



**Program #25399S - ARP - YFS Food Security / Pantry Enhancement** FY 2024 Proposed

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

This offer requests new funding to support existing food pantries at SUN Community Schools. Higher volume of families seeking services, increased staff costs and a steep decline in volunteers is creating severe challenges to maintain pantry sites. These sites serve as an anchor strategy to deliver additional nutritional support for the SUN Service System. Since the onset of the pandemic, pantries and other food resources at SUN Community Schools have had increased participation in pantries. East County continues to see high rates of food insecurity, and this funding seeks to bolster the existing services at high volume service sites. This request for ongoing funding backfills and makes whole the temporary ARP funds that have been allocated to the SUN Food Pantry network.

**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 temporary funds from Oregon Food Bank. 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 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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of meals provided to children and families	N/A	450,000	450,000	450,000
Outcome	Percent of Black, Indigenous, and Families of Color who receive food security support	N/A	70%	70%	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

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$179,235
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$179,235</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>		<b>\$179,235</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$179,235
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$179,235</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$179,235

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25399S ARP - YFS Food Security / Pantry Enhancement

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.