

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

(Program Factsheet)

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### Do you need food? Are you eligible for food stamps?

If you earn a low-income or have no income and are in need of food, contact the Oregon Food Bank at 800.777.7427 or at [www.oregonfoodbank.org](http://www.oregonfoodbank.org).

### Program Overview

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides USDA commodities to needy persons through emergency food box and congregate meal sites. Oregon Housing and Community Services is responsible for administering the Emergency Food Assistance Program and contracts with Oregon Food Bank to deliver the services. The Oregon Food Bank coordinates the Emergency Food Assistance Program statewide through twenty regional food banks distributing commodities to more than 800 hunger relief agencies.

### Who is Eligibility

Each state sets criteria for determining what households are eligible to receive food for home consumption. Income standards may, at the State's discretion, be met through participation in other existing federal, state, or local food, health or welfare programs for which eligibility is based on income. Commodities for home consumption shall be made available to low-income individuals and families in need of food assistance. A low-income household shall be defined as a household with an income that does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty guideline.

View this link to determine if your income does not exceed the Federal Poverty Guideline at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/ProgramBasics/IEGs/Income\\_Eligibility\\_Current.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/ProgramBasics/IEGs/Income_Eligibility_Current.htm).

### How to Apply

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### Additional Program Information

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is actively involved with the Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger (ICCH) to implement the recommendations of the Hunger Relief Task Force and help ensure that state food and nutrition programs operate efficiently and effectively.

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