



Baltimore County's Roadmap to End Hunger in 2022

Reduce food insecurity for 78,300 County residents by increasing funding for these 3 programs that already exist, but are all underfunded:

Summer SNAP for Children

- Maryland's *Summer SNAP for Children* builds on the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which **reduces food insecurity and poverty for 77,558 County households**.
- *Summer SNAP for Children* helps families access food during school breaks by providing a state and county funded supplement of \$30 per child, per summer month that is automatically added to existing SNAP accounts.
- There are **51,627 children** eligible for *Summer SNAP for Children* in Baltimore County. However, given inadequate funding levels, only 450 children in Baltimore County, less than 1% of those eligible, received this support in 2021.
- The total cost to fully fund the program is just **\$100 per child, per year** - a total of **\$5,162,700**.
- Towson University economists found that increasing funds for this supplement will "greatly benefit" the economy while **reducing food insecurity, creating additional jobs, and increasing tax revenues**.

SNAP Minimum Monthly Benefit

- With an average monthly benefit of \$128 per person, SNAP is one of the most effective strategies to **reduce both food insecurity and poverty**. However, the monthly SNAP benefit provided by the federal government is too low for many recipients. In fact, thousands of County residents receive the minimum SNAP benefit of **just \$20 per person**, per month.
- Marylanders over age 62 benefit from a state-funded SNAP supplement to bring their benefit level up to a minimum of \$30 per month. In Baltimore County, 4,199 people received this supplement in 2020. However, **7,189 people** in Baltimore County are currently left out of this supplement because they are under age 62. Less than **\$860,000** would allow all residents to receive **at least \$1 a day for food**.

Maryland Meals for Achievement

- The Maryland Meals for Achievement program allows BCPS students in 108 schools to start their day well-nourished and ready to learn with **universal free school breakfast** in the classroom.
- An additional **19,581 students** attend schools that are eligible, but not yet participating. With **\$726,000**, all eligible schools can participate, including: Catonsville Center, Cockeysville Middle, Dundalk High, Franklin High, Kenwood High, Lansdowne High, Loch Raven High, Meadowood Education Center, Milford Mill Academy, New Town High, Owings Mills High, Parkville High, Perry Hall High, Pikesville High, Randallstown High, and Woodlawn High.
- Expanding access to this school breakfast program is particularly important in these secondary schools given the alarming food insecurity rates measured in 2018 by the Maryland Department of Health. This survey found that 30% of all BCPS high school students are food insecure and that students of color attending BCPS are at a significantly higher risk.



\$6,748,700 will fully implement these programs to support **over 78,300 County residents**, including **51,627 children** ages 0-18 in very low income households, **7,189 low income adults**, and **19,581 BCPS students**.