WSDA Food Assistance
General Check-In Meeting
Date: May 17, 2022

Food Assistance Team
COVID-19 Check-In Meetings
Tuesday – May 17, 2022

Schedule:
Tuesday – General Focus Meeting – Once per Month

Updates:
WSDA Focus on Food & We Feed WA & LFPA: Katie Rains
Washington Food Coalition – Trish Twomey
Harvest Against Hunger – David Bobanick
Advocacy Update – Aaron Czyzewski, Christina Wong, Claire Lane

FA Updates:
Resiliency Grants Round 2 (Lindsey); Review “Season” – June through September 2022, Closeout & Audit & Other Reminders (Kyle & Team);
Pending Grants & New Food Purchase (Kim/James); Increasing Client Access Update; Questions? Other things on your mind?

Next Meetings:
Friday: June 3, 9:00 am – Contractor Only
Tuesday: June 21, 9:00 am – General Check-In Meeting (Northwest Harvest)
WSDA hosted 4 stakeholder listening sessions in March to share preliminary thinking about WA’s LFPA proposal, and to gather questions and comments. Thank you for your participation!

Our application was submitted to USDA earlier this month and is under review. We have indicated that we’d like to begin as early as June 1, pending notification of award.

WSDA has requested $4.32M of a $7.2M total allocation, assuming that 40% would be allocated to tribes and will take a two-pronged approach:

- Food Assistance will issue $2.7M in pass-through funding to contractors, including all tribes. Work may begin immediately upon executing the contract.
- The Director’s Office will issue a competitive solicitation for $1.3M for additional work that will occur in 2023.

Note: every county will benefit from this funding.
Resiliency Grant – Round 2

• Anticipate $16 million + in funding

• Application window open!
  ✓ April 18-June 10 (54 days) – Start early! More in-depth application compared to round 1.

• Requires currently active:
  ✓ SAM, Unique Entity ID (previously DUNS), Secretary of State
    ... may take extra time (up to 30 days)

• Resources available at agr.wa.gov/grants:
  ✓ FAQ updated weekly
  ✓ Definitions
  ✓ Info sessions and technical assistance
  ✓ Translated grant overview and application PDF
  ✓ ... and more!
Resiliency Grant – Round 2

Timeline:

- **April 18, 2022:** Application window open (54 days)
- **June 10, 2022:** Applications due
- **June 10-30, 2022:**
  - Review and selection period
  - Finalization of grant awards
  - Notifications of award status
- **July 1-8, 2022:** Contracts sent out pending finalization of grant awards.
  
  *Note:* If awards require extensive clarification, this step may be delayed.
- **July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:** Anticipated contract period.
  
  *Note:* Contracts must be executed by July 31, 2022. If contracts have not been finalized by this date, WSDA reserves the right to retract awards.
Resiliency Grant – Round 2 Open NOW!

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Grant application information + technical assistance:

• Thursdays at 11am (45 minutes) in April and May 2022.
  (Meeting link. Dates: April 21, May 5, May 19, Jun 2)
• Info sessions will be hosted in English.
To arrange technical assistance in Spanish or another language,
please email foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov.

Thank you to:
• Resiliency Grant Committee for advising on this program
• Harvest Against Hunger for contract management of small equipment awards
• Northwest Harvest for outreach support
Friendly Reminders

• Food Assistance Monitoring Reviews

*Each year our team visits a number of contractors and subcontractors across the state. If we will be visiting your agency this summer/fall, we’ll be reaching out to you with more information in the coming months.*

• WA Secretary of State – Renewal Delays

*Online filings for nonprofit corporations are not currently available. Plan for delays. Paper filing options are available, but the process is taking much longer than normal.*

• System for Award Management (SAM)

*Please make sure your registration is Active (it needs to be renewed periodically). Also, if your registration is marked “private”, we will not be able to verify its Active status.*
Grants Pending

TEFAP REACH & RESILIENCY:
• USDA requested additional information
  • This is a could sign that we are still in the running
  • Anticipate Late May or June Award

LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING ASSISTANCE:
• Grant application was submitted to USDA
• Anticipate June/July Award
  • Contract amendments targeted for July
Resiliency Initiatives SFY 2022 Funding

Food Purchase with remaining & new SFY 2022 funding:

• Restock Strategic Reserve Warehouse – $1.6 Million
  • Following TEFAP Allocations Methodology – Initial Allocation
    • If the allocated food is not “claimed” then secondary channels will open up
  • Timing: June – Sept 2022

Future Food Purchase proposals:

• Need consensus/approval from Resiliency Initiatives Committee/Subcommittee (not formed yet)
  • Targeted for January – March 2023 timeframe
  • May include vendor RFP process
GOAL = Increasing Client Access

Access requirements
No Service Area Restrictions
Increased access points

Increased access points

Program Philosophy or culture

Resources

Access
Requirements

State and Federal Funding
Support network
Education & Training
Farms Efficiency Teamwork Fresh Boxes Resiliency Grant
Grant opportunities
Reserve Warehouse

This is not a response to COVID – it’s a vision of our future:
# COVID-19 Check-In Meeting

**Be Flexible**

**Change is Inevitable**

**Changing Landscape**

**Situation Change**

**Goals Remain Steady**

**Adapt and Overcome**

## Perseverance > Partnerships > Possibilities

![Never Give Up Image](image)

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

- Michael Jordan