

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 improves access to fresh and healthy foods. It increases food security by providing summer meals and food assistance programs via SUN Community School so that all children can reach their full potential. Children must have their basic needs met to be ready and able to learn. The COVID-19 pandemic has created many food access barriers for families, especially Black, Indigenous, and families of color. To better meet these growing food needs, the Hunger Relief Program coordinates with federal programs, nonprofit providers, SUN Community Schools, school districts, and other community partners.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Healthy nutrition is vital to brain development and learning. Child food insecurity and a lack of access to fresh and healthy foods are barriers to health and learning. In Multnomah County, children experience food insecurity at a rate of 20%. Communities of color also experience hunger at rates higher than the general population. This food insecurity has continued to skyrocket as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite Oregon's high hunger rate, millions of Federal food funding dollars for children go unused.

PROGRAM GOAL: The program has two goals. First, to reduce child and family food insecurity and hunger so children can be healthy and learn. Second, to increase collaboration and use of available funds to meet hunger needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Child & Family Hunger Relief program is a partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, six school districts, Portland Parks & Recreation, Multnomah County Library, Portland Children's Levy, and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. The program provides summer meals and food assistance programs via SUN Community Schools. This ensures an environment for families that is accessible and non-stigmatizing. For 8-12 weeks, underserved communities in Mid and East County receive summer meals. Summer meals is a combination of 10 SUN CS sites and 3 County libraries. Food assistance programs include 23 school-based food pantries and 7 Free Food Markets. During the pandemic, partners have offered more outdoor, drive-up, and meal delivery options. Food distribution sites have also become a place for families to check-in and receive other important health and resource information. The program also engages in policy work, including supporting the Child & Family Food Security Coalition. The Coalition leverages community partnerships to increase food security and food access, with a focus on culturally specific populations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of meals provided to children and families ¹	2,849,564	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Outcome	Retail dollar equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund invested in SUN Food Distribution sites	\$16.91	\$10	\$10	\$10

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Number of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program, emergency food pantries, and Free Food Markets fresh produce to families. FY 2021 numbers reflect a surge of food pantry access due to the pandemic, as well as additional federal resources.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$140,332	\$0	\$156,340	\$0
Contractual Services	\$296,062	\$0	\$278,191	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$9,355	\$0	\$700	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,973	\$0	\$25,289	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$467,722	\$0	\$460,520	\$0
Program Total:	\$467,722		\$460,520	
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 2022: 25147 YFS - Child & Family Hunger Relief