

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-060**

Ratification of Resolution No. 2025-060.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are not currently being funded due to the ongoing Federal government shutdown.
- B. There are approximately 143,000 recipients of food assistance in Multnomah County, including over 38,000 children and youth and 18,000 seniors, and thousands of people with disabilities and veterans.
- C. The loss of food assistance totals about \$29 million dollars monthly. Other existing food assistance resources will not be able to cover the magnitude of this need.
- D. The financial impact of losing this essential food benefit will force many households to make impossibly hard choices between paying for food, rent, utilities or other basic needs.
- E. The impact of the loss of SNAP funding impacts our community partners who provide the actual food resources, as well as other social service programs stepping into the gap.
- F. There are reports of increased federal presence in parts of Multnomah County, leading to increased fear and trauma among Multnomah County residents
- G. On October 28, 2025, at the direction of the Chair, Multnomah County moved to Partial Activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The initial steps of this response will ensure the coordination of operations between County offices and departments, promote alignment on internal and external communications, and further the role that Multnomah County can play to leverage, coordinate, and deploy critical resources.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

- 1. The Board requests that the County EOC provide ongoing situational monitoring, and coordinate community assistance efforts and provide resources to those affected. The Board requests continued regular situational assessment reports to Commission offices.
- 2. To support this policy, the Board directs the County to produce an initial report of recommended actions to the Board no later than November 6, 2025 and weekly updates thereafter that considers:
  - a. The impact from the loss of SNAP benefits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to those needing food assistance.
  - b. The impact of federal presence in Multnomah County that increases fear, trauma and disruption to families and their access to services.
  - c. Outline of actions to coordinate services being provided by state and local governments, school districts, and community organizations.
  - d. What resources (funding, logistical, etc) are needed to implement a response and the best use of any county resources or financial assistance.
- 3. To convene regional partners to better coordinate the food assistance ecosystem.

**ADOPTED this 31st day of October, 2025.  
Effective on the 6th day of November, 2025.**



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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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**SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Meghan Moyer, District 1 & Commissioner Julia  
Brim-Edwards, District 3.**