

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of Senate
State House, H-107
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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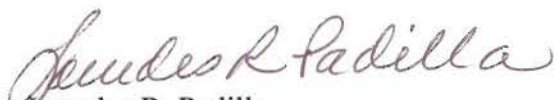
RE: 2013 – 2017 State Nutrition Assistance Equipment Report – MSAR #6513

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



2014 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

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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 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2014, the Maryland General Assembly appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. The Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded these funds to 52 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks and shelters in 14 jurisdictions including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George’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- Distribution SNAEP of Funds

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
ALLEGANY COUNTY	Allegany County HRDC, Inc. Office of Housing Opportunities	\$11,018.11
	Frostburg Area Inter-Faith Pantry	\$737.26
	Allegany County Total	\$11,755.37
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	Anne Arundel Food Bank, Inc.	\$1,965.26
	Damascus House	\$2,529.19
	Hope House Treatment Center	\$6,362.25
	Anne Arundel County Total	\$10,856.70
BALTIMORE CITY	AIDS Interfaith Residential Services Carriage House	\$1,660.00
	AIDS Interfaith Residential Services Don Miller House	\$1,659.33
	The Baltimore Station - Baker Street	\$2,027.38
	The Baltimore Station - West Street	\$2,099.00
	Faith Tabernacle Church Fishes & Loaves Pantry	\$1,889.66
	Franciscan Center	\$5,740.73
	Friendship Outreach Center, Inc. Friendship Food Pantry	\$161.92
	Garden of Prayer Community Church Community Services Organization	\$394.65
	House of Ruth, Maryland, Inc.	\$3,600.92
	Jobs, Housing Recovery, Inc.	\$2,876.24
	Maryland Center for Veterans' Education	\$973.85
	Maryland Food Bank - Baltimore Branch	\$35,530.00
	Miracle Temple SDA Church	\$3,406.66
	Mosaic Community Services Food Services	\$2,677.61
	Moveable Feast	\$7,497.21
	Project Plase, Inc.	\$2,214.68
	St. Matthias Episcopal Church Loaves and Fishes	\$587.91
	The Salvation Army Baltimore Area Command	\$3,066.67
	South Baltimore CAP, Inc. SAFE House	\$312.67
	Baltimore City Total	\$78,377.09

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BALTIMORE COUNTY	Emmarts United Methodist Church Soup for the Soul	\$796.50
	Baltimore County Garden of Harvest	\$3,171.33
	Maryland Food Bank	\$40,140.00
	Mosaic Community Services Mosaic Medical Day Care Program	\$1,460.00
	Mosaic Community Services/ Mosaic Timonium Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program	\$7,434.73
	Pleasant Zion Youth Outreach Ctr. Helping Hands Food Program	\$1,785.87
	Selah Ministries Inc.	\$165.00
	Baltimore County Total	\$54,953.43
CALVERT COUNTY	Chesapeake Church Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry	\$7,745.96
	End Hunger in Calvert County	\$22,788.92
	Calvert County Total	\$30,534.88
CARROLL COUNTY	Mosaic Community Services/ Mosaic Westminster Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program	\$1,356.67
	Carroll County Total	\$1,356.67
CHARLES COUNTY	Charles County Children's Aid Society, Inc.	\$5,033.00
	Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc. Lifestyles Food Pantry	\$9,678.56
	Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc. Robert J. Fuller Transitional House for Men	\$6,676.70
	Charles County Total	\$21,388.26
DORCHESTER COUNTY	Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church Waugh Food Pantry	\$926.67
	Dorchester County Total	\$926.67
HARFORD COUNTY	Harford Community Action Agency HCAA Food Pantry	\$2,322.00
	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Ctr., Inc.	\$1,313.23
	Harford County Total	\$3,635.23

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.	\$3,463.33
	Interfaith Works Community Vision	\$2,258.91
	Manna Food Center	\$11,332.00
	Rainbow Community Development Center	\$2,891.59
	Montgomery County Total	\$19,945.83
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	Community Outreach & Development Community Labor of Love Human Services Center	\$6,789.09
	Faith Based Collaborative Outreach Group Community Partner Food Pantry	\$1,577.30
	Jericho Baptist Church Ministries, Inc.	\$2,137.51
	Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development SEED Food Distribution Center	\$853.34
	United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. Shepherd's Cove	\$6,859.00
	Prince George's County Total	\$18,216.24
WASHINGTON COUNTY	Maryland Food Bank, Inc.- Western Branch	\$2,240.00
	Washington County Total	\$2,240.00
WICOMICO COUNTY	Maryland Food Bank, Inc. - Eastern Shore	\$6,570.01
	Wicomico County Total	\$6,570.01
WORCESTER COUNTY	Samaritan Ministries, Inc.	\$2,359.00
	Worcester County Total	\$2,359.00

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 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.