

Theodore R. Kulongoski  
Governor



## Governor's Hunger Partnership Account

Thank you for your interest in joining the Governor's fight against hunger in our state through the Governor's Hunger Partnership Account, an innovative public-private partnership that will help fund three specific government programs designed to reduce food insecurity.

The programs, administered by Oregon Department of Human Services, are primarily federally funded, but other non-federal monies are needed to keep them operational. Because of the state's current budget shortfall, state funding for these programs is uncertain. Your donation, which may be tax-deductible, will help to keep the programs whole at a time when hungry Oregonians need them most.

The three programs are listed below. Please place a check beside the one you wish to support. If you wish to donate equally to all three, simply return this letter without checking any specific program.

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:** This program provides coupons that are redeemable for fresh produce at farmers markets throughout Oregon, benefiting low-income women, infants and children and farmers. Education on nutrition and selecting and preparing fresh produce is also a key aspect of this program. Donations to this program will be matched by federal funds and enable more WIC clients to receive coupons, providing them with an additional source of nutritious food and increasing the potential revenue for WIC Farmers' Market vendors.
  
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:** This program provides coupons that are redeemable for fresh produce at farmers' markets throughout Oregon, benefiting both seniors and farmers. The federal grant dollars available for this program do not currently cover the cost of administering the program. Donations to this program will fund expenses such as project management, printing and reproduction of coupons, and administrative oversight to boost redemption rates. Without those dollars, the state will be unable to administer the program and will lose the opportunity to bring in more federal dollars to local communities.

- **Food Stamp Outreach Campaign:** The federal Food Stamp program supplements food budgets for low-income working families and individuals, people on public assistance, seniors and people with disabilities across Oregon. Donations to this program will be matched by federal outreach funds and go toward continuing a statewide Food Stamp outreach campaign that has brought in over \$200 million in new food stamps to families and local communities in the state over the last two years.

Please make your check out to the Oregon Department of Human Services, and send it to the following address: Oregon Department of Human Services, Attn: Receipting Unit, 500 Summer Street NE E08, Salem, Oregon 97310-1080.

Many Oregonians depend on these programs which bring federal matching dollars into our state. Your donation will help to keep the programs going. We deeply appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore R. Kulongoski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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