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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Tony Mayernik, County Administration
RE: 2025 Food Security Emergency Response Spending Report
DATE: March 17, 2026

REQUEST: Informational update – no action needed.

BACKGROUND: On October 30, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners declared a state of emergency due to the expected lapse in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on November 1, 2025. During that state of emergency, the BCC allocated \$100,000 to be distributed to local food banks to assist individuals and households who were expected to receive no SNAP benefits in November 2025. While the State of Oregon was ultimately able to fund November's SNAP benefits payments in full and federal funding resumed shortly thereafter, the county opted to continue its efforts to meet the needs of local communities. After initial discussions with local partners, it was determined that direct grants to local agencies would best support the community, as they are often able to leverage funding through wholesale purchase agreements and fulfill local needs through targeted purchases.

Clackamas Service Center received \$50,000 and used the funding to serve 3,872 households at 7 sites throughout the county. Clackamas Service Center is a regional resource that supports communities throughout the county, including Milwaukie, Oregon City, Clackamas, Happy Valley, Gladstone, Redland, Canby, and Beavercreek.

Colton Helping Hands received \$10,000 and used the funding to purchase items such as canned vegetables, spices, and canned soups that they have not been able to secure through their regular distribution channels. Colton Helping Hands served 1,614 households during the state of emergency.

Estacada Area Food Bank received \$10,000 and used the funding to purchase 8,406 pounds of high protein items, culturally and dietary specific item items, fresh produce and holiday foods. Estacada Area Food Bank served 2,585 households during the emergency, including a 25% increase in the two weeks before the lapse and 40% increase in visits during the first week of the lapse.

Sandy Community Action Center received \$10,000 and used the funding to enhance 804 food boxes distributed during the holiday season and expand culturally specific food availability to meet local community needs. Additionally, the funds supported two months of fresh produce purchases for their Senior Box distribution program to aid 104 older adults and additional proteins for their Meal Site program that served 547 hot meals for local households and houseless individuals during December and January.

\$20,000 was held in reserve for a then-anticipated need to purchase baby formula and other difficult-to-locate items for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, which was also impacted by the lapse in federal funding. WIC has restrictions on the type and quantity of formula that can be purchased by families, which can make it difficult to bridge gaps when funding is not available. Ultimately, this need was met through other sources and the funding was not needed.

The County is grateful to our community partners at Clackamas Service Center, Colton Helping Hands, Estacada Area Food Bank, and Sandy Community Action Center for stepping up to meet the needs of families during this state of emergency.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational update – no action needed.