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Dear Mayor JW Musgrove and the City Council Members:

Five Loaves Pantry is a local non-profit charity devoted to making a difference right here in the community of Delta Junction by providing grocery gift cards to residents facing food insecurity.

Established in April 2020, during the early days of the pandemic, we proudly served 89 local households in our first calendar year. Late in 2020, we worked hard to secure two grants that allowed us to assist households that were directly impacted by the pandemic by offering assistance in the form of grocery gift cards as well as food box vouchers that assisted another 126 households and consisted of Alaska-grown meat, vegetables, and barley products. Both of the grants received were expended in December 2020 and August 2020 respectively, including the \$10,000 grant we received from City of Delta Junction. Up to the receipt of those grants in late-2020, our organization relied solely on privately donated funds.

To date, in 2021, we have served 63 households. We currently average \$2790 in monthly distributions and 15 requests per month. Our guidelines permit an applicant to request assistance up to 6 times per year and distributions range from \$100 per month for a household of one up to \$250 per month for a household of four or more. We were able to secure one grant early on in 2021 that gave us the ability to continue our mission however those funds are nearing the end.

We are not affiliated with the monthly food box program that distributes USDA boxed foods on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. That is an income-based government-funded program.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to answering any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Laci Jacques, President