



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Family Investment Administration
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Food Supplement Employment and Training
- Maryland Emergency Food Program
- Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program
- Federal Refugee Assistance Programs

FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

What is FSET?

FSET is a new program that connects people who receive monthly food supplement benefits (SNAP, or known as Food Stamps) to [job-driven training programs](#).

FSET programs are free of cost to participants, and run for 12 to 16 weeks on average

Examples of services FSET Partners Provide

- Hard skills training in an in-demand industry
- Soft skills training in communication, customer service, and more
- Industry-recognized certifications and credentials
- Referrals to other community services to address employment barriers
- Resolution of employment barriers, such as criminal record, legal services, or driver's licenses
- Support from a personal career navigator and success coach
- Job placement assistance

HOW TO BECOME AN FSET PARTNER?

- An FSET partner may be a non-profit organization, local government entity, or an educational institution that provides employment services and/or related supportive services
- A partner must be able to raise funding “match” required by USDA
- Interested in receiving more information about FSET Partnership? Please email sean.washington@maryland.gov. Sean may also be reached by phone at 410-767-8822



MARYLAND EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM (MEFP)

What is MEFP?

Through MEFP, we provide grants to non-profit and local government organizations that provide groceries or meals, at no cost, to households and individuals who are in need. Such organizations include: soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, food banks, residential treatment programs, and after-school programs.

Funded partners are required to distribute information regarding Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Program Characteristics

- Total funding available is \$1,000,000
- MEFP is available in every county in Maryland
- Unemployment rate and poverty level are two factors used to determine jurisdictional allocations
- Grant awards range between \$2,000 and \$25,000

HOW TO BECOME A MEFP PARTNER?

- MEFP Application and instructions are generally released in March. These documents are posted on the DHR website and emailed to the MEFP listserv
- Applicants have 6 weeks, from the release date, to prepare and submit applications. FY 2018 application deadline was April 21, 2017.
- Please email Annette.Jones-Wilson@maryland.gov if you are interested in being on the MEFP listserv. Annette may also be reached by phone at 410-767-7965

STATEWIDE NUTRITION ASSISTANCE EQUIPEMENT PROGRAM (SNAEP)

WHAT IS NAEP?

Through SNAEP, DHR provides grants to emergency food organizations to enable them to purchase equipment to help increase the ability of the recipients to cook, store and distribute food to need individuals

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- Total available funding is approximately \$260,000
- Example of equipment eligible for purchase under SNAEP include:
 - Freezers
 - commercial stove
 - Shelving Units
 - Other kitchen appliances

INTERESTED IN SNAEP FUNDING?

- You must be incorporated in Maryland as a non-profit or local government entity
- SNAEP application and instructions are released in April every year
- DHR continue to accept applications until available funds are depleted
- If you would like to receive a SNAEP application, please email the Program Coordinator, Leslie Rice at leslie.rice@maryland.gov or at [410-767- 7412](tel:410-767-7412).

REFUGEE PROGRAMS

Program	Purpose and Services
Refugee Transitional Cash Assistance(RTCA)	RTCA is a state-administered and federally-funded temporary financial assistance program. It is available to qualified legal immigrants to allow them sufficient time to secure employment and become economically independent. The program is comparable to Maryland's Temporary Cash Assistance for Families (TCA) program in benefits and requirements, but is designed to help qualified immigrants without dependent children.
Initial Refugee Health Screening Program(HIS)	Resettlement agencies are responsible for ensuring newly arrived refugees receive an Initial Health Screening ("IHS") upon arrival to the U.S. IHS appointments determine if new arrivals have medical conditions that need immediate attention. Children also receive immunizations required for school enrollment at the IHS. After the IHS, clients are referred to a primary care physician for preventive health and ongoing care.
English as Second Language (ESL)	Helping refugees develop English language proficiency is critical to MORA's mission because refugees who speak English realize faster social integration and economic self-sufficiency. MORA makes free English Language Training (ELT) available to refugees in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Baltimore City.
Employment Services	Self-sufficiency is achieved through a wide range of social and employment services aimed at improving life for economically disadvantaged clients. Using an array of programs and strategies, MORA's grantees offer employment services tailored to each refugee's needs. A few examples of employment services funded by MORA include: Job Readiness Training, Resume Writing, Job Search Assistance, Vocational Training, Interview Preparation, Transportation Assistance, Interpretation during job interviews, Post-placement, mentoring for vocational success.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE SERVICES?

- Individuals admitted to the U.S. as Refugees
- Individuals granted Asylum status
- Certified Victims of Trafficking
- Central American Minors admitted to the U.S. through the Refugee Program
- Cuban & Haitian Parolees



WHERE TO REFER CLIENTS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

- **Ethiopian Community Development Council**
The World Building
8121 Georgia Avenue Suite 800, Silver Spring, M.D. 20910
Phone: 301-562-7301
- **[International Rescue Committee Baltimore](#)**
Baltimore Resettlement Center (BRC)
3516 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224
Phone: 410-327-1885 **[International Rescue Committee Silver Spring](#)**
Suburban Washington Resettlement Center
8719 Colesville Road, 3rd Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: 301-562-8633
- **Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area**
Maryland Office, 3799 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Phone: 240-714-4034