WSDA Food Assistance Flexible Funding Grants Overview

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Food Assistance program is offering three (3) grant opportunities to all eligible agencies, tribes, and tribal organizations to help strengthen and equip the hunger relief network of Washington. *Applicants do not need to be currently contracted with WSDA’s Food Assistance Program to be eligible for the WSDA Food Assistance Flexible Funding Grants.* Visit [www.agr.wa.gov/grants](http://www.agr.wa.gov/grants) for the full eligibility requirements and more information on the grants.

**Project Sizes**
- Under $5,000
- $5,000-$50,000
- $50,000 and over

**Application and Award Timeline**

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<td>September 29, 2021</td>
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<td>Notifications to applicants</td>
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<td>Projects complete</td>
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**Reimbursement of Grant Funds**
Grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis. Grant recipients should consider their financial capacity to pay project costs up-front, with reimbursements requested on a monthly basis.

**Eligibility Requirements**
- Be currently active in System for Award Management (SAM) and have a Data Universal Numbers System number (DUNS #).
- Be a public agency, recognized tribe, or 501(c) nonprofit organization supporting hunger relief in the Washington State. Nonprofit organizations must have been in operation for 12 or more consecutive months and be registered with the Washington Secretary of State.

**Grant Types**
- **Food Distribution Efficiencies:** Meaningfully sustain or improve access to nutritious, culturally relevant foods with staff support or training, capacity improvements, or equipment purchasing.
- **Targeted Community Needs:** Meaningfully support historically underrepresented communities, service programs, or current or emerging community needs.
- **Pilot Projects/Innovations, Food System Improvements:** Meaningfully improve local food systems with a pilot project, innovative program, or by supporting local agriculture or business.

**Grant Objectives (for projects $5,000 or more)**
- Strategy, efficiency, and preparedness
- Sustainability and resiliency
- Equity, inclusivity, and removing barriers
- Local agriculture and/or local business
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Grant Management and Reports Schedule

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Application Process Overview

Visit [www.agr.wa.gov/grants](http://www.agr.wa.gov/grants) for application PDFs.

- Applications for eligible projects **under $5,000** can be found on the Harvest Against Hunger website at [harvestagainsthunger.org](http://harvestagainsthunger.org) under the Refrigerator Capacity Grants link. For **equipment and equipment installation** projects only.
- Applications for eligible projects **$5,000 to $50,000 and more** can be found [here](http://www.agr.wa.gov/grants) or at [agr.wa.gov/grants](http://agr.wa.gov/grants).

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