



General Check-In Meeting

January 21, 2025

Presented By: WSDA Food Assistance Team



Washington
State Department of
Agriculture

Agenda

Partner Updates:

- WSDA Focus on Food & Other Updates – Katie Rains
- Washington Food Coalition – Trish Twomey
- Harvest Against Hunger – David Bobanick
- Advocacy Updates – Claire Lane, Aaron Czyzewski, and Jamie Wheeler



Food Assistance (FA) Updates:

- Resiliency Grants (Next Round) – Britt Beug
- TEFAP Risk Assessment – Mallorie Shellmer
- General Updates – Kim Eads
- Meeting Schedule

Resiliency Grants Update

2025-2026 Round 5

- Anticipate opening application in April
 - One round application
 - Final budget amount not finalized
- Updates on Resiliency Grants webpage
 - Priorities and Objectives



Britt will be the main contact moving forward and is available to help answer questions!

Resiliency Grants Team
Anna Berrey Hamill & Britt Beug
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TEFAP Sub Agency Risk Assessment

- Lead Agency must conduct an annual Risk Assessment for all TEFAP Sub Agencies.
 - Due March 3, 2025
 - Informs 2025 TEFAP Sub Agency Reviews.
- TEFAP Sub Agencies are more likely to be reviewed if the following items are not complete/on file with Lead Agency:
 - Audit Exemption Form, Accounting System Verification Form, Insurance (COI), Executed/signed Sub Agency Agreement, Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number
 - Significant deficiencies from last compliance review are fixed/taken care of.
 - Complete Annual Civil Rights Training(s)
 - Send in overdue TEFAP reports (inventory/client data)



TEFAP/CSFP Access & Parity Final Federal Rules

TEFAP:

- TEFAP clients' addresses cannot be required for participation in the program
- Pending USDA approval TEFAP Income Eligibility is maintained at the **400%** (State of WA)
 - FAAC survey results – 93% in favor of the 400%
 - Letter of Support from FAAC
 - Pending USDA Approval



CSFP:

- CSFP Income Eligibility increases from 130% to **150%**
- No ID required at food pick-up point (proxy or client)
- Clarifies that CSFP initial and recertifications do not need to be in-person

Upcoming Events:

- EFAP Lead Agency Check-in Meeting 1/28/2025
- TEFAP R&R Closeout Check-in – February 2025
- TEFAP Lead Agency Access and Parity Check-in – March 2025
- CSFP Lead Agency Access and Parity Check-in – March 2025



FA Office Hours and Communication



LFPA

- Quarterly open office hours: To Be Determined (TBD)
- Quarterly Reports –
- due January 20th
- Contact Jeff Mathias



Lead Agency - Core Programs

- Open Office Hours: 1st Tuesday of the month
- Q&A, Info sharing
- Problem solving
- Awkward silences



Resiliency Grant

- Open Office Hours: TBD
- Contact Anna Hamill or Britt Beug



Food Order Work Group Meeting

- Quarter: TBD
- Time: TBD
- Interested, contact James Scovel or John Carney

Upcoming Meetings

Happy New Year!



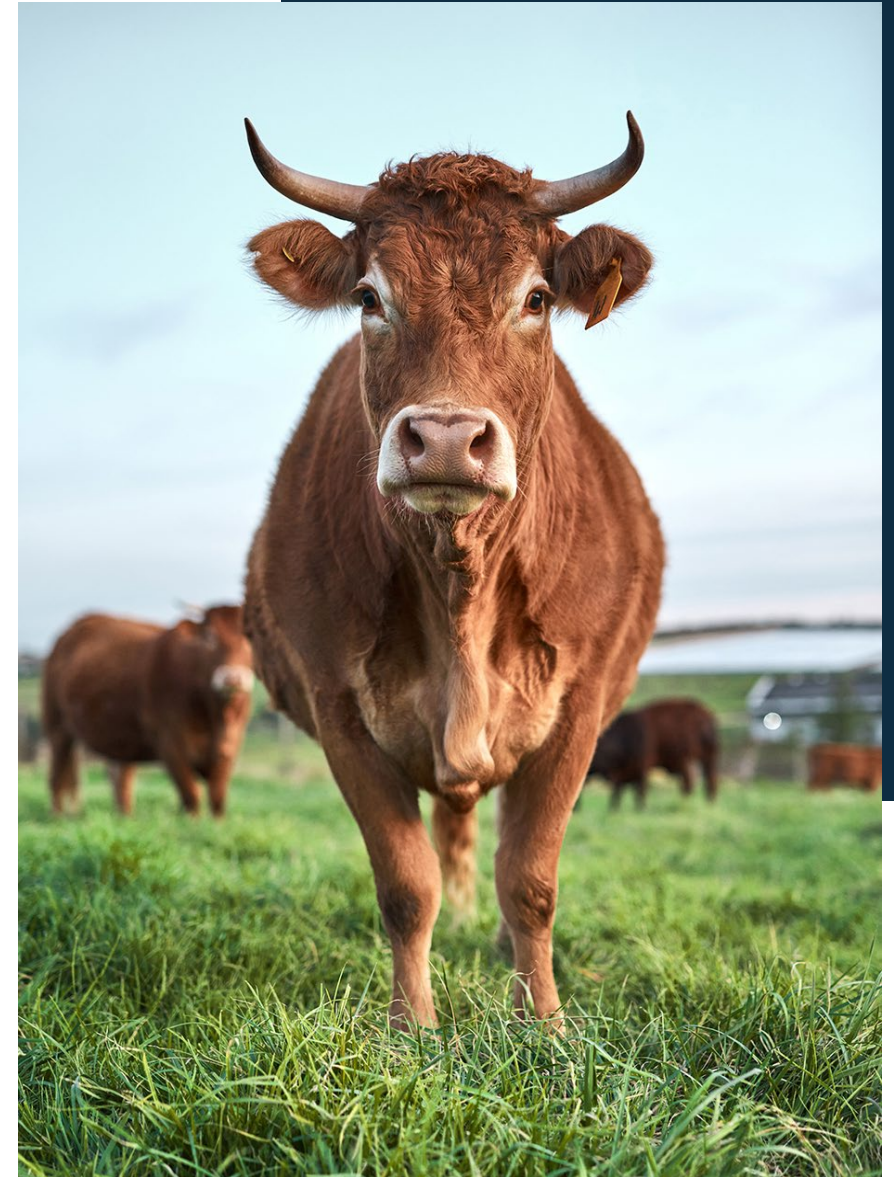
Lead Agency Check-In Meeting
Friday: February 7, 2025, 9:00 – 10:00



General Check-In Meeting
Tuesday: February 18, 2025, 9:00 – 10:00



Hunger Action Day
Monday: February 24, 2025





Questions

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