

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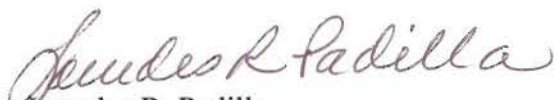
RE: 2013 – 2017 State Nutrition Assistance Equipment Report – MSAR #6513

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



2016 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

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 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2016, the Maryland General Assembly appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. The Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded these funds to 64 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks and shelters in 23 jurisdictions including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, 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	Foundation for Frostburg/Pantry Partner Project	\$971.99
	Allegany County Total	\$971.99
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	Anne Arundel Co. Food Bank, Inc.	\$28,525.00
	Asbury United Methodist Church Work Area on Ministries	\$313.21
	Associated Catholic Charities, Inc./ Sarah's House	\$1,150.47
	Anne Arundel County Total	\$29,988.68
BALTIMORE CITY	Ahavas Yisrael Charity Fund, Inc. Food Pantry Delivery Food Program	\$2,465.00
	The Baltimore Station - Baker Street	\$3,932.82
	The Baltimore Station - South Baltimore Station	\$6,341.38
	First Mount Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,677.42
	Franciscan Center	\$3,884.00
	Friendship Outreach Center, Inc. Friendship Food Pantry	\$247.43
	Fusion Partnership	\$4,731.00
	House of Ruth, Maryland, Inc.	\$937.00
	Marian House	\$895.59
	Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.	\$4,886.83
	Mosaic Community Services Food Services	\$5,228.50
	Moveable Feast	\$19,537.00
	Project Plase, Inc Medically Fragile Shelter	\$589.09
	Project Plase, Inc Men's Shelter	\$239.12
	Project Plase, Inc Women's Facility	\$204.04
	Restoration Gardens	\$1,479.50
	St. Matthias Episcopal Church Loaves and Fishes	\$1,345.28
	South Baltimore C.A.P. Inc. S.A.F.E. House	\$450.00
	Baltimore City Total	\$60,071.00

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BALTIMORE COUNTY	Challengers Independent Living, Inc.	\$2,548.96
	Community Services of Reisterstown SDA Church	\$295.24
	Garden Harvest, Inc.	\$2,174.50
	Maryland Food Bank Inc-Baltimore	\$17,860.00
	Mosaic Community Services	\$5,228.50
	Pleasant Zion Youth Outreach Ctr. Helping Hand Food Program	\$687.25
	Selah Ministries Inc.	\$259.00
	Baltimore County Total	\$29,053.45
CALVERT COUNTY	Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry, Inc.	\$440.00
	Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry	\$2,283.12
	End Hunger in Calvert County	\$1,914.80
	Calvert County Total	\$4,637.92
CAROLINE COUNTY	Living Waters Assembly	\$19,225.00
	St. Martin's Ministries	\$2,273.59
	Caroline County Total	\$21,498.59
CARROLL COUNTY	Mosaic Community Services	\$217.00
	Carroll County Total	\$217.00
CECIL COUNTY	Deep Roots, Inc. Wayfarer's House	\$4,659.00
	Cecil County Total	\$4,659.00
CHARLES COUNTY	LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	\$3,064.49
	Charles County Total	\$3,064.49
DORCHESTER COUNTY	Delmarva Community Services, Inc.	\$164.34
	Waugh Food Pantry	\$348.34
	Dorchester County Total	\$512.68
FREDERICK COUNTY	Friends For Neighborhood Progress	\$9,894.91
	Frederick County Total	\$9,894.91

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GARRETT COUNTY	Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.	\$4,786.00
	Garrett County Total	\$4,786.00
HARFORD COUNTY	Bel Air United Methodist Church	\$1,119.49
	Manna House Soup Kitchen	
	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center - SARC	\$1,022.87
	Harford County Total	\$2,142.36
HOWARD COUNTY	Community Action Council of Howard County	\$13,311.00
	Howard County Food Bank	
	Howard County Total	\$13,311.00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Adventist Community Service of Greater Washington, Inc.	\$3,473.00
	Manna Food Center	\$9,966.80
	Mont. Co. Coalition For The Homeless HBCAC	\$2,789.18
	Nourish Now Inc.	\$4,500.00
	Montgomery County Total	\$20,728.98
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	Community Support Systems, Inc.	\$399.99
	Baden Food Pantry	
	Foundation of Life Grace Springs Church	\$11,937.74
	Galilee Community Development Corp.	\$1,965.00
	Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.	\$869.87
	McDougall International Inc.	\$3,640.00
	SHABACH Emergency Empowerment Center SHABACH Ministries	\$2,219.48
	Sowing Empowerment & Economic Dev. Inc.	\$1,842.58
	Temple Hills Church of God	\$1,400.00
	True Vine Center	\$1,647.50
United Communities Against Poverty, Inc.	\$1,298.28	
	Prince George's County Total	\$27,220.44
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	Haven Ministries, Inc.	\$1,024.38
	Our Mother of Sorrows	\$6,264.58
	Queen Anne's County Total	\$7,288.96

Jurisdiction	Organization Name	Award Amount
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	Abundant Life Christian Outreach Center Food Pantry	\$820.89
	Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc.	\$987.12
	St. Mary's County Total	\$1,808.01
SOMERSET COUNTY	Catholic Charities, Inc. Seton Center	\$1,394.31
	Christian Stronghold Community Church	\$910.90
	Somerset County Total	\$2,305.21
TALBOT COUNTY	Easton Church of God Harvest of Hope Network	\$4,388.96
	Talbot County Total	\$4,388.96
	WASHINGTON COUNTY	Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD Inc.
Maryland Food Bank , Inc. – Western Branch Feeding America		\$26,406.00
Washington County Total		\$27,400.00
WICOMICO COUNTY	Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary, Inc. Joseph House Crisis Center	\$1,962.23
	Maryland Food Bank, Inc - Eastern Shore	\$1,524.00
	Salisbury Urban Ministries	\$1,246.25
	Wicomico County Total	\$4,732.48
WORCESTER COUNTY	Ocean City Crisis Coalition	\$410.00
	Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry	\$532.69
	Worcester County Total	\$942.69

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

To increase the pool of applicants, DHS requested a review by the Attorney General’s Office of the regulatory requirements that applicants raise funding match as a condition of eligibility. It was determined that the match could be reduced to one-third of the purchase price instead of the previously stated one-to-one match. This change allowed smaller and less resourced organizations to apply and receive SNAEP funds. DHS also conducted stronger outreach efforts through partnerships with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department on Aging.

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.