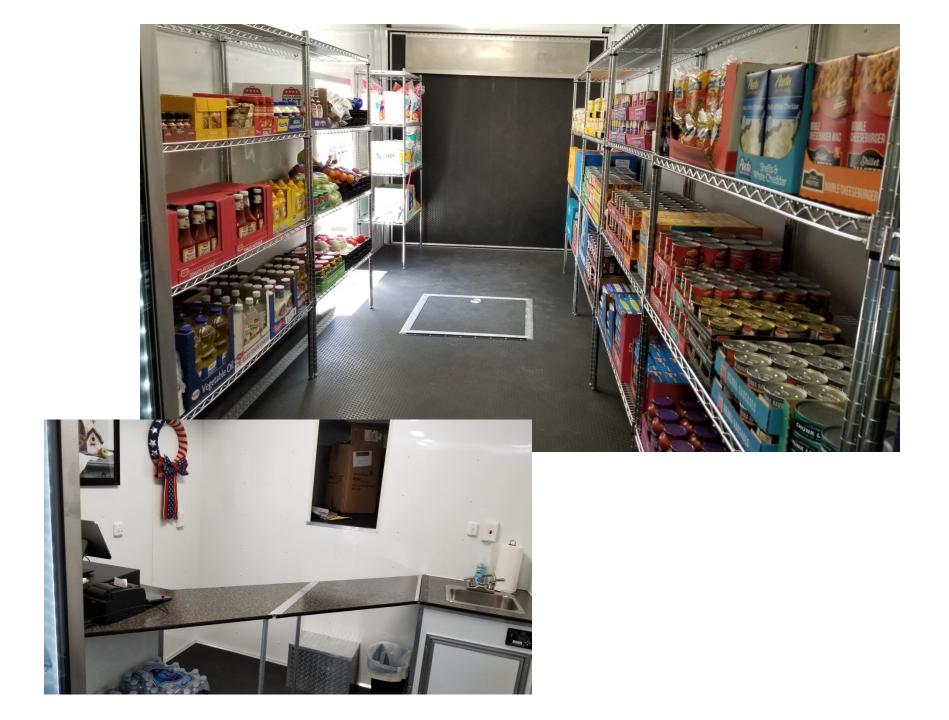














Lessons learned and recommendations

• Any Questions?

