



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2025.22

Providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance to Marylanders

- WHEREAS, On October 30, 2025, a State of Emergency was declared via Executive Order 01.01.2025.20 due to the widespread economic disruption and damage to the welfare of Marylanders caused by the prolonged shutdown of federal government operations, pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code;
- WHEREAS, As a result of the prolonged federal government shutdown, the federal administration failed to use available funds to timely pay Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits for the month of November;
- WHEREAS, Over 680,000 low-income Marylanders, including more than 270,000 children, who rely on a monthly federally funded SNAP benefit to purchase healthy food, risk going hungry;
- WHEREAS, On October 31, 2025, two federal district courts found that the federal administration was acting unlawfully by failing to use available federal funds to at least partially fund SNAP benefits nationwide for the month of November;
- WHEREAS, Only after being ordered by a federal court to fulfill the basic governmental function of keeping people from going hungry, the federal administration has opted to only partially fund SNAP benefits, which is not enough to ensure that Maryland families dependent on these benefits have enough to eat during the month of November;

WHEREAS, The failure of the federal administration to fully fund SNAP benefits during this prolonged government shutdown creates a hunger crisis in Maryland, leaving our most vulnerable residents at risk of losing the most basic human need;

WHEREAS, To prevent hunger and to maintain the public health and welfare of all Marylanders impacted by the federal government shutdown, on October 30, via Executive Order 01.01.2025.21, the Moore-Miller Administration ordered that \$10 million in emergency funding be equitably targeted to Maryland food banks and other organizations that provide food assistance; and

WHEREAS, It being necessary to protect the public health and welfare, the Moore-Miller Administration will further address this crisis by using the Governor's emergency powers to direct State funds to be used to ensure Marylanders have access to fully funded SNAP benefits for the month of November.

NOW THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Until the State of Emergency is terminated:

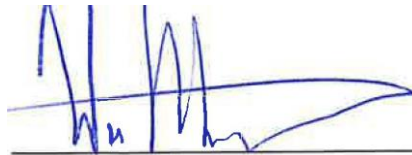
1. The provisions of§ 7-330(g) and (i) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Code, authorizing the permissible uses and expenditures of the Fiscal Responsibility Fund ("FRF"), are hereby suspended for the purposes of providing relief set forth in this Order; and
2. All other laws and regulations that might otherwise restrict a budget amendment transferring funds from the FRF to specified State agencies are hereby suspended for the purposes of providing relief set forth in this Order.

B. Pursuant to Section A of this Order, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall transfer funds from the FRF to the

Department of Human Services in an amount determined in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services that is necessary to provide supplemental state benefits for emergency food assistance for current Maryland SNAP customers.

- C. The Secretary of Human Services shall ensure the funds transferred pursuant to this Order are expended in the most efficient and expeditious manner.
- D. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Executive Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 3rd Day of November 2025.



Wes Moore
Governor



ATTEST:



Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State