

(D) "EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDER" MEANS A NONPROFIT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT-RUN ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING A SOUP KITCHEN OR FOOD PANTRY, WHICH PROVIDES FOOD TO NEEDY INDIVIDUALS AT NO CHARGE.

(E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM.

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(A) (1) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN THE STATE BUDGET, THERE IS A MARYLAND EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(2) THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE THE PROGRAM.

~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS IN PURCHASING FOOD FOR NEEDY INDIVIDUALS.~~

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS IN PURCHASING FOOD FOR NEEDY INDIVIDUALS; AND

AND
(2) ENCOURAGE NEEDY INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT;

AND
(3) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON MARYLAND'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

(C) (1) NO MORE THAN ~~8%~~ 5% OF THE PROGRAM'S BUDGET MAY BE USED TO COVER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

(2) ALL REMAINING FUNDING SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR FOOD PURCHASE ONLY.

(3) NO PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR EQUIPMENT OR FOR ANY OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DESIGNATE AN~~ ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SELECT AND APPROVE A SINGLE ADMINISTERING AGENCY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY.

(B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO ENSURE THAT THE SELECTED ADMINISTERING AGENCY HAS ADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER CASH RECEIPTS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND INVENTORIES; AND

(2) A DEFINITION OF "UNITS OF SERVICE" WHICH SHALL BE USED TO TRACK PROGRAM UTILIZATION.