

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This offer requests \$200,000 County General Fund to expand the SUN Child and Family Hunger Relief program to respond to the lack of both food security and access to fresh, healthy food for thousands of families in areas of the County with significant gaps in the availability of weekend food, summer meals and fresh produce. The offer increases the number of food distribution sites and school and home gardens in 13 high need neighborhoods and leverages over \$540,000 to provide an estimated 345,000 additional meals to hungry children and families.

Program Summary

Oregon's food insecurity rate has hovered around 14% since the great recession. The high rate of poverty in our community (with one in five children living in poverty) has been exacerbated in FY14 by cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) that will mean a reduction in resources that equals 5.4 million fewer meals for Multnomah County residents annually. This is causing severe strain on already taxed emergency food delivery systems. In addition, lack of access to and use of fresh produce continues to be a major challenge to good nutrition, anti-obesity and general health for many poor communities.

This offer addresses both the conditions of poverty (hunger) as well as the cause (lack of sustainable ways to feed oneself) through establishment of a combination of emergency food pantries, Harvest Share, additional summer meal sites and school-based gardens at 13 locations in North Portland, Outer Southeast Portland and East County. These locations have been prioritized as there are significant gaps in the Oregon Food Bank or summer meal distribution networks in these communities. In addition to not having easy access to emergency food sources, all these school neighborhoods are also considered food deserts or are in high poverty neighborhoods that also are in high proximity to unhealthy foods. Two new SUN Emergency Food Pantries will serve between 25-45 families a week at each site, providing over 50 pounds of emergency food per month to each family. Harvest Share at 3 sites will provide communities with a monthly distribution of produce that helps families provide healthy meals and snacks to their children in areas with limited and/or cost prohibitive access to fresh healthy foods. School and home garden programs at 3 sites build capacity to grow one's own food, dovetail with Harvest Share to engage with children and families on how to best utilize Harvest Share resources with cooking and food preparation classes and provide a platform for parent engagement around other community resources. Summer meal delivery for 8-10 weeks will be expanded to 5 additional communities to fill in gaps. Those sites include the Rockwood and Midland libraries and three new park locations.

The effort leverages existing resources and partnerships with the Oregon Food Bank, school districts, Portland Parks and Recreation, Multnomah County Library and Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon. Overall, the efforts in this offer will provide over 345,000 in additional and fresh meals, and leverage over \$540,000.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of meals provided to children and families ¹	-	-	-	345,000
Outcome	Percent of children who increase knowledge about nutrition and gardening	-	-	-	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹# meals includes meals through PP&R and Library summer food programs, meals through emergency food pantries for weekends, emergency supplemental produce for families to create meals and healthy snacks, and fresh produce from school based gardens.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2014	2014	2015	2015
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: