STRATEGIC PLAN

For the Period of 2013 - 2016

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The Board of Directors and Staff of GNC developed this strategic plan with a three-year roadmap for supports, services and organization development. The Board of Directors and staff will review progress by-annually and will review and update the plan annually as needed. This plan was developed with broad involvement and guidance from the Board of Directors and staff. The Strategic Planning Committee included four board members and seven staff on the management team. This Committee met twice to reflect on the mission, vision, core operating values and assumptions underlying the organization's approach to its work. These meetings set the stage for a work session of the full board during which the organization's strategic direction was defined. The staff helped coordinate the planning process and provided important support and analysis to complete this plan. The Committee conducted an environmental scan including an internal organization assessment and interviews with several community stakeholders and a review of demographic and market data. The environmental scan and organizational assessment helped GNC assess both the challenges and opportunities it is likely to face over the next three years and set the context for the choices reflected in this strategic plan.

Board Authorization of Strategic Plan

Heather Weldon, President:

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Terri Mazingo, Director:

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Organizational Description

Great Northern Corporation was founded in 1978 with one employee and one small grant to provide housing rehabilitation services to clients in Burney, CA.

Our staff has over a combined 163 years of experience managing GNC programs and each are recognized professionals in their fields on local, state and national levels. They have personal, direct experience with the local circumstances and needs of targeted income groups throughout the county. Working together, GNC continues to provide services to the cities of Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta, Weed, Dorris, Fort Jones, Etna, Yreka, Tulelake, Montague and the County of Siskiyou for their Economic Development, Housing and Rehabilitation and Community Infrastructure Programs. Individuals are helped through county-wide programs for food, energy and weatherization assistance along with HIV/AID prevention assistance.

Over the past 35 years GNC has had a positive impact in Siskiyou County with the following grant/contract funds:

- 17 Years of Economic Development 114 Business Loans in the amount of 9.5M dollars from resources from the California Housing and Community Development in EDBG and OTC Loans. This has resulted in over 400 jobs at a cost of \$21,600 per loan.
- 35 Years of Housing Rehabilitation over 300 homes and over 25M dollars to cities and the county resourced from the California Housing and Community Development (CDBG) in STBG and RLA Loans.
- 25 Years of Community Infrastructure all 10 Siskiyou County jurisdictions have applied for and received funding from California Housing and Community Development for over 18M dollars.
- 22 Years of Food Commodities and Emergency Food Distribution Delivery every other month to 18 sites helping over 556,000 people with their basic food needs. 11 Emergency Food Pantry Sites assisted at a total of 178,600 people. Two Soup kitchens served 371,520 meals assisting 143,000 people.
- 25 Years of Section 8 Rental and Landlord Assistance Serving 5,500 Families and landlords for a total dollar amount of \$7.6M circulating into the County.
- 27 years of Energy and Weatherization Assistance over 62,500 households have secured energy assistance for a total of over \$25M dollars and over 9,000 homes have received weatherization improvements for a total of \$31.5M dollars.
- 20 Years of HIV/AID Assistance 630 clients have received assistance for a total of \$1M

Mission

Great Northern Corporation brings the knowledge and experience of community development to your door. We meet the challenges of city and county jurisdictions as well as those of individuals through applications and management of various funding sources so that our residents, communities and businesses can benefit. *Solutions to improve lives and enrich communities*

Great Northern Corporation is a non-profit, community based agency serving all of Siskiyou County whose mission is to improve the quality of life for rural communities and individuals through partnerships, technical assistance and access to resources.

Vision

GNC is committed to helping communities navigate growth and change while enhancing the cultural, social, environmental and economic qualities that are the essence of what makes a place a valued home to its citizens. GNC promotes inclusive, proactive decision-making and planning by offering guidance,

tools, research, capital and other support to citizen's and community leaders. GNC believes that if communities explore and identify their special economic, natural, physical and human attributes – their heart and soul elements – then these clearly articulated elements will guide and sustain them through the difficult processes of decision-making, implementation and monitoring, and will improve their chances of building successful and sustainable futures.

Values

As Community Development Professionals we value:

- Internal and external collaborations and partnerships
- Uniqueness of individuals and communities
- Education as a means to help people identify assets, capacities, needs, resources and solutions
- Civic involvement, participation and partnership to improve the quality of community life
- Information and knowledge as a basis for decisions

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS AND PRIORITIES

FUND DEVELOPMENT - Increase agency efforts to increase unrestricted funding

The focus area of GNC's need to increase the amount of unrestricted funding and look at ways to build a reserve for the future so there is not a reliance on state and federal funding during hard economic times.

