

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-NINTH SENATE  
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**BILL #49XX  
Funding for Increased Food Access**

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SPONSORED BY: Natalie Hodgeman, Senator WCNR; Greg Neubauer, Associate Senator Undeclared Council; Ryan Kropp, Senator ALVS; Diego Tovar, Senator WCNR

WRITTEN BY: Marlis Hazleton, Internal Affairs Chair

COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Kyle Hill, Senator CVMBS; Christian Dykson, University Affairs Chair; Brooke Giffin, External Affairs Chair; Ally Murphy Pauletto, Senator CLA; Ariadne Athey, Associate Senator SDC; University Affairs Committee,

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**ABSTRACT:** This bill requests \$18,000 to be used to replenish the Pocket Pantry Program on campus on a weekly basis and fund developing Rams against Hunger initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**WHEREAS**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**

Colorado State University moved to online classes for the rest of the semester on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and shut down all nonessential business; and,

**WHEREAS**

Governor of Colorado, Jared Polis, released a stay at home mandate March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**

Because of the above actions, many students have lost their jobs and food insecurity has increased exponentially; and,

WHEREAS

At the last mobile food pantry on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, twelve hundred people attended; and,

WHEREAS

The mobile food pantry did not have enough food to fit the needs of those who came and ran out of food hours before it closed; and,

WHEREAS

Pocket Pantries on campus are designed to provide convenient and nutritious food across campus; and,

WHEREAS

Two Pocket Pantry locations are currently in operation across campus: one outside the ASCSU and another in Aggie Village; and,

WHEREAS

These Pocket Pantry's follow a biweekly purchase protocol which has not been enough to sustain them during this time of crisis; and,

WHEREAS

Providing free, accessible food to individuals experiencing food insecurity during this pandemic follows our principles of community as well as our motto that "Rams take care of Rams"; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the Forty-Ninth ASCSU Senate allocates \$15,000 from the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund to be encumbered until October, 2020 to spend on restocking the two current Pocket Pantries weekly as well as develop and stock a third pocket pantry; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the remaining \$3,000 dollars be delegated towards exploring new Rams against Hunger initiatives; and,

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Rams Against Hunger will send a representative to present the initiatives funded by the delegated \$3,000 to the senate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the encumbered funds are to be distributed to the CSU Research Foundation who purchases food from the Food bank; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the funds be distributed during the time period April-September; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED


That any remaining money in this fund will continue to be used for Rams Against Hunger efforts; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to: Joyce McConnell, CSU President; Ben Amundson, ASCSU President; Mike Ellis, LSC Executive Director; Pamela Norris, Slice Director; Mike Buttram, Program Coordinator;

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