



# Maryland

Department of  
Human Services

## **Report on Statewide Nutrition-Assistance Equipment Program**

*Completed in accordance with Human Services Article § 6-406*

May 20, 2025

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## REPORT REQUIREMENT

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

*“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 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*

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program (SNAEP) is established in Maryland law under the Human Services Article §§ 6-401 through 6-406. The stated legislative purpose of the program is to provide funding to food 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 capital 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.

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## FY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

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In Fiscal Year 2023, the Maryland legislature appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. Grant funds were awarded to 42 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters in 16 jurisdictions throughout the state.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

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

Table 1- Distribution SNAEP of Funds

Jurisdiction	Request ed	Award	Jurisdiction Totals	Organization
<b>Anne Arundel Co.</b>	\$3,541.00	\$3,541.00		Kingdom Kare, Inc. 1350 Blair Dr. Odenton, Md. 21113
<b>Anne Arundel Co. Total</b>			<b>\$3,541.00</b>	
<b>Baltimore City</b>	\$2,752.51	\$2,752.51		Asylee Women Enterprise, Inc. 4500 Frankford Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21206
	\$645.33	\$645.30		Fishes & Loaves Pantry, Inc. 2422 Patapsco Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21230
	\$8,191.45	\$10,922.00		Franciscan Center, Inc. 101 W. 23rd Street Baltimore, Md. 21218

	\$6,275.00	\$6,275.00		House of Ruth Maryland 2201 Argonne Drive Baltimore, Md. 21218
	\$4,151.50	\$4,151.50		Loch Raven United Methodist Church 6622 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore, Md. 21239
	8,970.48	\$8,970.48		Manna House, Inc. 435 E. 25th Street Baltimore, Md. 21218
	\$2,087.32	\$2,087.32		Maryland Center of Veterans Education and Training 301 N. High Street Baltimore, Md. 21117
	\$19,646.00	\$19,646.00		Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. 515 S. Haven Street Baltimore, Md. 21224
	\$40,701.03	\$40,701.03		Moveable Feast, Inc. 901 N Milton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21205
	\$8,360.00	\$8,360.00		Project Plase, Inc. 1814 Maryland Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21201
	\$8,295.70	\$8,295.00		The Baltimore Station 140 W. West Street Baltimore, Md. 21230
<b>Baltimore City Total</b>			<b>\$112,806.14</b>	
<b>Baltimore Co.</b>	\$8,295.70	\$7,662.00		Essex United Methodist Church 524 Maryland Ave Baltimore, Md. 21221
<b>Baltimore Co. Total</b>			<b>\$7,662.00</b>	
<b>Calvert Co.</b>	\$1,485.00	\$1,485.00		Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry 6045 Solomon Island Huntingtown, Md 20639
	\$2,474.00	\$2,474.00		End Hunger in Calvert Co 5351 Ketch Rd. Prince Frederick, Md. 20678
<b>Calvert Co. Total</b>			<b>\$3,959.00</b>	
<b>Caroline Co.</b>	\$2,474.00	\$2,935.21		Living Waters Assembly, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton, Md. 21629

<b>Caroline Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,935.21</b>	
<b>Carroll Co.</b>	\$2,291.49	\$2,291.49		Westminster Rescue Mission 658 Lucabaugh Mill Rd. Westminster, Md. 21157
<b>Carroll Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,291.49</b>	
<b>Cecil Co.</b>	\$3,193.76	\$3,193.76		Deep Roots, Inc. 21 Veazey Cove Rd. Earleville, Md. 21919
<b>Cecil Co. Total</b>			<b>\$3,193.76</b>	
<b>Frederick Co.</b>	\$1,679.00	\$1,679.00		Wells House@Gale Recovery 336 North Market Street Frederick, Md. 21701
	\$25,671.00	\$25,671.00		Wells House 608 E. Patrick St. Frederick, Md. 21701
<b>Frederick Co. Total</b>			<b>\$27,350.00</b>	
<b>Garrett Co.</b>	\$8,341.20	\$8,341.20		(MOW) Garrett Co Community Action Committee, Inc. Aging and Nutrition 104 E. Center St Oakland, Md. 21550
<b>Garrett Co. Total</b>			<b>\$8,341.20</b>	
<b>Harford Co.</b>	\$2,802.00	\$2,802.00		Harford Community Action Agency 1321-B Woodbridge Station Way Edgewood, Md. 21040
	\$1,819.24	\$1,819.24		St John's Church 114 North Union Ave Havre de Grace, Md, 21078
	\$2,192.00	\$2,192.00		The Hope Center of Maryland, Inc. 2843 Churchville Rd. Churchville, Md, 21028
<b>Harford Co. Total</b>			<b>\$6,813.24</b>	
<b>Howard Co.</b>	\$14,574.00	\$19,431.56		Community Action Council of Howard Co, Inc 9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J Columbia, Md. 21045
<b>Howard Co. Total</b>			<b>\$19,431.56</b>	
<b>Montgomery Co.</b>	\$14,574.00	\$3,293.00		Bethesda Cares, Inc 5033 Wilson Lane Bethesda, Md. 20814

