

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of Senate
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Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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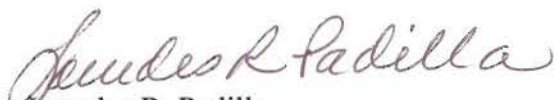
RE: 2013 – 2017 State Nutrition Assistance Equipment Report – MSAR #6513

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The Department of Human Services is required to submit to the Maryland General Assembly as well as the Department of Legislative Services the State Nutrition Assistance Equipment Report. This requirement is in accordance with Human Services Article § 6-406.

If you should require additional information please contact the Office of Government Affairs at 410-767-8543.

Sincerely,


Lourdes R. Padilla
Secretary



2013 REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Completed Pursuant to Human Services Article § 6-406, Annotated Code of Maryland

March 1, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Warren G. Deschenaux, Executive Director, Department of Legislative Services

FROM: Nicholette Smith-Bligen, Executive Director, Family Investment Administration,
Department of Human Services

DATE: August 31, 2017

RE: **Maryland Emergency Food Program Report – MSAR #6648**

N. Smith-Bligen

According to your records, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to submit a report to the now defunct State Advisory Council on Hunger.

Under Human Services Article § 6-413 (b)(2), the Department of Human Services is required to submit annually to the State Advisory Council on Hunger a report detailing the total appropriations for the program for the current and prior fiscal years. This would include the amount allocated for administrative costs, the amount allocated to emergency food providers in each county and how many units of service were provided in each county.

The Council last met in 2002, is no longer in existence and has been archived as follows:

<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/html/21hung.html>

<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/defunct/html/21hung.html>

Accordingly, from 2014 – 2017 the Department of Human Services has nothing to report. Furthermore, the Department will not submit annual reports moving forward due to the fact that the Council is now defunct.

As always, if there are any questions, please contact me at 410-767-7670.



REPORT REQUIREMENT

This report is hereby submitted in response to the following reporting:

“The Department of Human Services shall annually report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on the activities of the Nutrition Assistance Program, including:

- 1) financial reports;*
- 2) distribution of funds;*
- 3) community participation; and*
- 4) overall effectiveness of the Program in fulfilling its stated purpose.”*

Source: Human Services Article § 6-406, Annotated Code of Maryland

INTRODUCTION

The Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program (SNAEP) is established by Maryland law under Human Services Article §§ 6-401 through 6-406. The stated legislative purpose of the program is to provide funding to distribution organizations to enable the distribution organizations and emergency food organizations to obtain necessary equipment. *Distribution organizations* are non-profit entities that distribute food or equipment to emergency food organizations; *emergency food organizations* are non-profit entities that provide emergency food services and include soup kitchens and food pantries. Grant funding is provided for food preparation, storage or distribution equipment that is critical to the operation of running a food pantry, soup kitchen, food bank, shelter or other facility that provides food or meals to those in need.

FY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2013, the Maryland General Assembly appropriated \$282,530 in general funds for SNAEP. The Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded these funds to 52 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks and shelters in 17 jurisdictions including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Calvert, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties and Baltimore city.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The table below details the distribution of SNAEP funds by organization and jurisdiction.

Table 1- SNAEP Distribution of Funds

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
ALLEGANY COUNTY	Allegany County HRDC, Inc./ Senior Nutrition Program	\$5,702.98
	Cumberland YMCA Wake Up to Nutrition	\$22,796.00
	Maryland Food Bank	\$2,796.66
	Western Maryland Food Bank, Inc.	\$16,705.33
	Allegany Total	\$48,000.97
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	Asbury UMC / Work Area on Missions Soup Kitchen/ Food Pantry	\$2,143.95
	Calvary Community Economic Development Corp. Calvary Food Bank	\$715.23
	Damascus House	\$2,029.29
	Second Genesis, Inc. Crownsville Residential Program	\$17,736.14
	Anne Arundel Total	\$22,624.61
BALTIMORE CITY	Ahavas Yisrael Fund, Inc. / Food Pantry Program	\$1,598.67
	The Baltimore Station	\$1,376.83
	Franciscan Center	\$3,908.38
	Friendship Outreach Center, Inc. Friendship Food Pantry	\$526.40
	Garden of Prayer Community Church Community Services Organization	\$1,823.40
	Irvington My Brother's Keeper, Inc.	\$6,155.57
	Marian House, Inc.	\$1,772.67
	Mosaic Community Services Food Services	\$15,127.05
	Moveable Feast	\$49,683.33
	Project Plase, Inc.	\$1,953.10
	St. Vincent de Paul/ Beans & Bread Center	\$1,553.33
	Baltimore City Total	\$85,478.73
BALTIMORE COUNTY	Colonial Baptist Church / CBC Food Pantry	\$1,776.00
	Emmarts United Methodist Church Soup for the Soul	\$460.00
	Pleasant Zion Youth Outreach Ctr. Helping Hand Food Program	\$1,685.20
	Selah Ministries, Inc.	\$158.67
	Baltimore County Total	\$4,079.87