OUTREACH - Increase agency efforts to manage, sustain, and expand existing programs. Increase GNC's collaborative partnership with community stakeholders; develop new programs that meet the needs of citizens. Increase public awareness, maintain positive public relations,

The focus area of GNC is on agency sustainability and/or expansion due to identified community needs. As financial conditions continually change and affect us, we have to be positioned to respond accordingly and in the most efficient and business-minded fashion. We have to have a system where we can evaluate program needs and outcomes with current resources to determine feasibility of maintaining or sustaining agency programs. We need to employ measurable outcomes across programs to ensure accountability and demonstrate achievement of goals and objectives to existing and potential funders. In addition, we have to continually improve and expand upon the partnerships we build to ensure our success in delivering quality programs and services that are in line with our vision and mission.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Establish an Organizational Development process that improves agency-wide communication, planning, and decision making, and that brings about greater efficiencies, accountability and organizational excellence.

The focus area of GNC's Organizational Development is a critical focus to establish an agency wide process that looks at every area in the agency and how to improve/enhance current processes/systems or develop new ones to continually improve upon communications, planning, decision-making, etc., with a focus on achieving excellence in those focus areas.

Focus GNC's efforts to provide seamless financial and technical administrative systems and processes that support and facilitate agency-wide management, reporting, and decision making. Increase GNC's efforts to recruit, develop, and retain a high performing, diverse, and committed work force that provides quality services and programs.

Appendix C Strategic Analysis Data -- Internal Analysis

Strengths of the organization:

- Staff knowledge/experience/passion
- Own facility/location
- Marketing
- Programs serving clients
- Strong relations with some jurisdictions and some communities Willingness to
 collaborate internal/external Maintain professional attitudes Organizational tolerance
 Willingness to change internal among ourselves and externally with government
 changes communication/internal

Weaknesses of the organization:

- Lack of clear organizational direction weak board Communication/internal
- Cash Flow
- Overall accounting and reporting Accounting lack of program pieces Unclear billing -Administration funding
- Facility needs upgrading/ technology/ Food Program storage
- Lack of identity in community
- Timely delivery of services & amount of services
- Poor relationships with certain jurisdictions

Opportunities of the organization:

- Private & Foundation Funding Partnerships unrestrictive funding
- Developing relations with government agencies

- Unmet needs in the county; i.e. homeless Working with our clients to educate us and provide solutions.
- Forward thinking Market Rate Services

Threats of the organization:

- · Government funding, regulations, legislation/funding changes
- Key staff unsatisfied in their working conditions poached by other agencies
- Other agencies capacity to over our programs
- Increase apathy in society over entitlement attitude
- Dependence on jurisdictions

Appendix C - Strategic Analysis Data -- Listing of Strategic Issues

1. Community Development and Service Programs

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1	Funding sources
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ii. Leveraging funding diversity funding & population served

Foundations

i. Gap financing

ii. rental assistance

iii. Not income restricted

CDBG/HOME

Code violations

ii. Abatement

iii. Drainage

iv. Sewer/water

PSA2 AAA

i. Fall prevention

ii. Accessibility

2. Food Program

Challenges

i. Food acquisition

ii. Expansion of distribution sites

iii. Education/skill building

iii. Renovate America

iv. Jurisdictions & GNC compliance requirements

iv. Heat

v. Minor repairs

v. Low/mod

vi. CHDO activities

vii. Purchase/Refinance

iii. Seniors special needs

iv. Coordination of Security

Network

Direction

- i. Short time for decisions to be made
- ii. Nimble network

- iii. Who are our recipients for service
- iv. Streamlining paperwork

3. Economic Development

Challenges

- i. **Funding Sources**
- ii. Federal Guidelines, timing and requirements difficult to get through
- iii. Length of time for approvals -**CDBG**

- iv. Dependency on Jurisdictions -**CDBG**
- De-federalize v.
- vi. Projects relating to economic health

4. Weatherization & Energy

- Challenges
 - i. Federal Funding Shrinking
 - ii. Increasing regulations

iii. Increasing administration

- **Funding Sources**
 - i. Private & volunteer
 - Corporate funding
- - ii.
- Ideas
 - i. Market Rate
 - ii.
 - iii. Private & volunteer funding
 - iv. Surplus inventory
 - National Accreditation ٧.
 - Become a Training Center
 - vii. Juvenile delinquents

- regulations
- iii. Surplus Inventory
- Additional training

- vi.
- viii. Training trainers
- Solar for low-income ix.

