



Program #25147B - YFS - Food Security / Pantry Enhancement FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl
Program Offer Type: New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

Executive Summary

SUN Community Schools serves as an anchor strategy to deliver additional nutritional support for the SUN Service System. In response to inflation costs for families and reduction to resources, additional resources and staffing is critical to supporting the community. Costs for operating food distribution, adding an East County pantry, both staffing and food purchases/delivery, have increased in the past years.

Program Description

ISSUE: SUN Food pantries have seen a tremendous increase in the number of families accessing pantry support. This increase, along with the increased costs of running sites means that additional resources are needed to keep pantries open. Funds also add a site in East County that has been funded through American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. This new site has also seen a high volume of families. YFS staff have worked with the Oregon Food Bank to analyze the cost of operating a Food Pantry. They used to rely heavily on volunteers and since the pandemic the number of volunteers supporting food distribution has gone down; this has continued into this year. Having a stable staff member to manage the pantry is essential for its success.

PROGRAM GOAL: The program's goal is to reduce child and family food insecurity by increasing safe access to nourishing and culturally appropriate food and staffing at large distribution sites in East County. This offer continues the YFS Food Security and Hunger enhancement by 1) providing increased food assistance, including fresh and culturally responsive choices, through school-based distribution and 2) supporting the increased capacity needs of SUN Community Schools (SUN CS) staff to distribute food safely during the ongoing pandemic.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Pantry sites have seen an increase of need for staffing and supplies in order to continue supporting the community accessing food resources. These funds will support the added costs of staffing, food and supplies at sites experiencing large numbers of households accessing pantry sites in East County. Funds will be used to support food pantry sites who are addressing food access, this includes food pantries and Free Food Markets that partner with the Oregon Food Bank.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of meals provided to families	1,194,496	450,000	450,000	450,000
Outcome	Percent of Black, Indigenous, and Families of Color who receive food security support	77.6%	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Accessing food at pantries has remained at a higher-than-expected levels due to economic inflation, the end of pandemic era SNAP benefits. We will consider adjusting target numbers after assessing at the end of FY24.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$179,235	\$179,235	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$179,235	\$179,235	\$0
Program Total:	\$179,235		\$179,235	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$179,235	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$179,235	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25399S ARP - YFS Food Security / Pantry Enhancement

In FY 2024, this program was funded with Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding.