



# Maryland

Department of  
Human Services

## **Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program**

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

September 18, 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 statutory 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 distributing food or equipment to emergency food organizations; *emergency food organizations* are non-profit entities providing emergency food services, which includes 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 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

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In State Fiscal Year 2024, the Maryland legislature appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. \$267,875.66 in grant funds were awarded to 30 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters in 14 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	Requested	Award	Jurisdiction Totals	Organization
<b>Baltimore City</b>	\$634.00	\$634.00		Fishes & Loaves Pantry, Inc. 2422 Patapsco Ave. Baltimore, MD 21230
	\$23,000.66	\$27,865.99		Franciscan Center, Inc. 101 W. 23rd Street Baltimore, MD 21218
	\$8,137.34	\$7,992.49		House of Ruth Maryland 2201 Argonne Drive Baltimore, MD 21218
	\$5,902.95	\$4,425.00		Loch Raven United Methodist Church 6622 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21239
	\$6,820.10	\$6,820.00		Manna House, Inc. 435 E. 25th Street Baltimore, MD 21218
	\$67,397.38	\$67,397.38		Moveable Feast, Inc. 901 N Milton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21205

	\$7,079.16	\$6,667.32		Project Plase, Inc. 1814 Maryland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21201
	\$5,173.44	\$11,560.78		Project Plase, Inc. 1814 Maryland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21201
	\$5,187.00	\$5,187.00		The Baltimore Station 140 W. West Street Baltimore, MD 21230
<b>Baltimore City Total</b>			<b>\$138,549.96</b>	
<b>Baltimore Co.</b>	\$9,954.66	\$9,954.66		40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc. 4711 Edmondson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229
	\$4,427.00	\$4,427.00		Morning Star Baptist Church of Baltimore Co 6665 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21207
<b>Baltimore Co. Total</b>			<b>\$14,381.66</b>	
<b>Calvert Co.</b>	\$2,159.45	\$2,158.62		Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry 6045 Solomon Island Huntingtown, MD 20639
	\$1,807.50	\$2,165.23		End Hunger in Calvert Co 5351 Ketch Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678
	\$2,277.00	\$2,277.00		Mt. Olive UMC Food Pantry 10 Fairgrounds Road Prince Frederick, MD 20372
<b>Calvert Co. Total</b>			<b>\$6,600.85</b>	
<b>Caroline Co.</b>	\$5,832.63	\$5,832.63		Aaron's Place, Inc. 401 Aldersgate Drive Denton, MD 21629
<b>Caroline Co. Total</b>			<b>\$5,832.63</b>	
<b>Charles Co.</b>	\$2,324.06	\$2,324.06		Hughesville Baptist Church Food Pantry 8505 Old Leonardtown Road Hughesville, MD 20637
	\$4,462.00	\$4,462.00		Metropolitan UMC 3385 Metropolitan Church Road Indian Head, MD 20640
<b>Charles Co. Total</b>			<b>\$6,786.06</b>	

<b>Cecil Co.</b>	\$1,367.26	\$1,367.26		Deep Roots, Inc. 21 Veazey Cove Rd. Earleville, MD 21919
<b>Cecil Co. Total</b>			<b>\$1,367.26</b>	
<b>Dorchester Co.</b>	\$2,446.00	\$2,466.00		One Mission Cambridge 614 Race Street Cambridge, MD 21613
<b>Dorchester Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,466.00</b>	
<b>Garrett Co.</b>	\$9,941.46	\$9,941.46		(MOW) Garrett Co Community Action Committee, Inc. Aging and Nutrition 104 E. Center St Oakland, MD 21550
<b>Garrett Co. Total</b>			<b>\$9,941.46</b>	
<b>Harford Co.</b>	\$17,000.00	\$30,539.17		Harford Community Action Agency 1321-B Woodbridge Station Way Edgewood, MD 21040
	\$983.91	\$492.00		St John's Cupboard 114 North Union Ave Havre de Grace, MD 21078
<b>Harford Co. Total</b>			<b>\$31,031.17</b>	
<b>Howard Co.</b>	\$18,397.22	\$18,397.22		Community Action Council of Howard Co, Inc 9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J Columbia, MD 21045
<b>Howard Co. Total</b>			<b>\$18,397.22</b>	
<b>Montgomery Co.</b>	\$12,787.00	\$9,590.50		Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington 501 Sligo Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910
	\$4,692.98	\$2,346.50		MUM Mid-County United Ministries, Inc. 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 710 Silver Spring, MD 20902
	\$10,234.37	\$7,675.79		Shepherd's Table Inc. 8106 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910
<b>Montgomery Co. Total</b>			<b>\$19,612.79</b>	

<b>Prince George's Co.</b>	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00		Galilee Community Development Corp. 2101 Shadyside Avenue Suitland, MD 20746
	\$5,126.11	\$5,126.11		SHABACH Ministries, Inc. 403 Brightseat Rd. Landover, MD 20785
<b>Prince George's Co. Total</b>			<b>\$7,226.11</b>	
<b>Queen Anne's Co.</b>	\$5,000.00	\$2,736.83		Faith Unity Fellowship Ministries, Inc. 116 Liberty Lane Chestertown, MD 21620
<b>Queen Anne's Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,736.83</b>	
<b>Talbot Co.</b>	\$17,600.00	\$2,945.66		St Michael Community Center 103 Railroad Ave. St. Michaels, MD 21663
<b>Talbot Co. Total</b>			<b>\$2,945.66</b>	
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$270,252.64</b>			
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$267,875.66</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, 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 every year between March and May.

The variance in the number of organizations applying for and/or receiving SNAEP funding is reflective of the program regulations requiring applicants to raise matching funds with the 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 statute ([Human Services §6-405\(b\)\(2\)](#)). The statute also reflects 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 other state agencies, including the Department of Aging and the Maryland Department of Health, to ensure 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.

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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, the Maryland legislature appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. \$282,530.00 in grant funds were awarded to 42 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters in 16 jurisdictions throughout the state.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Maryland legislature appropriated \$282,530 in State general funds for SNAEP. \$267,875.66 in grant funds were awarded to 30 soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters in 14 jurisdictions throughout the state.

SNAEP funds supplemented other food distribution grants and expanded ongoing efforts to provide food and supportive services to people in need in FY24. The 2024 SNAEP awarded grantees reported their programs served over 622,278 individuals in 2023. All organizations receiving the funds provide additional resources, including information on Earned Income Tax Credit and regular SNAP benefits.