General Focus Check-In Meeting – April 22, 2025

Please note that at this time AI programs are not allowed at WSDA hosted meetings and they will be denied or removed from the meeting.

WSDA Focus on Food & Other Updates - Katie Rains, WSDA

- Long legislative session scheduled to end by Sunday, April 27, 2025.
- In February 2025, Governor Ferguson proposed a plan to save \$4B (link) in WA:
 - Limiting Replacement of One-Time Federal Funding
- In March 2025, the House and Senate released their budget proposals (link)
- WSDA's July 2025-June 2027 operating budget, including funding for food and farm grant programs is not certain until approved budget is signed by Governor in May 2025.
- 2025 Food Policy Monitoring
 - o HB1404/SB5352 Free School Meals
 - o SHB1388/SSB5214 Mobile Markets
 - o SB5474/HB1588 Organic Agriculture
 - o HB1497 (Food) Waste Materials Management
 - o SB5055 Promoting WA Agritourism
 - HB1987 Developing a WA Food Security Strategy
 - o HB2062 Maple Syrup Processing
- Federal Program Monitoring
 - WA state agencies administer programs and provide services on behalf of USDA through Cooperative Agreements, some of which have been impacted by DOGE and other federal changes:
 - Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA25)
 - Local Food in Schools (LFS)
 - TEFAP Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Food
 - Resilient Food System Infrastructure (RFSI)

• Contact:

- Katie Rains, Food Policy Advisor to the Director
- o krains@agr.wa.gov
- 0 360-688-4549

Washington Food Coalition – Trish Twomey

- Email today to create a profile in the new platform Growth Zone.
- Announcing open nominations for odd numbered districts for the board of directors.
 Nomination form in the newsletter (link)
- April 30th training on the role of a sub-grantee for EFAP biennial meetings
- Board meeting tomorrow, April 23rd at 12:00pm. Zoom link
- Contact:
 - o Trish Twomey, Executive Director
 - o trish@wafoodcoalition.org

Harvest Against Hunger – David Bobanick and Olivia

- Small Scale Capacity Grants email sent for reimbursement requests before the deadline
- Joint check in for WA Gleaning Network
- Farm to Food Pantry: purchases are increasing as the weather gets better. Site reviews/audits have been selected and will happen by June 30th.
- Updating application materials for the new biennium. Will have an open listening session next month on the application.

Contact info:

- o David Bobanick, Executive Director
- o david@harvestagainsthunger.org

Advocacy Updates – Claire Lane, Aaron Czyzewski, AHNC

- Long legislative session is scheduled to end by Sunday. For the budget to pass, it needs to come out by April 23rd. No news on a release yet.
- The environment is tense. Governor opposes the new tax on tangible assets tax over \$50M. And will not sign a budget that includes it.
- New revenue bills. Governor doesn't like property tax increase. Need better communication between the Governor and the budget writers to build one he'll sign. Governor has asked to cut \$52M from food security.
- The Governor can veto line items, so expect and prepare for advocacy to defend hunger relief systems.
- Heartened that legislators are talking about the needs of the hunger relief system. Huge thank you for all your advocacy.
- Link in chat for organizational sign on letter to ask Governor to sign the budget if the House and Senate agree on one. Link in chat.
- Federal, tensions are high, champions are depending on us to weigh in.
- A few relevant Dear Colleagues letters were sent recently.
- Virtual Congressional town hall for hunger relief may be scheduled for the first week of May. Will send information when it's scheduled. Hope for a statewide representation in the call.
- The Capital Budget has some food bank projects.

Questions/Comments

- o Thank you, Claire! Is it one letter per food bank that is needed? I'm in Port Angeles.
 - Yes, just ONE person from an organization should sign on to the letter (it's not designed for individuals)
- o Aaron, can you supply a link to the letters you're referring too?
 - https://foodlifelineseattlemy.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/aczyzewski_foodlifeline_org/ET45M1sSEAV HuOXcWo1YnV4B7IHPAKN6SoqQwUsZCbMq0w?e=ge2Jrj
 - https://foodlifelineseattlemy.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/aczyzewski_foodlifeline_org/EfFVwkAnLi5K mm8KzPc1JH4BLII1B43mFSMRT27GJJ3aYg?e=drBiKj

o CCC???

