

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

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 inflation. Despite Oregon's high hunger rate, millions of federal food funding dollars for children go unused.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Child & Family Hunger Relief Program improves access to fresh and healthy foods by being located at schools. 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 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 receives 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. 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.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Supports 23 school-based food pantries and 7 Free Food Markets at SUN Community School sites across Multnomah County.
- Offers additional weeks in the summer months for engaging activities during lunch, in order to support mid and East County students to receive free summer meals.
- Partners collaboratively to leverage funds to pay for food, staffing and transportation so that food is available to families in the 30 pantries and Free Food Markets.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of meals provided to children and families	1,161,625	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Output	Retail dollar equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund invested in SUN Food Distribution sites	\$8.73	\$10	\$10	\$10

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$160,291	\$0	\$171,267	\$0
Contractual Services	\$345,240	\$0	\$570,504	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,710	\$0	\$4,145	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,497	\$0	\$21,440	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$528,738	\$0	\$767,356	\$0
Program Total:	\$528,738		\$767,356	
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 2025: 25147A YFS - Child & Family Hunger Relief

Reallocated \$184,860 in ongoing General Fund from program YFS - SUN Parent & Child Development Services (25151) to program YFS - Child & Family Hunger Relief (25147). This funds FY 2025 one-time-only program 25147B YFS - Food Security / Pantry Enhancement with ongoing General Fund.

Reallocated \$32,735 in General Fund from program YFS - Successful Families (25137) to this program to support wage increases at community-based organizations that support the SUN Service System.