

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FIFTIETH SENATE**  
**15<sup>th</sup> SESSION**  
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**BILL #5014**  
**Supporting Rams Against Hunger's Proposal for a Permanent Home**

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**WRITTEN BY:** Gemma Buhaenko, Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee, Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences; Benton Roesler, Chair, University Affairs Committee, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Erin Freeman, ASCSU Food Insecurity Specialist;

**COLLABORATED WITH:** Michael Buttram, Rams Against Hunger Coordinator, Office of Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement;

**ENDORSED BY:** Budgetary Affairs Committee, Jacob Leavitt, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Ava McCall, Chair, Women's Caucus, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Shaylee Richardson, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Ryan Kropp, Recruitment and Retention Chair, Senator, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Muemang Ling, Senator, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Sam Whitaker, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Chelsea Alton, Associate Senator, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Ariadne Athey, Senator, Student Disability Center; Miles Robinson, Senator, Student Disability Center; Maya Fairchild, Senator, College of Business; Alexander Ozturk, Associate Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Evan Welch, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Tristan Reyez, Pro Tempore, University Affairs Committee;

**ABSTRACT:** This bill seeks to allocate \$61,200.00 from the ASCSU Senate General Discretionary Fund to Rams Against Hunger to help cement an on-campus, permanent food pantry in the first floor, southwest quadrant of the General Service Building.

**WHEREAS**

The USDA defines food security as "access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life" (USDA, 2021), where food insecurity is defined as the "lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods" (Feeding America, 2021); and,

**WHEREAS**

“Rams Against Hunger offers a menu of services that support students, faculty and staff experiencing food insecurity. Services include a food pantry, a meal-swipe program, pocket pantries, and in-person assistance with navigating federal aid eligibility” (Rams Against Hunger, 2021); and,

**WHEREAS**

The 2019 American College Health Association’s National National College Health Assessment, a multi-institutional survey in which CSU participated, found that food insecurity is significantly higher for marginalized populations. Of the 43,140 participants 63% of LatinX students, 60% of Black/African American students, 53% of American Indian/Native Alaskan student, 49% of LGTBQ students, and 57% of First-generation student self-reported as low or very low food secure, and;

**WHEREAS**

Based on the statistics that food insecurity impacts 1 in 10 Coloradans and 1 in 10 Larimer County residents, approximately 3,275 of our fellow Colorado State University students struggle with food insecurity and approximately 32,280 people in Larimer County are food insecure (Feeding America, 2021; Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, 2021); and,

**WHEREAS**

Due to University restrictions on in-person and on-campus programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rams Against Hunger (RAH) food pantry is currently operating out of the Lory Student Center (LSC) Theater; and,

**WHEREAS**

The Pandemic Preparedness Team and University Administrators are actively pursuing a return to pre-COVID-19 functioning, the LSC Theater will not be available to RAH as of the Fall 2021 semester; and,

**WHEREAS,**

It is imperative to mental, physical, and academic well-being of all Colorado State University (CSU) Rams (students, faculty, and staff alike.) that RAH continues to serve our community; and,

**WHEREAS**

RAH food pantry currently has no confirmed physical home on CSU’s campus for the Fall semester of 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**

A proposal was submitted by Michael Buttram, the Rams Against Hunger Coordinator, to the University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB) requesting \$402,316.94 to renovate the first floor, southwest quadrant of the General Service Building into a permanent home for RAH; and,

WHEREAS

In said UFFAB proposal, RAH committed matching up to \$49,108.82 of received funding from UFFAB contingent of the approval of the proposal, meaning the total amount requested of UFFAB will be \$353,208.12; and,

WHEREAS

UFFAB has 17 proposals this year equally \$4.6 million; and,

WHEREAS

The 2020-2021 UFFAB budget allocates only \$1.6 million to project proposals, the lower the cost of RAH's project proposal, the better chance it stands to receive UFFAB funding; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

The Fiftieth ASCSU Senate allocate \$29,350.00 from the ASCSU Senate's General Discretionary Fund to fund the CSU Facilities XDRY line item outlined in the Rams Against Hunger UFFAB proposal (2021); and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

The \$29,350.00 CSU Facilities XDRY allocation be contingent on the approval on Rams Against Hunger's UFFAB proposal (2021) to renovate the General Services Building; and

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

The Fiftieth ASCSU Senate allocate an additional \$31,850.00 from the ASCSU Senate's General Discretionary Fund to fund the CSU Facilities Electrical XELEC line item outlined in the Rams Against Hunger UFFAB proposal (2021); and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

The \$31,850.00 CSU Facilities Electrical XELEC allocation be contingent on the approval on Rams Against Hunger's UFFAB proposal (2021) to renovate the General Services Building; and

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Fiftieth ASCSU Senate acknowledges that construction is not a static process, thus any funds remaining after the completion of the General Services Building renovation will continue to be used for Rams Against Hunger efforts at their discretion; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Michael Buttram will provide reports to the Fiftieth and Fifty-First ASCSU Senate regarding the progress of the renovation, not exceeding one month between reports, while the Fiftieth and Fifty-First ASCSU Senates are in session and the project is in process; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That copies of the legislation be sent on to:

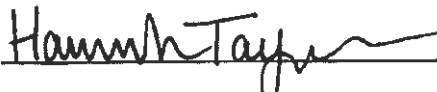
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