- WX & Health х.
- **Installing EPA Stoves** xi.
- xii. Replacing to energy efficient heaters
- xiii. Handy-man services for venerable individuals
- xiv. More funding to enhance what we do
- Solution or Band-Aid XV.

5. Marketing

- Challenges
 - i. What to market and to who and how
 - ii. What's working
- Ideas

- i. Radio works
- ii. Explore ways for people to use social media

- iii. Continue to network in community
- iv. Fund development internally

6. Accounting

- Ideas
 - i. Investing strategiesii. Building portfolioiii. Dollar store/retailiv. Re-Store

- v. Leasing Freezer Space
- vi. Investing in Larger fundraisers
- vii. Fund Development

Goals and Strategies

GOAL - 1

Seek and secure private funding for GNC's Program - Team Crystal, Audra & Bonnie

Strategy A

Grant Funding for GNC Programs

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Develop a funding deadline calendar	Crystal	2013	A. White Board B. Purchase tracking and reporting software	Crystal
Step 2: Meet w/Program Mgrs. For what? When? How much? Resources leads?	Crystal & Audra	Ongoing	A. Grandstation,	Crystal & Audra working closely with Program Manager who will take over as responsible lead once grant is written

Strategy B

Fundraising Development

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Develop an annual plan w/ help of a consultant		Ongoing	A. List – stakeholders, funders B. Larger list of contacts, snail mail and email	Crystal & Audra

Strategy CRe-Store Sale of inventory

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Spring of 2014 – gather inventory and stage a sale in the parking lot of GNC on a Sat or Fri & Sat. depending on inventory	Renee, Ron and Crew	One or two day sale. Yet to be determined	GNC old windows, donations from vendors, Weed, Mercer, Blacks, M&T, SVM etc. Store in WX Box Truck not in use	Team to meet with Audra for a marketing plan. Start 6 weeks out.
Step 1-A: Start an online sales opportunity on our website	Audra (Web) Rod inventory	As soon as photos are taken	GNC's website – (like craigslist)	As soon as photos are taken and uploaded to website

GOAL - 2 <u>Identify and strengthen GNC's positive image in the community – Team Audra, and Bonnie</u>

Strategy AGather Stories from clients

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Meet with energy & WX staff	Audra	Ongoing	A. Photos A. Photo release form	Staff to give Audra any leads and testimonials
Step 2: Look at each story from different perspectives	Audra	Ongoing	Use in Annual Report, Website, Social Media, Print and video media, Radio.	Set-up an annual media plan, using all resources available
Step 3: Meet with stakeholders And service organizations	Bonnie & Audra	Ongoing	Telling our story not only who we serve but how the economic development we provide to the business community. Letters to the editor	Stakeholder event (luncheon) Program for service organization Meet individually with policy makers
Step 4: Combining stories from a full grant and/or from the clients view point to the vendors view point		Ongoing	Larger impact on print and social media, photos, photo release, video	Meet with program managers from grants and get contacts to vendors to interview
Step 5: WX GNC signage	Audra	immediate	Purchase signs for the crew to put into the front yard of clients home saying the house is being weatherized by GNC	They should be vinyl, thin, with metal stakes for ease of display

Strategy BImprove first contact with GNC offices

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Look at the phone system to see if it could be streamlined	Audra and Angie	immediate	Is there a way to make the choices more user friendly with the equipment we have	Angie and Audra look at script and "dumb down" some language
Step 2: Evaluate to cost of a receptionist	Audra	2013	Workforce Connection or Step	Brandy's budget to see what is available for funding

Strategy C

GNC's role in the community

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Networking and sharing w/partners w/overlapping services	Audra	ongoing	Attending meetings, planning lunches and networking to get on email lists and planning sessions.	Audra is the lead and will seek additional staff depending on what type of networking is happening.
Step 2 Annual Asset Mapping Facilitation	Audra and Bonnie	First of the Year – in 2014 will be our 3rd	This is an annual attempt to put large resources together in one room to discuss ongoing programs and where there are gaps.	Audra and Bonnie
Step 3 Being invited to the table	Audra and Bonnie	ongoing	Consistent networking and partnering (skin in the game)	Audra and Bonnie – showing leadership and assisting when needed
Step 4 Publicize out transparency	Audra and Bonnie	ongoing	Website and annual report	Making sure we are open to stakeholder, potential stakeholders and clients
Step 5 Discovering who are the strong partners	Audra	ongoing	Networking across the county	Audra and Bonnie
Step 6 Survey on GNC's image in the community & follow up in 6 months	Audra and management team	End of October 2013	Survey Monkey	Audra

Strategy D

Effective communication within GNC

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Staff Newsletter	Audra	Monthly	Audra & Bonnie with staff stories	Audra organizes a timeline each month.

