

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

According to the Oregon Hunger Task Force, in 2023, 11.5% of people in Multnomah County were experiencing food insecurity. Children and communities of color experience hunger at even greater rates. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is one of the best resources to help people and families with food security, especially underserved communities. However, the application can be difficult to complete and benefits can be hard to access. In addition, with recent federal changes, about 29,000 households will see reduced benefits because utility assistance no longer boosts SNAP amounts for most families. Additionally, certain lawfully present immigrants will lose eligibility. These shifts mean many impacted residents of Multnomah County will face increased challenges to accessing enough food. SNAP outreach activities help increase awareness about SNAP, 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. Program activities include:

- Supporting food insecure households in completing applications, renewing benefits, and guiding them through processes.
- Conducting outreach to make vulnerable communities aware of resources and complete applications in person.
- Providing information and referrals to other services.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcomes of Health and Wellness and Housing and Economic Stability by supporting a better quality diet and nutrition for children and adults, and allowing other resources to go to rent and other basic needs.

Equity Statement

The focus is serving those with the highest levels of food insecurity and lowest participation rates, so that poverty does not mean going hungry. Outreach to underserved communities, as well as services that are culturally appropriate and offered in multiple languages, help reach everyone who needs assistance and reduces disparities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$147,972	\$129,291	\$147,083	\$147,083
Materials & Supplies	\$1,030	\$618	\$575	\$137,596
Internal Services	\$27,517	\$32,063	\$23,188	\$39,265
Total GF/non-GF	\$176,519	\$161,972	\$170,846	\$323,944
Total Expenses:	\$338,491		\$494,790	
Program FTE	1.07	0.93	1.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$161,972	\$0	\$323,944
Total Revenue	\$0	\$161,972	\$0	\$323,944

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of consumers engaged through outreach activities	3,941	5,000	5,000
Number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications completed	416	250	250