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CALVERT COUNTY	Chesapeake Church	
	Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry	\$1,267.75
	End Hunger in Calvert County	\$2,518.97
	Calvert County Total	\$3,786.72
CECIL COUNTY	Cecil County Men's Shelter	\$932.50
	Meeting Ground, Inc./ Clairvaux Farm	\$469.68
	Meeting Ground, Inc. Wayfarer's House	\$911.99
	Ray of Hope Mission Center, Inc. Hope's Café	\$2,329.00
	Cecil County Total	\$4,643.17
DORCHESTER COUNTY	Delmarva Community Services, Inc. Delmarva Community Action Center	\$1,237.00
	Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church Waugh Food Pantry	\$637.00
	Dorchester County Total	\$1874.00
FREDERICK COUNTY	Maryland Food Bank	\$300.00
	Frederick County Total	\$300.00
GARRETT COUNTY	Maryland Food Bank	\$2,796.66
	Garrett County Total	\$2,796.66
HARFORD COUNTY	Harford Community Action Agency HCAA Food Pantry	\$3,777.27
	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Ctr., Inc.	\$1,202.44
	Harford County Total	\$4,979.71
HOWARD COUNTY	Community Action Council of Howard Co. Howard County Food Bank	\$1,128.32
	Howard County Total	\$1,128.32
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Interfaith Works Community Vision	\$3,794.77
	Rainbow Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$6,116.68
	Young Professionals Forum/ Food for All Pantry	\$698.00
	Montgomery County Total	\$10,609.45
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	Faith Based Collaborative Outreach Group Community Partner Food Pantry/Resource Intake Centers	\$1,900.63
	Jericho Baptist Church Ministries, Inc.	\$5,751.69
	SHABACH! Ministries, Inc. SHABACH! Emergency Empowerment Ctr.	\$521.50
	Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development SEED Food Distribution Center	\$1,006.56
	The True Vine Center	\$995.31
	United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. Shepherd's Cove	\$6,163.66

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
	Prince George's County Total	\$16,339.35
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	Pathways	\$3,781.16
	St. Mary's County	\$3,781.16
WASHINGTON COUNTY	Interfaith Service Coalition	\$5,759.34
	Maryland Food Bank	\$1,430.00
	Washington County Total	\$7,189.34
WICOMICO COUNTY	Little Sisters of Jesus & Mary, Inc.	\$12,198.67
	Joseph House Crisis Center	
	Salisbury Urban Ministries Lazarus Food Pantry & Emergency Assistance	28,514.47
	Wicomico County Total	\$40,713.14
WORCESTER	Ocean City Baptist Church	\$1,939.73
	OCBC Crisis Ministry	
	Samaritan Ministries, Inc.	\$2,267.07
	Worcester County Total	\$4,206.80

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

DHS provided SNAEP funding to organizations that host feeding programs. All funded entities offered services to individuals and families in need regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or age and were able to accommodate those with a disability or limited English proficiency. DHS leverages partnerships through outreach efforts such as presentations and mailings to local and State government and community organizations. SNAP Outreach vendors are encouraged to update and disseminate information about the availability of SNAEP funds. DHS also posts SNAEP application and related instructions on its website every year between the months of March through May.

The variance in the number of programs applying for and/or receiving SNAEP funding is reflective of the program regulation requiring that applicants raise funds to match State funding, which has historically limited the ability of smaller and less resourced providers to access SNAEP.

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN FULFILLING ITS STATED PURPOSE

SNAEP funds enabled receiving organizations to purchase new equipment such as freezers, refrigerators, appliances, cookware, food carts, tableware, grocery bags and boxes in order to increase their capacity to serve those in need. In some cases, applicants requested funding to replace defective equipment. This funding also enabled recipients to improve accessibility to underserved populations by building much-needed safety equipment such as ramps and handrails.

SNAEP funds supplemented other food distribution grants and expanded ongoing efforts to provide food and supportive services for people in need. All organizations receiving these funds provide additional resources, including information on Earned Income Tax Credit and regular SNAP benefits. DHS leveraged contacts from its sister State agencies including the Department on Aging and the Department of Health to ensure that the SNAEP application announcement was disseminated widely among the emergency food provider community. The partner application and related instructions were also posted on the DHS website.

DHS conducts monitoring visits as part of its program oversight process. During these visits, the Program Coordinator reviews each recipient's organizational structure, mission, and receipts verifying equipment purchases and capacity to effectively achieve its stated mission. These visits also enable DHS to provide technical assistance to SNAEP recipients as needed.