WSDA Food Assistance
General Check-In Meeting
Date: August 16, 2022

Food Assistance Team
**COVID-19 Check-In Meetings**  
**Tuesday – August 16, 2022**

### Schedule:
Tuesday – General Focus Meeting – Once per Month

### Presentation:
Efforts to Increase TEFAP: Feeding America & Food Lifeline
- Aaron Czyzewski Food Lifeline Director of Advocacy & Public Policy

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

### FA Updates:
- Resiliency Grants Round 2 Update (Lindsey); TEFAP R&R (contracts sent!) and LFPA - Food Assistance Update; WFC Conference Session Feedback; Questions? Other things on your mind?

### Next Meetings:
- Friday: September 9, 9:00 am – Contractor Check-In Meeting
- Tuesday: September 20, 9:00 am – General Check-In Meeting
- Weds. – Fri. September 28-30 – **Washington Food Coalition Conference!!!!**
1. Level setting: Background, data trends, food purchase and administration, outdated program requirements and burdens...

2. Current state of play: USDA, farm bill (marker bill), annual appropriations...

3. Dialogue on next steps: Shared vision for WA...
USDA TEFAP – A Food Distribution Program

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

• Began in 1981 and has continued to grow – a core foundational program providing food to people.
  • Over 100 different types of food, including fresh produce, dairy, eggs, frozen foods like seafood and chicken, and yes, shelf-stable foods.

• It is one of many puzzle pieces supporting lower-income families and agriculture. In Washington, it reaches:
  • Over 522,290 people each month receive TEFAP foods
  • 19 “lead” hunger-relief organizations that provide TEFAP to over 400 food pantries, meal programs, tribes, and other access points.

• It has historically been under-funded and does not cover all costs of distributing food to people in need and operations.
  • Storage, transportation, client intake, staffing, insurance, food safety, audits, civil rights etc.)
Current Funding Issues:

- TEFAP received significant increased support during the height of the pandemic. These additional supports are projected to go away even though we are still facing a longer-term recovery and the need is still great:
  
  - Food prices are higher, and supply is still a challenge
  - Transportation and storage costs have more than doubled in many areas
  - Client need is NOT declining, and inflation is adding more stress on the system
  - Outdated reporting burdens at all levels
TEFAP Forecasting *(No Change)*

No Change: TEFAP Funds, Food Value and Clients

- **FFY2018**
  - Funds: TEFAP Operational Funding
  - Funds: TEFAP Funds Other
  - Food Value: TEFAP Bonus Food Estimate
  - Food Value: TEFAP Food Other
  - Total Clients (all members in a household)

- **FFY2019**

- **FFY2020**

- **FFY2021**

- **FFY2022**

- **FFY2023 (projected)**

- **FFY2024 (projected)**
Feeding America Request: TEFAP Funds, Food Value and Clients

- Funds: TEFAP Operational Funding
- Funds: TEFAP Food Conversion to Operational Funding
- Food Value: TEFAP Entitlement
- Food Value: TEFAP Bonus Food Estimate
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TEFAP Forecasting (Increased Investment with Increased Operational Funding – Revised 8/19/22)

Food Lifeline Request: TEFAP Funds, Food Value and Clients

- FFY2018
- FFY2019
- FFY2020
- FFY2021
- FFY2022
- FFY2023 (projected)
- FFY2024 (projected)

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(FFY = Federal Fiscal Year)
USDA TEFAP – Projected Cliff in FFY 2023

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Thank you to all participants!

Hunger relief organizations inside and outside regularly contracted network were awarded. Approx. $4 million distributed across WA State.

Final stages of review and selection. Thank you, all applicants and reviewers! Notifications of award this week. $16 million to be distributed across WA State.

Final awards will fund:
- Currently Contracted and Uncontracted Organizations (FA Core Programs)
- Regional Distribution Organizations
- Rural organizations
- Statewide representation
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NEVER GIVE UP

"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