

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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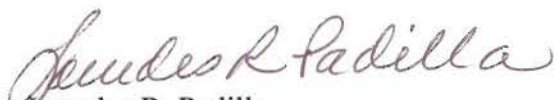
RE: 2013 – 2017 State Nutrition Assistance Equipment Report – MSAR #6513

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



2015 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 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Maryland General Assembly appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. The Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded these funds to 48 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks and shelters in 17 jurisdictions including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’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- Distribution SNAEP of Funds

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
ALLEGANY COUNTY	Frostburg Area Inter-Faith Pantry	\$810.00
	Allegany County Total	\$810.00
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	Anne Arundel Food Bank, Inc.	\$4,035.69
	Asbury United Methodist Church Work Area on Ministries	\$590.66
	Calvary Community Economic Development Corp. Calvary Food Bank	\$1,149.50
	Damascus House	\$1,800.00
	Helping Hurting People, Inc.	\$5,910.50
	Hope House Treatment Center	\$9,204.45
	St. Vincent de Paul Society Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	\$696.49
	Anne Arundel County Total	\$23,387.29
BALTIMORE CITY	Ahavas Yisrael Charity Fund, Inc. Food Pantry Delivery Food Program	\$3,908.10
	Baltimore Child Abuse Center	\$464.99
	The Baltimore Station - Baker Street	\$1,512.94
	The Baltimore Station - South Baltimore Station	\$2,943.91
	Bea Gaddy Family Center	\$299.94
	Berea Temple Church Community Services	\$1,456.82
	Cherry Hill United Methodist Church C.H.U.M. Church Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry	\$1,681.48
	Franciscan Center	\$6,646.91
	Friendship Outreach Center, Inc. Friendship Food Pantry	\$574.98
	Garden of Prayer Community Church Community Services Program	\$520.93
	House of David Advocates for Father, Inc.	\$1,810.02
	House of Ruth, Maryland, Inc.	\$1,662.31
	Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.	\$10,003.00
	Miracle Church of Christ	\$1,032.50
	Mosaic Community Services Food Services	\$4,145.00
	Moveable Feast	\$16,228.38

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	Project Plase, Inc.	\$933.19
	Rehoboth Church of Deliverance	\$1,465.00
	St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore Sarah's Hope Mount St. Emergency Shelter	\$21,988.04
	The Salvation Army Central Maryland Booth House Shelter	\$7,667.73
	The Salvation Army Central Maryland Baltimore Social Services	\$555.59
	Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church Sweet Hope Soup Kitchen	\$2,449.98
	Baltimore City Total	\$89,951.74
BALTIMORE COUNTY	The Arc Baltimore People Helping People Food Program	\$499.65
	Emmarts United Methodist Church Soup For The Soul	\$14,300.00
	Garden Harvest, Inc.	\$5,547.82
	Maryland Food Bank Inc-Baltimore Feeding America	\$15,552.50
	Mosaic Community Services Adult Medical Day	\$1,212.50
	Mosaic Community Services New Ventures Rehab Center	\$4,843.00
	Mosaic Community Services Mosaic Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program	\$2,475.00
	Pleasant Zion Youth Outreach Ctr. Helping Hands Food Program	\$923.02
	Selah Ministries Inc.	\$89.54
	Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Good Samaritan Ministry	\$4,783.50
	Baltimore County Total	\$50,226.53
CALVERT COUNTY	Chesapeake Church Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry	\$1,107.88
	End Hunger in Calvert County	\$1,617.79
	Calvert County Total	\$2,725.67
CAROLINE COUNY	Living Waters Assembly	\$659.43
	Caroline County Total	\$659.43
CARROLL COUNTY	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.	\$1,253.22
	Mosaic Community Services Granite Hall Day Program	\$3,711.22
	The Salvation Army Carroll County Service Unit Emergency Food	\$1,482.50

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	Pantry	
	Carroll County Total	\$6,446.94
CECIL COUNTY	Meeting Ground	\$1,849.99
	Wayfarer's House	
	Ray of Hope Mission Center, Inc.	\$2,423.28
	Cecil County Total	\$4,273.27
HARFORD COUNTY	Bel Air United Methodist Church	\$1,777.50
	Manna House -Senior Baskets	
	Family Food Ministries	
	Harford Community Action Agency	\$1,955.50
	Harford County Total	\$3,733.00
HOWARD COUNTY	Community Action Council of Howard County, MD/ Howard County Food Bank	\$17,250.00
	The Salvation Army Central MD	\$349.50
	Howard County Social Services Center	
	Howard County Total	\$17,599.50
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Adventist Community Service of Greater Washington, Inc.	\$5,225.08
	Webkids After School Program & Nutrition Training Program	
	Manna Food Center	\$10,197.12
	Montgomery County Total	\$15,422.20
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	Community Support Systems, Inc. Baden Food Pantry	\$373.05
	Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County Inc./ Safe Passage Shelter	\$3,171.36
	First Baptist Church of Capitol Heights Helping Hands Ministry	\$1,132.50
	Iconium Baptist Church	\$4,676.54
	Iconium Food Pantry & Clothing Closet	
	Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist Church	\$3,984.04
	St. Anne's Center For Children, Youth and Families, Inc.	\$8,643.70
	United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. Shepherd's Cove Homeless Shelter for Women & Children	\$3,964.10
	Prince George's County Total	\$25,945.29

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church Sudlersville Charge Food Pantry	\$399.50
	Haven Ministries, Inc. HM Transitional Housing Program & Shelter	\$901.87
	Queen Anne's Total	\$1,301.37
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	Pathways, Inc.	\$1,257.00
	Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc.	\$8,140.45
	St. Mary's Total	\$9,397.45
WASHINGTON COUNTY	Maryland Food Bank , Inc. - Western Branch Feeding America	\$2,216.84
	Washington County Total	\$2,216.84
WICOMICO COUNTY	Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary, Inc Joseph House Crisis Center	\$494.50
	Maryland Food Bank, Inc - Eastern Shore	\$4,329.52
	Salisbury Urban Ministries Lazarus Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance Program	\$277.94
	Wicomico Total	\$5,101.96
WORCESTER COUNTY	Ocean City Baptist Church O.C.B.C. Crisis Ministry	\$1,324.28
	Worcester County Total	\$1,324.28

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 other 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.