

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25147
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program offer requests funding for 1 FTE to continue providing coordination and outreach aimed at increasing food security among all populations served by Multnomah County, with specific focus on those eligible for federally funded nutrition programs, including WIC, SNAP, school meals and emergency food distribution. In addition, the position will provide policy development related to hunger, economic security and nutrition across all DCHS populations.

Program Summary

Hunger impacts the health, productivity and resilience of one in six Multnomah County residents. While we know that poverty is the root cause of hunger, we also know that the condition of hunger is interlaced with concurrent struggles such as housing status, transportation, and food access. Hunger has long-lasting health impacts on children and their ability to do well in school and life. It also undermines the independence and stability of seniors and the most vulnerable.

Federally funded nutrition programs are our first line of defense against hunger. These programs can provide consistent food resources to families and individuals and drive the economy across all business sectors. We can reduce hunger and improve the health, resilience and economic stability for our residents and the community by increasing the county's utilization of federally funded nutrition programs, in conjunction with other food programs and anti-poverty program and policy efforts.

Although, DCHS provides important services to address hunger and nutrition, they are inadequate in addressing the root causes of hunger and food security. Strategic coordination of policy, program and outreach efforts is necessary to generate the community-wide impact that will increase food access for those experiencing hunger and also increase funding to our schools, farmers markets, local grocery stores and their supply chains.

The FY16 Food Policy position made strides in this direction by identifying opportunities to leverage the impact of SNAP benefits, among other innovations. The proposed FY17 position will further this work and take on new projects. The position will be based in the Multnomah Idea Lab--the newly formed DCHS Center for Policy and Research. The goal will be to integrate with other policy specialists working on the issues of poverty, safety and the broader application of the social determinants of health for DCHS populations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Additional SNAP work activity locations to increase access to SNAP benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Outcome	Number of community members able to maintain SNAP benefits as a result of increased access	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,000
Outcome	SUN School sites provided with technical assistance to qualify for Universal Free and Reduced Lunch	N/A	N/A	N/A	10

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$103,744	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$103,744	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$103,744	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: