

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
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 350,000 meals to children/family members in 11 SUN communities in FY13. The program is a partnership of the SUN Service System, Oregon Food Bank, six school districts, Portland Parks and Recreation, Multnomah County Library and Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon.

Program Summary

Oregon's food insecurity rate has hovered around 14% since the great recession, and the modest economic recovery and increases in jobs locally in past years have largely not touched folks 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. 56% of children in the county are eligible for Free or Reduced (FRL) price meals through schools and 79% of SUN CS participants receive FRL. However, these students don't have access to food on non-school days and in summer only 31% 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 CSs are designed to act as a vehicle 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 weekend food distribution through 10 school-based emergency food pantries across the County and 2) increasing the number of meals served to hungry children and their families during summer. The offer supports staffing at 18 SUN CS during the summer to serve meals for 8-11 weeks in under-served communities in Mid and East County. Since summer 2010, this capacity provided approximately 130,000 meals that would not otherwise have been possible. In addition to providing support for weekend food pantries at 10 SUN CS sites, the project will continue development of ongoing partnerships and resources for weekend food in partnership with Oregon Food Bank. A 1.0 FTE Program Development Specialist coordinates the project, provides technical assistance to community partners, develops partnerships, coordinates a countywide hunger collaborative and secures in-kind resources and supports.

Healthy nutrition is vital to brain development and capacity to learn 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 million in federal meal reimbursement and significant in-kind support for weekend food for families from Oregon Food Bank and community donors, particularly faith and business partners who offer both donations and volunteer capacity.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	# of meals provided to children and families ¹	350,000	370,000	435,000	435,000
Outcome	Retail \$ equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund invested in pantries	6	6	6	6

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ # of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program and emergency pantries providing weekend meals to families. The # of pantries increased from 8 to 10 in Fall 2013.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$46,977	\$0	\$96,917	\$0
Contractual Services	\$111,894	\$0	\$140,240	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,438	\$0	\$211	\$0
Internal Services	\$7,253	\$0	\$11,547	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$167,562	\$0	\$248,915	\$0
Program Total:	\$167,562		\$248,915	
Program FTE	0.50	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: 25147A Child & Family Hunger Relief