

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Child & Family Hunger Relief program supports all children to reach their full potential by increasing food security and improving access to fresh and healthy foods. Children must have their basic needs met to be ready and able to learn. The program is contracted out to nonprofits who work with SUN Community Schools, school districts, and community partners to increase the number of meals served to hungry children and families and to assist in meeting families' food needs. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an increase in demand as well as coordination with federal programs to provide families with continued food access.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Food insecurity and lack of access to fresh and healthy foods are significant barriers to children's health and learning in the community. 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 the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite Oregon's high hunger rate, millions of dollars in available federal food funding for children go untapped, and this partnership aims to increase the use of Federal funds.

PROGRAM GOAL: The program's goals are to reduce child and family food insecurity and hunger through hunger relief programs and strengthening County partnerships in hunger relief policy and programs. Healthy nutrition is vital to brain development and learning. SUN Community Schools are designed to act as vehicles for delivering services to children and families in an easily accessible and non-stigmatizing environment.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The program includes summer meals, emergency food programs, and the Child & Family Food Security Coalition. Summer meal support consists of staffing at 10 SUN CS and three County libraries during the summer to serve meals for 8-12 weeks in underserved communities in Mid and East County. Food assistance programs include school-based food pantries at 12 SUN CS sites and Free Food Market produce distributions at six sites, in partnership with the Oregon Food Bank. The Coalition leverages community partnerships to increase food security and access to healthy and fresh foods, with a focus on culturally specific populations. Program work addresses related policies and increases participation in federal nutrition programs. The program is a partnership with Oregon Food Bank, six school districts, Portland Parks and Recreation, Multnomah County Library, Portland Children's Levy and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. During the pandemic, partners have been flexible to provide access to food via outdoor and drive-up options. Food distribution sites have also played an important role in creating a place for families to check-in, receive important health and resource information, and see a friendly face during this isolating time.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of meals provided to children and families ¹	1,663,816	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Outcome	Retail dollar equivalent for every \$1 County General Fund invested in SUN Food Distribution sites	\$10.32	\$8	\$8	\$8

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Number of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program, emergency food pantries, and Free Food Markets fresh produce to families. FY 2021 numbers reflect a surge of food pantry access at the start of the pandemic. As more flexible options for food relief are made available through other programs, such as gift cards and increased SNAP benefits, we expect food pantry utilization to stabilize toward typical rates.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$132,230	\$0	\$140,332	\$0
Contractual Services	\$290,542	\$0	\$296,062	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$9,299	\$0	\$9,355	\$0
Internal Services	\$15,988	\$0	\$21,973	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$448,059	\$0	\$467,722	\$0
Program Total:	\$448,059		\$467,722	
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 2021: 25147 YFS - Child & Family Hunger Relief