 CCC=Commodity Credit Corporation (how USDA funds a lot of TEFAP and other things) Here is an interesting Politico article about the cuts to TEFAP CCC, as well as the clawbacks for Local Food Purchasing Agreements and Local Food in Schools grants: https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/12/usdas-bird-flu-plan-uses-money-for-schools-food-banks-00287557

Contact:

- o Aaron Czyzewski, <u>aaronc@foodlifeline.org</u> (813) 503-3535
- o Claire Lane, Claire.Lane2@gmail.com (206) 446-0966
- o Craig Gibson, craigg@foodlifeline.org

Resiliency Grants - Britt Beug, WSDA FA

- Round 5 (SFY 2025-2026)
 - Application is open for 45 days, closing May 22, 2025
 - See webpage for application link and additional information
 - Final budget amount not finalized
 - o Friday Office Hours 1:30-2pm
 - May 2nd and May 16th
 - Link on webpage in accordion under Info Sessions and Technical Assistance
 - o Anna is back!

Contact:

- o Anna Berrey Hamill and Britt Beug: <u>foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov</u>
- o Resiliency Grants Webpage

Food Updates – James Scovel, WSDA FA

Food Update April 2025

FFY 2025 TEFAP Projected Foods - State of Washington - Updated 4-11-25												
		March 31-April 10									[Difference between
TEFAP Source	Ordered/Received	New Orders		Cancelled		Remaining		2025 Total		2024 Total		2025 and 2024
TEFAP Entitlement	\$ 6,809,786.11		\$	-	\$	1,529,237.66	\$	8,339,023.77	\$	7,255,203.81	\$	1,083,819.96
TEFAP Bonus	\$ 9,389,068.46	\$ 6,503,846.45	\$	-	\$	5,000,000.00	\$	20,892,914.91	\$	18,196,577.37	\$	2,696,337.54
TEFAP CCC	\$ 8,401,204.24		\$	(4,732,347.84)	\$	-	\$	3,668,856.40	\$	20,796,312.36	\$	(17,127,455.96)
Total TEFAP	\$24,600,058.81		\$	(4,732,347.84)	\$	6,529,237.66		\$32,900,795.08	\$	46,248,093.54	\$	(13,347,298.46)

Note: Reflects Entitlement Note: Changed to reflect Entitlement funds rolled over from 2024 funds rolled over to 2025

	FFY 2025 TEFAP Projected Foods - State of Washington - Updated 4-17-25													
				March 31-April 15										Difference between
TEFAP Source		Ordered/Received		New Orders		Cancelled		Remaining		2025 Total		2024 Total		2025 and 2024
TEFAP Entitlement	\$	6,804,397.07			\$	-	\$	1,534,626.70	\$	8,339,023.77	\$	7,255,203.81	\$	1,083,819.96
TEFAP Bonus	\$	9,389,068.46	\$	7,286,231.57	\$	-	\$	4,217,614.88	\$	20,892,914.91	\$	18,196,577.37	\$	2,696,337.54
TEFAP CCC	\$	8,401,204.24			\$	(4,732,347.84)	\$	-	\$	3,668,856.40	\$	20,796,312.36	\$	(17,127,455.96)
Total TEFAP		\$24,594,669.77			\$	(4,732,347.84)	\$	5,752,241.58		\$32,900,795.08	\$	46,248,093.54	\$	(13,347,298.46)

Note: Reflects Entitlement funds rolled over from 2024 Note: Changed to reflect Entitlement funds rolled over to 2025

Total Loads 2011-2	025
Total loads	11208
No Splits	3005
Two Splits	3712
Three Splits	4491
Total Cancelled loads 20	011-2025
Total loads	1594

Two Splits	542
Three Splits	721
% Cancelled all years	

14%

Total Loa	ds by Year
2011	286
2012	390
2013	446
2014	438
2015	469
2016	476
2017	503
2018	507
2019	1133
2020	1764
2021	1301
2022	894
2023	850
2024	1050
2025	701

Cancelle	d by Year
2011	50
2012	37
2013	32
2014	18
2015	58
2016	32
2017	34
2018	90
2019	189
2020	424
2021	197
2022	199
2023	75
2024	71
2025	88

% Cancell	ed by Year
2011	17%
2012	9%
2013	7%
2014	4%
2015	12%
2016	7%
2017	7%
2018	18%
2019	17%
2020	24%
2021	15%
2022	22%
2023	9%
2024	7%
2025	13%

