

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Child & Family Hunger Relief program lessens food insecurity and improves healthy eating by allowing SUN Community School (SUN CS) sites to increase the number of meals served to hungry children and families and develop capacity to address family emergency food needs. The program served an additional 1 million meals to children/family members in 29 SUN communities in FY15. The program is a partnership with Oregon Food Bank, six school districts, Portland Parks, Multnomah County Library, Portland Children's Levy and Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon.

Program Summary

Oregon's food insecurity rate has hovered between 14% and 16% since the Great Recession. The modest economic recovery and increase in jobs locally in recent years have largely not touched people living in poverty or without a post-secondary degree. Despite Oregon's high hunger rate, millions of dollars in available federal food funding for children goes untapped. More than half of the children in the county are eligible for Free or Reduced (FRL) price meals through schools and three-quarters of SUN CS participants consistently receive FRL each year. However, these students don't have access to food on non-school days. In summer only 22% of the students who eat FRL meals during the school year are fed. Parents/guardians of these students also suffer the effects of poverty including hunger, often foregoing regular meals so their children can eat.

The SUN CS sites are designed to act as vehicles for delivering services to children and families in an easily accessible and non-stigmatizing environment. This offer capitalizes on SUN's community-based capacity by 1) sustaining on-going capacity and relationships for emergency food distribution through 14 school-based emergency food pantries and 4 Harvest Share monthly fresh produce distributions and 2) increasing the number of meals served to hungry children and their families during summer. The offer supports staffing at 15 SUN CS during the summer to serve meals for 8-12 weeks in underserved communities in Mid and East County. Since summer 2010, this capacity provided approximately 180,000 meals that would not otherwise have been possible. In addition to providing support for weekend food pantries at 14 SUN CS sites, the project will continue development of ongoing partnerships and resources for emergency food in partnership with Oregon Food Bank. A 1.0 FTE Program Specialist coordinates the project, provides technical assistance to community partners, develops partnerships, coordinates the countywide Child Hunger Coalition and secures in-kind resources and supports.

Healthy nutrition is vital to brain development and learning for children and youth in all age groups. Even moderate under-nutrition has lasting impacts on cognitive development and school performance. This offer leverages over \$1.8 million in federal meal reimbursement and significant in-kind support for food for families from Oregon Food Bank, Portland Children's Levy and community donors, particularly faith and business partners who offer both donations and volunteer capacity.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	# of meals provided to children and families ¹	1,031,761	780,000	780,000	780,000
Outcome	Retail \$ equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund invested in pantries	11	6	8	8

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ # of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program, emergency food pantries, and Harvest Share fresh produce to families.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$90,658	\$0	\$96,881	\$0
Contractual Services	\$347,725	\$0	\$259,815	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$4,295	\$0	\$1,457	\$0
Internal Services	\$10,860	\$0	\$11,255	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$453,538	\$0	\$369,408	\$0
Program Total:	\$453,538		\$369,408	
Program FTE	1.00	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: FY 2016: 25047A-16 Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team