

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

SUN Community Schools serves as an anchor strategy to deliver additional nutritional support for the SUN Service System. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional resources and staffing is critical to supporting the community. East County continues to see high rates of food insecurity, and this funding seeks to bolster the existing services at high volume service sites.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Food insecurity and lack of access to fresh and healthy foods are significant barriers to family's health and student's learning in our community. The pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities in access to food especially in East County who already experienced higher levels of food insecurity. In 2021 Oregon households experienced food insecurity at an estimated rate of 25%. Communities of color unjustly experience hunger at rates 2-3 times higher than the general population. Food insecurity skyrocketed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and service levels remain elevated with continued illness, economic impacts and high food costs. Several pandemic-specific nutrition assistance programs are ending in 2022, such as increased SNAP benefits, Pandemic-EBT and free grab and go school meals. This context has placed a continued importance on SUN Hunger Relief efforts.

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 SUN supplemental COVID Hunger Relief services 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 in 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. Equitable access through innovative strategies such as food delivery, student backpacks, grocery gift cards and outreach will be implemented. These services will be especially vital to those who are ill or quarantined, lack transportation, are experiencing houselessness or have limited access to a kitchen/food storage, and when schools are closed.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY21 Actual | FY22 Budgeted | FY22 Estimate | FY23 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of meals provided to children and families | N/A | N/A | N/A | 450,000 |
| Outcome | Percent of Black, Indigenous, and Families of Color who receive food security support | N/A | N/A | N/A | 70% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Number of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program, emergency food pantries, and Free Food Markets fresh produce to families, and ARPA funded food distribution.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$150,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$150,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$150,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program addresses the County's priority of Crisis Response & Community Recovery. The pandemic has exasperated food insecurity, particularly in communities of color. This program provides pass-through dollars to support food pantry sites in East Multnomah County.