



**Program #25141 - YFS - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach** FY 2025 Department Requested

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is one of the best resources to help people and families with food security, including the Latinx, Somali, Immigrants & Refugees, and BIPOC communities. The SNAP outreach program provides information, referral, and application assistance to households seeking SNAP benefits. Participation in SNAP provides a better quality diet and nutrition for children and adults across their life compared to people with low incomes who do not participate.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** According to the Oregon Food Bank (2020), over 133,230 of Multnomah County residents are experiencing food insecurity. Children and communities of color experience hunger at even greater rates. Food insecurity and poverty are linked. In Multnomah County, the highest poverty rates are in East County and North/Northeast Portland areas where residents are predominantly Black, Indigenous, Native and other communities of color. While SNAP benefits can help, the application can be difficult to complete and benefits can be hard to access. The economic impact of the pandemic has increased economic hardships and the number of people needing help accessing food.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The SNAP Outreach program provides targeted outreach ensures that communities with the highest rates of poverty and geographic barriers have access to food. The focus is serving those with the highest levels of food insecurity and lowest participation rates: Black, Indigenous, Latinx and People of Color, immigrant and refugees and college-age students primarily in North/Northeast Portland and East Multnomah County, so that poverty does not mean going hungry.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** SNAP outreach activities help increase awareness about the SNAP program and offer assistance with the application. Staff work with other County departments and community organizations in many settings. This includes schools, colleges, local workforce offices, community events and fairs and farmers markets. They also help people complete the application and guide them through the process. Because the application can be complex, it can be a barrier. The SNAP staff help answer questions and address any barriers. A unique and key aspect of their work is the relationships and trust they build with those they serve. This helps people complete the application as well as maintain the benefits when it's time to renew them. In addition, they stay connected with people and they feel comfortable reaching out when they need help. This increases access to SNAP benefits for first time applicants and those who need to renew benefits.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of consumers engaged through Outreach activities.	4,735	5,000	5,000	5,000
Outcome	Number of SNAP applications completed.	428	250	250	250

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

SNAP numbers are elevated because of an increase in in-house referrals originating from staff providing rent assistance, and partner organizations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
Personnel	\$128,281	\$128,281	\$130,182	\$130,182
Materials & Supplies	\$470	\$0	\$540	\$0
Internal Services	\$40,345	\$21,144	\$31,618	\$32,861
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$169,096</b>	<b>\$149,425</b>	<b>\$162,340</b>	<b>\$163,043</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$318,521</b>		<b>\$325,383</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$149,425	\$0	\$163,043
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$149,425</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$163,043</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$19,163 in indirect revenues.  
 \$163,043 - Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (State)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25141 YFS - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach