

# Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program

<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides food to needy persons through emergency food box and congregate meal sites. Oregon Housing and Community Services is responsible for administering TEFAP and contracts with Oregon Food Bank to deliver the services. The Oregon Food Bank coordinates statewide distribution through regional food banks and hunger relief agencies.</p> <p>Low-income individuals and families in need of food assistance are eligible. Household income cannot exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty guideline. People participating in the following programs are also eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);</li> <li>• Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC);</li> <li>• Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);</li> <li>• Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TEFAP);</li> <li>• Free or Reduced School Lunch Program; or</li> <li>• Social Security Disability or SSI income.</li> </ul> <p>See Federal Poverty Guidelines at <a href="http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/">http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/</a> and multiply the most current year's guidelines by 185 percent.</p>
<b>Additional Program Information</b>	<p>Oregon Housing and Community Services is actively involved with the Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger to implement recommendations of the Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon, and help ensure that state food and nutrition programs operate efficiently and effectively. You can learn more at: <a href="http://oregonhunger.org/">http://oregonhunger.org/</a></p>
<b>For More Information</b>	<p>To talk with someone about resources and services in your local area or county, contact your local community action agency at: <a href="http://www.caporegon.org/members.htm">http://www.caporegon.org/members.htm</a>. Information is also available through <a href="http://www.211info.org">http://www.211info.org</a> or by calling "211".</p>



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