					Value					
Program		2019	2020	2021	2022		2023		2024	2025
TEFAP Bonus	\$	6,497,702.21	\$ 15,795,336.17	\$ 20,088,478.41	\$ 11,211,664.44	\$	16,850,336.08	\$	18,196,577.37	\$ 16,675,300.03
TEFAP Entitlement	\$	5,329,664.29	\$ 2,613,860.13	\$ 7,116,081.21	\$ 6,367,615.95	\$	7,633,534.31	\$	7,255,203.81	\$ 6,804,397.07
COSUP	L			\$ 6,735,401.38						
TMP	\$	18,388,456.15	\$ 23,053,178.17	\$ 422,666.92						
CARES	ı		\$ 4,868,154.17	\$ 1,607,205.96						
FFCRA	ı		\$ 1,733,546.35	\$ 4,752,970.20						
BBB					\$ 6,866,456.40	\$	249,088.55			
CCC_TE						\$	14,027,911.92	\$	20,796,312.36	\$ 3,668,856.40
DA					\$ 5,503,512.61					
	\$	30,215,822.65	\$ 48,064,074.99	\$ 40,722,804.08	\$ 29,949,249.40	\$	38,760,870.86	\$	46,248,093.54	\$ 27,148,553.50
	$\overline{}$				Th	e su	m of 2019 to 2024	Ś	233,960,915.52	

				Net Wt			
Program	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
TEFAP Bonus	8,062,936.00	17,053,549.50	16,654,300.00	6,059,715.60	10,637,871.00	14,571,411.50	12,736,054.00
TEFAP Entitlement	6,382,527.73	3,301,198.76	6,269,840.19	6,370,872.60	7,963,099.30	7,446,286.51	7,175,284.50
COSUP			5,393,831.38				
TMP	19,933,082.00	20,537,637.00	473,850.00				
CARES		4,255,889.00	2,302,267.28				
FFCRA		1,939,170.00	3,775,242.24				
BBB				5,168,976.00	232,800.00		
CCC_TE					8,809,141.50	13,681,646.00	2,337,207.40
DA				3,483,236.50	0.00		
	34,378,545.73	47,087,444.26	34,869,331.09	21,082,800.70	27,642,911.80	35,699,344.01	22,248,545.90
				The s	um of 2019 to 2024	200,760,377.59	_

						Avera	ge price	per lb							
2019		2020		2021			2022			2023		2024		2025	
\$	0.88	\$	1.02	\$	1.17	\$		1.42	\$		1.40	\$	1.30	\$	1.22
						Avera	ge price	per LB	2019	- 2025		\$	1.17		

				Rollover			
Program	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Previous Year Rollover	\$ (72,593.93)	\$ 64,988.78	\$ 2,842,570.65	\$ 1,370,668.44	\$ 740,343.44	\$ 321,195.58	\$ 1,156,615.77
Base Entitlement	\$ 5,467,247.00	\$ 5,391,442.00	\$ 5,644,179.00	\$ 5,737,290.95	\$ 7,214,386.45	\$ 8,090,624.00	\$ 7,182,408.00
Total Entitlement	\$ 5,394,653.07	\$ 5,456,430.78	\$ 8,486,749.65	\$ 7,107,959.39	\$ 7,954,729.89	\$ 8,411,819.58	\$ 8,339,023.77
Spent Entitlement	\$ 5,329,664.29	\$ 2,613,860.13	\$ 7,116,081.21	\$ 6,367,615.95	\$ 7,633,534.31	\$ 7,255,203.81	\$ 6,804,397.07
Remainder	\$ 64,988.78	\$ 2,842,570.65	\$ 1,370,668.44	\$ 740,343.44	\$ 321,195.58	\$ 1,156,615.77	\$ 1,534,626.70

	April	
Material	Material Desc.	# trucks
100211	MIXED FRUIT CAN-24/300	4
100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	4
100333	TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300	4
100361	BEANS REFRIED CAN-24/300	4
100491	RICE US#2 LONG GRAIN PKG-24/2 LB	6
111053	CORN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	4
111081	PEANUT BUTTER SMOOTH JAR-12/16 OZ	4
100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	6
100382	BEANS PINTO DRY PKG-12/2 LB	5
100897	ORANGE JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ	9
110020	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	4
110450	PASTA SPAGHETTI BOX-20/1 LB	4
110470	APPLE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	1
110850	FISH AK POLLOCK STICKS FRZ PKG-20/2 LB	4
111063	BEANS PINTO DRY PKG-24/1 LB	3
111102	LENTILS DRY PKG-24/1 LB	2
111620	MANDARIN TANGERINE FRESH BAG PKG-6/5 LB	6
	Total Trucks	74

