Cowlitz County 2020: There are incredible efforts being made to address food security in our state beyond just those of WSDA Food Assistance programs. This county snapshot focuses only on WSDA Food Assistance programs key services and programming to support the hunger relief system. Due to COVID-19, we have added statewide projections, WSDA COVID-19 food security response efforts, and critical areas of concern.

County Snapshot

Contractors: Lower Columbia Community Action Program, Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington

Partner Organizations: 16
- Food Pantries: 8
- Meal Programs: 1
- Other: 7

Legislative Districts: 19, 20
Congressional District: 3

Statewide Snapshot

Quarterly Clients Served vs Food & Funding

Federal Programs - Cowlitz County

**BASELINE - Annual Funding**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL - Additional Appropriations**

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State Programs - Cowlitz County

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Federal data is collected at the contractor level and estimated at the county level.
State tribal data is collected at the contractor level and estimated at the county level for subcontractors.

Food Assistance core programs without COVID-19 support see page 2 for COVID-19 response.
WSDA COVID-19 Response

**SUPPLEMENTAL - Additional Appropriations for WSDA Food Security Efforts**

Food security issues in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to emerge and evolve. WSDA in partnership with the Governor’s food security team, state agencies, and the hunger relief community has responded to this crisis by expanding its purchasing role to address food supply chain disruptions and by providing economic opportunities to offset the negative impacts on Washington’s agricultural sector. We provided significant supports for hunger relief organizations by funding critical capacity needs like mobile food pantries, refrigeration, PPE, fresh produce boxes, emergency food boxes, and mobilization of volunteers.

**$105 Million**
WSDA’s 2020 Statewide Food Security Response

**$54.3 Million**
WSDA’s ‘21-23 Proposed Food Security Response

This one time pandemic infusion was invaluable but will leave many emergency food providers facing a funding cliff in 2021 and beyond. State, Federal COVID-19 response funds, and the Trade Mitigation Program are set to expire. We anticipate that client need will continue to grow, donations will remain at reduced levels, and hunger relief organizations will struggle to maintain services. If non-governmental resources are less than anticipated, then we may need to increase our current funding requests. Without additional resources, the impact on Washington communities could be devastating. For additional information on WSDA’s food security response, please see [https://agr.wa.gov/coronavirus](https://agr.wa.gov/coronavirus).