



Reducing Food Insecurity for At-Risk Children

FY 2020-2021 Biennial Budget Funding Request

Total Biennial Request: \$2,350,000; Leveraging over \$21,000,000 in Federal Funds

Children's Hunger Alliance (CHA) is a statewide non-profit organization founded in 1970 with offices in Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Toledo. Our mission is to ensure children at-risk for food insecurity receive healthy food, nutrition education and engagement in physical activity. Children's Hunger Alliance does this through our collaboration with numerous individuals and organizations by directly feeding children healthy meals in family child care provider homes, childcare centers, and in afterschool programs. We also work to increase breakfast participation in schools and increase the number of children accessing summer meals throughout our state. Additionally, our staff provide nutrition education and physical activity opportunities to children in an effort for them to learn about healthy food choices and stay active to help reduce the incidence of obesity and chronic disease and to promote lifelong healthy habits.

This funding request will allow CHA to sustain our work as one of the largest and most geographically diverse sponsors of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) throughout the state currently sponsoring 700 in-home family childcare providers (67%), 30 childcare centers and 275 afterschool programs (35%). It will further allow us to continue our advocacy work to increase school breakfast participation and increase access to summer meals for the 1 in 5 children in our state that live in food insecure homes. This number is estimated to be over 529,000 children in 2018.

Our work over the past two years, in collaboration with our partners, has allowed us to provide approximately 14 million meals to children at-risk for food insecurity. While there are many food safety net opportunities for families in need, our work specifically addresses children's food insecurity.

In the FY 2018-2019 State Budget Children's Hunger Alliance was grateful to receive \$500,000 through TANF funding to support our work.

In order to sustain our current level of work annually providing approximately 7,000,000 meals to more than 60,000 children at risk of food insecurity we respectfully request \$2,350,000 in the FY 2020-2021 state budget.



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1. Program: In-Home Family Childcare Providers, Childcare Centers and Early Childhood Nutrition

- **Impact:** Collaborate with no less than 700 in-home providers and 30 childcare centers to serve approximately 15,000 children and provide 4,070,000 meals and snacks annually.

Total CHA Annual Budget:

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| Total Costs | \$6,757,734 |
| Anticipated ODE Revenue | \$6,083,970 |
| Budget Request – annually | \$320,000 |
| Additional funds CHA will raise | \$353,764 |

Leveraged Federal Dollars: Approximately \$5,500,000 annually; \$11,000,000 over biennium

Request: \$335,000/year; \$670,000 over biennium

2. Program: Afterschool Nutrition Program

- **Impact:** Collaborate with over 275 afterschool sites to reach 30,000 children serving 900,000 meals and snacks.

Total CHA Annual Budget:

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| Total Costs | \$2,989,128 |
| Anticipated ODE Revenue | \$2,439,100 |
| Budget Request – annually | \$250,000 |
| Additional funds CHA will raise | \$300,028 |

Leveraged Federal Dollars: Approximately \$2,200,000 annually; \$4,400,000 over biennium

Request: \$250,000/year; \$500,000 over biennium

3. Program: School Breakfast and Summer Meals

- **Impact:** Annually support more than 80 school districts to implement alternative breakfast models to increase participation in an effort to reach the national goal of 70%. Support summer sponsors to increase the number of children accessing summer food and increase the number of summer meal sites.

Total CHA Annual Budget:

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| Total Costs | \$461,372 |
| Budget Request - annually | \$150,000 summer |
| Budget Request – annually | \$230,000 breakfast |
| Additional funds CHA will raise | \$ 81,372 |

Leveraged Federal Dollars: Approximately \$3,000,000 annually; \$6,000,000 over biennium

Request: \$380,000/year; \$760,000 over biennium

4. Program: Nutrition Education and Physical Activity

- **Impact:** Expand statewide CHA programs to educate children, parents and other caregivers in making healthy food choices and to increase engagement in physical activity.

Total CHA Annual Budget:

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| Total Costs | \$449,636 |
| Budget Request – annually | \$225,000 |
| Additional funds CHA will raise | \$224,636 |

Request: \$225,000/year; \$450,000 over biennium



Total Statewide Funding Request

| | <u>FY 2020</u> | <u>FY 2021</u> |
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| Biennium | | |
| Family Child Care Providers \$640,000 | \$320,000 | \$320,000 |
| Afterschool Nutrition \$500,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| School Breakfast & Summer Meals \$760,000 | \$380,000 | \$380,000 |
| Nutrition Education/Physical Activity \$450,000 | <u>\$225,000</u> | <u>\$225,000</u> |
| FY 20-21 Biennium Totals \$2,350,000 | \$1,175,000 | \$1,175,000 |

Funds received from the state would supplement, not supplant, our fundraising efforts through individual, corporate and foundation monies secured by Children's Hunger Alliance allowing us to sustain our work. Funding secured above what is required for our current work would enable us to expand reaching more food insecure children.