	May	
Material	Material Desc.	#trucks
100207	APPLESAUCE CAN-24/300	4
100242	BLUEBERRY WILD FRZ CTN-8/3 LB	3
100289	FIG PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	2
100322	SOUP TOMATO CAN-24/1	4
100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	1
100337	POTATOES DEHYDRATED FLKS PKG-12/1 LB	5
100441	OIL VEGETABLE BTL-9/48 OZ	5
110345	FISH AK PLCK FILLETS FRZ PKG-20/2 LB	5
110361	APPLESAUCE CUP-96/4.5	5
111060	BEANS GARBANZO CAN-24/300	3
111063	BEANS PINTO DRY PKG-24/1 LB	2
111280	FISH AK POLLOCK NUGGETS FRZ PKG-20/2 LB	4
111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	4
ı	Total Trucks	47

	June							
Material	Material Desc.	#trucks						
100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	5						
100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	3						
100337	POTATOES DEHYDRATED FLKS PKG-12/1 LB	1						
100400	FLOUR ALL PURP ENRCH BLCH BAG-8/5 LB	5						
100893	APPLE JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ	7						
100936	EGGS 15 DOZEN	1						
110021	BEANS PINTO CAN-24/300	3						
110511	PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW BOX-20/1 LB	4						
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7						
111060	BEANS GARBANZO CAN-24/300	3						
111069	BEANS DRY GARBANZO PKG-24/1 LB	4						
111102	LENTILS DRY PKG-24/1 LB	1						
111323	SHRIMP PEELED & DVND 31-50 PKG-10/2 LB	1						
111325	SHRIMP PEELED & DVND 51-70 PKG-10/2 LB	1						
111531	NECTARINES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	3						
111630	SHRIMP PEELED & DVND 21-30 PKG - 10/2 LB	1						
	Total Trucks	50						

	July							
Material	Material Desc.	# trucks						
100207	APPLESAUCE CAN-24/300	6						
100238	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	4						
100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	1						
100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	3						
100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	4						
100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	4						
100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	4						
100342	TOMATO FRESH CTN-25 LB	4						
100361	BEANS REFRIED CAN-24/300	4						
100491	RICE US#2 LONG GRAIN PKG-24/2 LB	6						
100880	CHICKEN WHOLE BAGGED FRZ CTN-36-43 LB	1						
100894	CHERRY APPLE JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ	6						
110020	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	4						
110390	CATFISH FLTS UNBRD RAW PKG-20/2 LB	4						
110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	4						
111032	BEANS NAVY DRY PKG-12/2 LB	3						
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	8						
111060	BEANS GARBANZO CAN-24/300	4						
111170	K PEANUT BUTTER SMOOTH JAR-12/16 OZ	4						
111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	5						
111579	CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS FROZEN PKG-8/5 LB	3						
	Total Trucks	86						

	August							
Material	al Material Desc.							
100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	1						
100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	5						
100333	TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300	4						
100526	BEEF STEW CAN-24/24 OZ	4						
100880	CHICKEN WHOLE BAGGED FRZ CTN-36-43 LB	3						
110841	CHEESE CHED YEL CHUNKS-PKG 12/1 LB	3						
110960	MACARONI AND CHEESE PKG-24/7.25 OZ	4						
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	8						
111063	BEANS PINTO DRY PKG-24/1 LB	4						
111074	OATS ROLLED PKG-12/18 OZ	6						
111102	LENTILS DRY PKG-24/1 LB	4						
111130	PLUMS FRESH CTN-28 LB	6						
111172	HAZELNUTS PKG-24/1 LB	1						
111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	7						
	Total Trucks	60						

September							
Material	Material Desc.	#trucks					
100241	PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	3					
100261	APRICOT FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ	1					
100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	1					
100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	1					
110020	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	5					
110178	PISTACHIO ROASTED IN SHELL PKG-25/1 LB	2					
110477	CHICKEN BONED POUCH-36/10 OZ	3					
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7					
111101	PECAN PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	4					
111120	STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	3					
111172	HAZELNUTS PKG-24/1 LB	1					
111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG - 8/2 LB	1					
111531	NECTARINES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	3					
111780	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	1					
	Total Trucks	36					

