

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Good 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 17.3% based on an Oregon Hunger Task Force Report from 2023. Communities of color also experience hunger higher rates. This food insecurity has skyrocketed due to inflation and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility changes. The Child & Family Hunger Relief Program reduces food insecurity and hunger, allowing children to be healthy and ready to learn, and increases collaboration in meeting hunger needs. This program is a partnership with multiple organizations, including the Oregon Food Bank and six school districts working to increase awareness of summer meal sites, supporting food needs with schools and libraries, and providing food assistance through 19 school-based food pantries and 6 Free Food Markets in Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Community Schools. It also engages in policy work with the Child & Family Food Security Coalition to leverage community partnerships, focusing on culturally specific populations. Program activities include:

- Supporting staffing and logistics at food pantries in SUN Community Schools.
- In the summer months, there will be additional weeks for engaging activities during lunch to support mid and East County students to receive free summer meals.
- Supporting the collaborative partnership among hunger relief partners to leverage funds.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Educational Opportunity and Success by providing food and meals to children and families so children can be healthy and ready to learn.

Equity Statement

The Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System is an aligned system of care that drives youth educational success, family stability, and prosperity for all, with a focus on equity. System planning and design uses the equity and empowerment lens to address systemic barriers. Strategies include culturally appropriate and culturally specific services, community engagement, fostering of safety, trust, and belonging, and disaggregation of data to produce outcomes for all.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$171,267	\$0	\$181,989	\$0
Contractual Services	\$570,504	\$0	\$589,238	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$4,145	\$0	\$4,780	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,440	\$0	\$22,820	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$767,356	\$0	\$798,827	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$767,356		\$798,827	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of meals provided to children and families	1,953,784	1,700,000	1,500,000
Retail dollar equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund (GCF) invested in Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Food Distribution sites	\$6.47	\$8	\$8