Step 2: Clear direction from ED	Bonnie	ongoing	More face time and less email	Ask for more clarification
Step 3: Who needs to know what	Bonnie and Staff	ongoing	Bi-monthly managers meeting	Bonnie to managers to staff
Step 4: Consistent mgrs. and staff meetings	Bonnie	ongoing	Bi-monthly mgrs. and quarterly staff meeting	Bonnie and managers

GOAL - 3

<u>Develop Investment Opportunities – Team Angie, Rod & Larry</u>

Strategy A

Secure a building – Re-Store

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Buy building with rental income – Biz Plan	Rod & Angie	2016	B. Grants to purchase property	Rod & Angie write grants
Step 2: 2-Day Re-Store Sale of inventory	Rod, Angie & Larry	2014	A. GNC Parking Lot	Marketing with Audra Inventory pickup and store

Strategy B

Develop a deconstruction team

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Develop a plan and scope of work	Rod, Larry & Angie	2014	A. Veterans, Vista, AmariCore, Senior Core, Community Services hours	Rod, Larry & Angie
Step 2: Grant funds to develop model	Rod, Angie & Larry	2014	B. Private/Foundation Funding	Rod, Angie & Larry write grant

GOAL – 4 Increase food acquisition including fresh food – Team: Renee, Crystal and Audra

Strategy A

Work with local producers

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan	
Step 1: Short Term Facilitate distribution	Renee	2014	A. local producers	A. Renee with FRC's ongoing through the growing season	
Step 2: SHF Grant	Audra & Renee	Nov. 2014	A. Building a model pilot project to use county wide	Renee with FRC's with existing food distribution	

Strategy BConnect food to people who need it

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan
Step 1: Design a model for connecting volunteers to FRC's to Food	Renee	2014	A. Siskiyou Food Assistance A. Yreka Ministerial Assoc.	Renee to meet with other organization who have a volunteer base
Step 2: Walmart Grant to leverage SHF Grant	Crystal & Renee	August 2013	A. Leverage the SHF pilot project to care county wide	Crystal to write the grant – Renee to administer the grant
Step 3: Develop a GNC Food Volunteer base "Food Angles"	Renee & Audra	On-going	A. Siskiyou Golden Fair and any other event opportunity to solicit volunteers A. Meet with the Senior Group in Weed and any other city A. Contact active church organizations who have a volunteer base	Renee and Audra design a calendar of events for the rest of 2013 where GNC can make presentations

GOAL - 5
<u>Create affordable housing in Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen Counties – Team Crystal, Rod, Larry and Angie</u>

Strategy A

Developer Training

Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Resources	Communication Plan	
Step 1: Training 5 days in S.F. Rod A. Become Certified B. \$2,000			Rod to check with consultant Karl for benefit of the training and if the certification would be of value to future grants		
Step 2: Pine Street Project	Rod	2016	A. Consultant Karl Ory – HAC B. Funds to purchase property	Rod is lead but team works to make this project viable	
Step 3: Pine Street Project	ep 3: ne Street Project Rod 2016		A. Market Study, Seniors, Needs, zoning requirements Environmental's B. Funding	Rod is lead but team works as directed	

Appendix F - Operating Budgets

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	Code	2013	2014	2015
REVENUES				
Grant & contract revenue	4000	1,580,000.00	1,738,000.00	1,911,800.00
Miscellaneous revenue	4100	7,500.00	8,250.00	9,075.00
Facility & equipment use revenue	4200	12,000.00	13,200.00	14,520.00
Rent income	4250	31,800.00	34,980.00	38,478.00
Loan interest revenue	4300	1,500.00	1,650.00	1,815.00
Contributions revenue	4400	30,000.00	33,000.00	36,300.00
Loan packaging/fees revenue	4550	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total REVENUES		1,662,800.00	1,829,080.00	2,014,003.10
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries, wages & fringe expenses:				
Salaries & wage expense	5000	675,500.00	743,050.00	817,355.00
Payroll tax expense	5100	64,000.00	70,400.00	77,440.00
Vacation expense	5200	21,000.00	23,100.00	25,410.00