October						
Material	Material Desc.	# trucks				
100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	2				
100218	PEACHES CLING SLICES CAN-24/300	4				
100256	STRAWBERRY FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ	2				
100287	DATES WHOLE PKG 24/1 LB	1				
100305	ASPARAGUS CAN-24/300	1				
100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	4				
100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	4				
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7				
111060	BEANS GARBANZO CAN-24/300	4				
111130	PLUMS FRESH CTN-28 LB	6				
	Total Trucks	35				

	November								
Material	Material Desc.	#trucks							
100207	APPLESAUCE CAN-24/300	6							
100238	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	3							
100261	APRICOT FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ	1							
100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	5							
110860	STRAWBERRY SLICES UNSWT IQF CTN-6/5 LB	4							
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7							
111069	BEANS DRY GARBANZO PKG-24/1 LB	3							
111120	STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	3							
111530	DATE PIECES DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	1							
	Total Trucks	33							

Material	Material Desc.	# trucks
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7
111102	LENTILS DRY PKG-24/1 LB	3
	Total Trucks	10

TEFAP

US Foods orders Round 8											
ITEM	Cat		Pack Size	Р	rice	Number of cases per truck	# of Trucks	Ordered	Tota	I value of order	
Del Monte Diced Mango - light syrup	Fruit	112352	12/15.25 oz.	\$	31.68	3264	2	6528	\$	206,807.04	
Contadina Diced Tomatoes	Veg	112353	12/14.5 oz.	\$	19.29	3264	1	3264	\$	62,962.56	
Chicken of the Sea Tuna	Meat	112351	48/5 oz.	\$	49.29	2240	2	4480	\$	220,819.20	
Bush's Black Beans	Non Meat Pro	112354	12/15 oz.	\$	17.26	3672	1	3672	\$	63,378.72	
SPAM	Meat	112355	24/12 oz.	\$	89.04	2100	2	4200	\$	373,968.00	
Skippy Peanut Butter	Non Meat Pro	112356	12/16.3 oz.	\$	32.01	3213	2	6426	\$	205,696.26	
Stokely Green Bean cut no salt	Veg	112357	24/#300	\$	36.75	1564	1	1564	\$	57,477.00	
Stokely Carrots Sliced no salt	Veg	112358	24/#300	\$	36.30	1564	1	1564	\$	56,773.20	
Stokely Corn	Veg	112359	24/#300	\$	35.30	1564	2	3128	\$	110,418.40	
	14 \$							\$	1,358,300.38		

LFPA

US Foods orders Round 8									
ITEM	Cat	PO#	Pack Size	Price	Number of cases per truck	# of Trucks	Ordered	Total v	alue of order
Tillamook Medium Cheddar Cheese	Dairy	112090	12/32 oz.	\$ 126.05	1580	1	1580	\$	199,159.00
WA Beef - 80/20 ground beef	Meat	112093	25/1 lb.	\$ 129.75	1408	1	1408	\$	182,688.00
Darigold Butter	Dairy	112094	30/1 lb.	\$ 109.08	1280	2	2560	\$	279,244.80
							0	\$	
							0	\$	
4 \$									661,091.80

- Food Order Work Group
 - o May 28, 2025 10-11am
 - o Entitlement orders for Oct-Dec 2025
 - o Contact us with any questions and invites to the Food Order Work Group.
- More detailed spreadsheets are available, you are free to request any data.
- Contact:
 - o James Scovel <u>jscovel@agr.wa.gov</u>, 360-725-5641
 - o John Carney john.carney@agr.wa.gov, 360-485-1258
 - o Website: https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access

Questions

- James, did you say this info will be on the website? Could you point me to a link?
 - https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-resources/general-focusmeeting-information General Focus presentations are posted here.
- To clarify... is the LFPA purchase just for those organizations who aren't doing their own purchases or for everyone
 - Those purchases are on behalf of folks who could not purchase food on their own and were identified as LFPA participants.

