

Program # 25147 - Child and Family Hunger Relief

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 25143, 25145A, 25149, 25151A, 25154, 25155

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Child & Family Hunger Relief program lessens food insecurity and improves healthy eating by allowing SUN Community School (SUN CS) sites to increase the number of meals served to hungry children and families and develop on-going capacity to address family emergency food needs. The program will serve an additional 110,000 meals to children and family members in 25 SUN CS communities. The program is a partnership between the SUN Service System, Oregon Food Bank, six school districts, and Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon. The county investment provides a match for a 2-year \$600,000 grant from Walmart and leverages significant federal USDA federal funding through school districts and food through the Oregon Food Bank.

Program Description

Oregon is currently ranked #2 in hunger, yet millions of dollars in available federal food funding for children goes untapped. 52% of children in the county are eligible for Free or Reduced (FRL) price meals through schools and 74% of SUN CS participants receive FRL. However, these students don't have access to food on non-school days and in summer only 31% of the students who eat FRL meals during the school year are fed. Parents/guardians of these students also suffer the effects of poverty including hunger, often foregoing regular meals so their children can eat.

The SUN CSs are designed to act as a vehicle for delivering services to children and families in an easily accessible and non-stigmatizing environment. This offer capitalizes on SUN's community-based capacity by 1)developing on-going capacity and relationships for weekend food distribution through school-based food pantries and 2)increasing the number of meals served to hungry children and their families during summer. The offer supports staffing at 20 SUN CS during the summer to serve meals for 8-11 weeks in under-served communities in Mid and East County. These sites will provide meals to parents/caregivers as well as children. In Summer 2010, this capacity provided an additional 37,000 meals to hungry families (a 33% increase in lunches to children). In addition to implementing weekend food pantries at 12 SUN CS sites, the project will continue development of ongoing partnerships and resources for weekend food in partnership with Oregon Food Bank. The offer is part of a broader project that includes privately-funded school/home garden and nutrition programs that create ongoing capacity in SUN CS communities to produce food and address hunger. A .3 FTE Program Development Specialist matches .5 FTE in grant-funded staffing to coordinate the programs, develop partnerships and secure in-kind resources and supports.

Experts agree that healthy nutrition is vital to brain development and capacity to learn for children and youth in all age groups. Even moderate under-nutrition has lasting impacts on cognitive development and school performance. This offer leverages over \$300,000 in federal meal reimbursement and significant in-kind support for weekend food for families from Oregon Food Bank and community donors; as well as matching a 2-year Walmart grant for \$600,000.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	# of meals served to children and family members	0	100,000	58,000	110,000
Outcome	% of children and adults who increase knowledge/skills related to healthy eating	0.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds			
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012			
Personnel	\$42,043	\$0	\$34,536	\$34,535			
Contracts	\$144,000	\$0	\$85,857	\$0			
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,366	\$942			
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,241	\$7,523			
Total GF/non-GF:	\$186,043	\$0	\$125,000	\$43,000			
Program Total:	\$186	5,043	\$168,000				
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.40	0.40			
Program Revenues							
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000			
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000			

Explanation of Revenues

\$43,000 – Private Donations: Based on FY11 revised budget \$125,000 – County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: