

### Program # 25147A - Child & Family Hunger Relief

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:** 

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 served an additional 400,000 meals to children and family members in 11 SUN CS communities in FY12. 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 leverages significant USDA federal funding through school districts, food through the Oregon Food Bank, and food and volunteer capacity through the community (faith, business and community partners).

### **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 80% 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) sustaining on-going capacity and relationships for weekend food distribution through 8 school-based emergency food pantries across the County and 2) increasing the number of meals served to hungry children and their families during summer. The offer supports staffing at 18 SUN CS during the summer to serve meals for 8-11 weeks in under-served communities in Mid and East County. Since summer 2010, this capacity provided 95,000 meals that would not otherwise have been possible. In addition to providing support for weekend food pantries at 8 SUN CS sites, the project will continue development of ongoing partnerships and resources for weekend food in partnership with Oregon Food Bank. A .5 FTE Program Development Specialist coordinates the project, provides technical assistance to community partners, develops partnerships and secures in-kind resources and supports.

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 \$440,000 in federal meal reimbursement and significant in-kind support for weekend food for families from Oregon Food Bank and community donors, particularly faith and business partners. The incredible amount of leverage allowed the efforts to far exceed the 170,000 meals projected for FY12, providing 410,277 meals.

#### **Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	# of meals provided to children and families <sup>1</sup>	410,277	170,000	300,000	370,000
	Retail \$ equivalent for every \$1 CGF invested in pantries <sup>2</sup>	7	6	6	6

### **Performance Measure - Description**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> # of meals includes meals served through extended weeks of summer meals program and emergency pantries providing weekend meals to families.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exact amount leveraged for every \$1 of CGF invested was \$6.78. Online format does not allow decimals, so the number was rounded.

# **Legal/Contractual Obligation**

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds			
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014			
Personnel	\$43,993	\$0	\$46,977	\$0			
Contracts	\$69,872	\$0	\$111,894	\$0			
Materials & Supplies	\$3,889	\$0	\$1,438	\$0			
Internal Services	\$7,246	\$0	\$7,253	\$0			
Total GF/non-GF:	\$125,000	\$0	\$167,562	\$0			
Program Total:	\$125,000		\$167,562				
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00			
Program Revenues							
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			

## **Explanation of Revenues**

\$167,562 - County General Fund

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: #25147A, Child and Family Hunger Relief