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**Media Advisory:**

**Call for Statewide Grant Applications to Support Hunger Relief**

**What:** Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR)—the state’s human services agency—is calling for applications to a statewide grant program that supports soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, food banks, residential treatment programs, and

after-school programs, among other nonprofit entities that serve free meals to hungry families and individuals. The grant, known as the Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program (SNAEP), supports these organizations in purchasing equipment and supplies such as refrigerators, cookware, and storage that are essential to providing meals for people in need.

Applications for participation in the fiscal year 2018 grant cycle are due on May 12, 2017. To apply, interested organizations should obtain an application by contacting Leslie Rice, Program Administrator, at [leslie.rice@maryland.gov](mailto:leslie.rice@maryland.gov) or [(410) 767-7412](tel:(410)%20767-7412).

**When:** Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm EDT

**How:** DHR strongly recommends submitting applications electronically by email to [bureauof.specialgrants@maryland.gov](mailto:bureauof.specialgrants@maryland.gov) with the subject line “SNAEP Fiscal Year 2018 Application.”

Applications submitted by mail must be received by May 12. It is recommended that applications sent by mail are postmarked to the following address on or before May 3 in order to meet the deadline:

Statewide Nutrition Assistance Equipment Program

Attn: Leslie Rice

Family Investment Administration

Department of Human Resources

311 W. Saratoga Street, Room 217

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Contact:** Leslie Rice, Program Administrator,[leslie.rice@maryland.gov](mailto:leslie.rice@maryland.gov),[(410) 767-7412](tel:(410)%20767-7412)

**About:** DHR—the Maryland Department of Human Resources—is the state’s primary social service provider, serving more than one million people annually. Through its 24 local departments of social services, DHR aggressively pursues opportunities to assist people in economic need, provide preventive services, and protect vulnerable children and adults in each of Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City. Additional information may be found at [www.dhr.maryland.gov](http://www.dhr.maryland.gov/), or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MDDHR/) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/mddhr).

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