Reminders – Kyle Merslich, WSDA FA

- Spenddown Reminder
 - Funds expiring:
 - TEFAP R&R
 - GAP Funds (LFPA, CSFP, TEFAP)
 - Proviso agreements
 - EFAP & EFAP-Tribal (State, Supplemental & Enhanced)
 - LFPA (no cost extension has been approved)
 - Resiliency Grant
 - TEFAP CCC
 - Goods and Services received by 6/30/25
 - o If you can't spenddown, reach out to your Lead Agency
- EFAP and EFAP-Tribal New Biennial Timeline
 - o Program changes Fall 24 to Winter 25
 - Biennial Meetings April to June (non-tribal only)
 - Applications on website First week of May
 - EFAP Manual Updates First week of June
 - Sub Agreements on website June 16th
 - Due to FA 30 days after execution
 - Application due June
 - o Lead Agency Agreements June 16-30
- Contact your Lead Agency or Regional Representative with additional questions.
- Questions
 - HIGHLY recommend agencies attend WFC's training so you're really ready for your local
 EFAP meeting and know how those local funding decisions are made.
 - Link to the training please
 - WFC training: https://washingtonfoodcoalition.growthzoneapp.com/event-calendar/details/efap-biennial-meetings-as-a-sub-grantee-1379744

Updates - Kim Eads, WSDA FA

- Federal Unknowns Received NO stop work orders
 - USDA is still putting food bids out, making awards, delivering food, and James is ordering TEFAP Entitlement and TEFAP Bonus.
 - Exception is TEFAP CCC food and funding Year 3 Phase 1 and do not anticipate future phases. Have not officially received notice that the program is ending.
- CSFP Final Budget and Revised Caseload and no expansion
 - No change to the budget

- FPL at 150%; Caseload assigned to the state was reduced from 5,463 to 5,372
- Current CSFP Gap that ends June 30, 2025
- New Income Guidelines, Procedures Manual, and Forms anticipated release week of April 7th or April 14th
- Anticipate new round of CSFP Gap State Funding July 1, 2025 start date
 - Hope to simplify Gap Funding, depends on final state budget
- TEFAP State Plan (still pending approval) and No "Final" Budget Yet
 - o FPL at 400% is still in question with USDA
 - New Income Guidelines, Procedures Manual, and Forms are on hold until final word from USDA
 - o Anticipate new round of TEFAP Gap State Funding July 1, 2025 start date
- LFPA and LFPA Plus and LFPA Gap (state) Total Budgets
 - o Total Budgets were just posted on the FA Webpage "What's New"
 - No Cost Extension Request approved by USDA, will send out updates.
 - Extension to December 31, 2026
 - o Anticipate new round of LFPA Gap State Funding July 1, 2025
- USDA Management Evaluation of TEFAP/CSFP
 - Virtual Site Reviews in May, will reach out to those affected
- Expanded Communication
 - "What's New" section on the FA website, trying to update it more often. Also "Updates" on the program page.
 - Working on email blasts with updates
 - WFC Bulletins
- Questions/Comments
 - O What is gap funding?
 - Similar to state crisis funding to "fill the gap."

Sharing

Send Best Practices stories to Trish Twomey to go in the WFC Best Practices Handbook.
 <u>trish@wafoodcoalition.org</u>

Office Hours & Trainings – Kim Eads, WSDA FA

- LFPA
 - Quarterly open office hours
 - Quarterly reports were due April 20th
 - o Farm to Community Team
 - Contact Jeff Mathias <u>jeff.mathias@agr.wa.gov</u>
- Lead Agency Core Programs
 - o 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:30-10:30am
 - Q&A, info sharing, problem solving
 - Contact your Regional Representative
- Resiliency Grant
 - May 2nd and May 16th 1:30-2:00pm
 - Q&A on Grant Applications
 - o Contact Britt Beug foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov
- Food Order Work Group Meeting

- o May 28th 10:00-11:00am
- Contact: James Scovel <u>iscovel@agr.wa.gov</u>, 360-725-5641 or John Carney <u>john.carney@agr.wa.gov</u>, 360-485-1258

Upcoming:

- WFC Board Meeting
 - o Wednesday, April 23rd 12:00-2:30pm
- WFC Training: EFAP Biennial Meetings as a Sub-Grantee
 - o Wednesday, April 30th 11:00am-12:00pm
- Lead Agency Check-In Meeting
 - o Friday, May 2nd 9:00-10:00am
- General Focus Check-In Meeting
 - o Tuesday, May 20th 9:00-10:00am