

TO: Mayor and City Council |
THROUGH: Krishna Namburi, City Manager |
FROM: Dan Atchison, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Staff Report – Authorizing a donation to the Marion Polk Food Share

Ward(s): All Wards |
Councilor(s): All Councilors |
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods |
Result Area(s): Safe and Healthy Community

SUMMARY:

This supplemental staff report includes an updated resolution correcting errors, and provides updates that occurred late last week after the staff report was published concerning federal and state actions regarding SNAP benefits. |

ISSUE:

Shall City Council authorize a donation to the MPFS in the amount of \$20,000 to support residents impacted by the suspension of SNAP benefits caused by the federal shutdown and adopt Resolution No. 2025-30 to transfer \$20,000 of appropriation within the FY 2026 General Fund budget for the donation. |

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a donation to the MPFS in the amount of \$20,000 to support residents impacted by the suspension of SNAP benefits caused by the federal shutdown and adopt Resolution No. 2025-30 to transfer \$20,000 of appropriation within the FY 2026 General Fund budget for the donation. |

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

As a result of continued uncertainty regarding SNAP monthly food benefits which 46,392 households in Marion and Polk counties receive, staff's recommendation to authorize the donation is intended to help provide some stability and remains unchanged.

The following is a summary of actions related to SNAP that have taken place since the original staff report regarding the donation was published:

- Late last week, the federal administration announced an error in its calculations of the amount of SNAP benefits that could be funded for November. Instead of the 50% allocation it originally announced, the administration allocated approximately 66% of the funds.
- On Friday, a federal court ordered the administration to fund the benefits at 100% and the administration indicated it would comply with that order.
- Also on Friday, the State of Oregon announced that it had fully funded recipients SNAP accounts for November.
- Over the weekend, the administration announced its intent to challenge the district court's order requiring it to release 100% of the SNAP funds. The administration, through the Department of Agriculture (FDA), issued a communication to states directing them to only fund SNAP at the 66% allocation and to take steps to reverse or "immediately undo" full SNAP benefits for November. The administration indicated it will withhold funding to the states if they do not comply with the administration's directive.
- In a statement over the weekend, Governor Kotek indicated that Oregon will not comply with the FDA's latest directive.

At this point, it appears the issue will be resolved through the federal courts and the timeline for a decision is unclear. Given the uncertainty, staff's recommendation to authorize the donation is unchanged.

BACKGROUND:

Attachments:

1. *Corrected Resolution No. 2025-30*