Health insurance expense	5300	57,000.00	62,700.00	68,970.00
Dental insurance expense	5310	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workers compensation expense	5320	36,000.00	39,600.00	43,560.00
Total Salaries, wages & fringe expenses:	5400	853,500.00	938,850.00	1,032,735.00
Other staff expenses:				.,,
Meeting expense	5900	200.00	220.00	242.00
Mileage expense	5910	8,100.00	8,910.00	9,801.00
Gasoline for GNC vehicles	5920	2,200.00	2,420.00	2,662.00
Conf. training, prof. development	5930	4,000.00	4,400.00	4,840.00
Total Other staff expenses:		14,500.00	15,950.00	17,545.00
Program services:			•	
Program advertising/outreach	6050	136.00	149.60	164.56
Client services	6100	300,000.00	330,000.00	363,000.00
Program computer/software expense	6150	50,000.00	55,000.00	60,500.00
Credit reports	6200	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program dump fees	6225	300.00	330.00	363.00
Food bank purchases	6250	5,495.55	6,045.11	6,649.62
Loan cost expense	6275	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials	6300	170,000.00	187,000.00	205,700.00
Program office supplies/equipment	6400	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,630.00
Program postage/shipping	6500	15,000.00	16,500.00	18,150.00
Program tools <\$5,000	6600	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,630.00
Program training/class fees/expenses	6700	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,630.00
Program travel expenses & mileage	6750	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,210.00
Total Program services:		550,931.55	606,024.71	666,627.18
Other operating expenses:				
Program permit fees	6450	75.00	82.50	90.75
Program tool/vehical/maint/fuel-W/E only	6650	6,886.25	7,574.88	8,332.36
Accounting fees	7100	1,500.00	1,650.00	1,815.00
Auditing expense	7110	18,000.00	19,800.00	21,780.00
Advertising/marketing	7125	11,000.00	12,100.00	13,310.00
Bad debt expense	71580	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank fees/service charges	7175	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,210.00
Contract services	7200	60,000.00	66,000.00	72,600.00
Depreciation expense	7225	20,000.00	22,000.00	24,200.00
Dues, Subscriptions/publications	7250	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,420.00
Equipment lease expense	7275	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,210.00
Facility & equipment use fees expense	7300	10,000.00	11,000.00	12,100.00
Computer supplies/service	7325	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,050.00
Insurance - auto	7350	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,050.00
Insurance - liability, D&O	7375	10,000.00	11,000.00	12,100.00
Insurance - property	7400	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,050.00
Interest & finance charges	7425	20,083.50	22,091.85	24,301.04

NET INCOME		7,616.17	8,377.79	11,230.67
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Total EXPENDITURES		1,655,183.83	1,820,702.21	2,002,772.43
Total INCOME		1,662,800.00	1,829,080.00	2,014,003.10
Total Other operating expenses:		236,252.28	259,877.51	285,865.26
Vehicle maintenance & fees	7725	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,210.00
Utilities	7700	15,000.00	16,500.00	18,150.00
Tools <\$5000	7690	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	7675	12,000.00	13,200.00	14,520.00
Repairs & maintenance	7650	6,094.43	6,703.87	7,374.26
Rent	7625	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing & copying	7600	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & shipping	7575	3,500.00	3,850.00	4,235.00
Penalties	7550	2,800.00	3,080.00	3,388.00
Other outside services	7525	313.10	344.41	378.85
Office supplies	7500	8,000.00	8,800.00	9,680.00
Office equipment	7495	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	7475	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses/permits/taxes/fees	7450	11,000.00	12,100.00	13,310.00

Appendix G - Monitoring and Evaluation of Plan

Responsibilities and Frequencies for Monitoring and Evaluation

Plan section, goals, etc.		Completion date	Responsibility	Written description of results	
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	Strategy B				
	Strategy C				
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	Strategy A				
	Strategy B				
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	Strategy A				

Monitoring and evaluation activities will consider the following questions:

- Are goals and objectives being achieved or not? If they are, then acknowledge, reward and communicate the progress. If not, then consider the following questions.
- Will the goals be achieved according to the timelines specified in the plan? If not, then why?
- Should the deadlines for completion be changed?
- Do personnel have adequate resources (money, equipment, facilities, training, etc.) to achieve the goals?
- Are the goals and objectives still realistic?
- Should priorities be changed to put more focus on achieving the goals?
- What can be learned from our monitoring and evaluation in order to improve future planning activities and also to improve future monitoring and evaluation efforts?