	\$3,946.35	\$3,946.35		The Upcounty HUB/Black Rock Center for the Arts 12900 Middlebrook Rd. Germantown, Md. 20874
	\$3,744.15	\$3,744.15		Mid-County United Ministries, Inc. 11015 West Ave. Kensington, Md. 20895
	\$3,009.08	\$3,009.08		Shepherd's Table 8106 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, Md. 20910
	\$885.00	\$885.00		WUMCO Help, Inc. 17821 Elgin Rd. Poolesville, Md. 20837
	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00		Vietnamese American Services, Inc. 12621 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904
<b>Montgomery Co. Total</b>			<b>\$18,627.58</b>	
<b>Prince George's Co.</b>	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		Project Bright Future Mentoring Program, 5757 Temple Hills Road Temple Hills, Md. 20748
	\$1,916.00	\$1,916.00		Galilee Community Development Corp, 2101 Shadyside Avenue Suitland, Md 20746
	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00		SHABACH, Ministries, Inc. 403 Brightseat Rd. Landover, Md. 20785
	\$20,002.00	\$20,002.00		United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. 1400 Dyewood Lane Capitol Heights, Md. 20743
	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		Prince George County Department of Social Services 425 Brightseat Road Landover, Md. 20785
<b>Prince George's Co. Total</b>			<b>\$49,318.00</b>	
<b>Talbot Co.</b>	\$4,440.00	\$4,440.00		Easton Church of God 1009 N. Washington St. Easton, Md. 21601
	\$2,945.66	\$2,945.66		St Michael Community Center 103 Railroad Ave. St. Michaels, Md. 21663
<b>Talbot Co. Total</b>			<b>\$7,385.66</b>	

<b>Washington Co.</b>	\$1,569.16	\$1,569.16		Well House 124 East Baltimore St Hagerstown, Md. 21740
	\$1,261.00	\$1,261.00		Wells House 324 N. Locust St. Hagerstown, Md 21740
<b>Washington Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,830.16</b>	
<b>Worcester Co.</b>	\$2,865.00	\$2,865.00		Diakonia, Inc. 12747 Old Bridge Rd, Ocean City, Md. 21842
	\$3,179.00	\$3,179.00		Samaritan Ministries, Inc. 814 Fourth St. Pocomoke, Md. 21851
<b>Worcester Co. Total</b>			<b>\$6,044.00</b>	
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$286,396.11</b>			
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$282,530.00</b>			
<b>Total Appropriated</b>	<b>\$282,530.00</b>			

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### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) provided SNAEP funding to organizations hosting 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 its partners including other state agencies such as the Department of Aging; the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; the Maryland Department of Health; and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach vendors to disseminate information about the availability of SNAEP funds. DHS also posts SNAEP applications and related instructions on its website between March and May every year.

The variance in the number of organizations applying for and/or receiving SNAEP funding is reflective of the program regulations requiring applicants to raise funds matching state funding, which has historically limited the ability of smaller and less resourced providers to access SNAEP. The requirement to raise matching funds may decrease the number of applicants because small or less-resourced providers are less able to raise matching funds or in-kind donations as required by the statute (§6-405(b)(2)). It is also reflective of the allowable purchases under this program, which typically constitute the purchase of freezers, refrigerators, ovens, large-scale appliances, and cookware, as well as improvements to increase handicap accessibility, such as ramps.

To meet statutory outreach requirements, DHS leveraged contacts from its other state agencies, including the Department of Aging and the Department of Health to ensure that SNAEP application announcement was disseminated widely among the emergency food provider community. The partner application and related instructions were also posted on the MDHS website.

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**OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN FULFILLING ITS STATED  
PURPOSE**

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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.

In Fiscal Year 2023, SNAEP funds supplemented other food distribution grants and expanded ongoing efforts to provide food and supportive services for people in need. 2023 SNAEP awarded grantees reported that their programs served over 954,610 individuals in 2022. All organizations receiving these funds provide additional resources, including information on Earned Income Tax Credit and regular SNAP benefits.