

## General Focus Check-In Meeting – July 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 – Katie Rains

- Gov. Ferguson signed the state biennial budget in May. Delays with OFM and new processes within the agency have delayed the final Food Assistance budget.
- Supplemental budget: WSDA has not been invited to submit decision package proposals to the governor's office for the upcoming session (2026).
- Federal changes: WSDA and Food Assistance won't be able to offer leadership but please share your challenges so we can share them with the governor's office.
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### Washington Food Coalition – Trish Twomey, Kyla Tucker

- *Seeds to Success* Conference in Kennewick/Tri-Cities September 17-19. Registration is open: [WFC Member link](#), [Non-Member Link](#)
- Statewide Fresh Results Awards will be honored at the Conference.
  - Recommend nominees: farmers, growers, etc. [Nomination link here](#).
- Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm, virtual lunch and learn about the community solar expansion program, [register here](#).
- Senior Nutrition Toolkit: [download digital copy here](#) or request [printed copy here](#)
- **Contact:**
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### Harvest Against Hunger – David Bobanick

- Farm to Food Pantry contracts almost completed, sent out via DocuSign.
  - Received more applicants than could be funded.
  - Apologies for those not awarded.
- No Small-Scale Capacity Grants this year
  - King County has a local food infrastructure grant program, [link on the HAH website](#)
- Gleaning Network report almost done, communicating the impacts of gleaning and produce recovery over the past year.
  - Will soon release a toolkit for organizations who want to start gleaning
- HarvestVista team fully recruited, partnering with orgs.
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## Advocacy Updates – Claire Lane, Aaron Czyzewski

- HR 1 applies massive cuts to Medicaid and SNAP.
  - Cuts SNAP in three ways:
    - Limiting eligibility as of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>:
      - DSHS estimates 110,000 people will lose eligibility
      - Expands work requirements
        - 20hr/week year round
        - More documentation requirements
        - Volunteer work counts toward work requirement
          - DSHS is putting together a process to engage community partners.
      - Removes exemptions:
        - Veterans
        - Homeless
        - Single parents
        - Former foster children
      - Removes waiver for areas with high unemployment rates
    - Underlying formula “Thrifty Food Plan” 5 year re-evaluation/adjustments, also used for TEFAP and summer EBT
      - New data cannot change allocation. 5 year re-evaluation cannot lead to an increase.
      - Affects the purchasing power of TEFAP and SNAP moving forward.
    - Currently, states pay 50% admin costs, 0% food costs
      - Will become states paying 75% admin costs, goes into effect Nov 2026.
      - And payment accuracy rates will impact the state’s food costs
      - 6%+ error rate will increase food costs (5-15%)
      - WA’s error rate is 6.06% as of July 2025, which would mean \$130M in food costs in addition to \$10s of Millions for the additional 25% in admin costs.
      - Concerns that additional documentation in an effort to reduce error rates will slow process and increase the administrative burden of this program
  - Congress also defunded SNAP-Ed
    - Advocacy is in progress to restore funding in the appropriations process. Please contact Claire with SNAP-Ed stories to share with Patty Murray.
    - Goes into effect Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Contact Claire with any questions, happy to talk.
- For politicians, it’s the interim/recess/district work period.
- Need to start figuring out solutions to bring forward to lawmakers during recess.
  - Please meet with lawmakers.
- September is Hunger Action Month.
  - Let’s be active every day in September
- Possible press conference with Governor Ferguson regarding SNAP cuts.
- Rep. Kristine Reeves introduced a statewide food security strategy bill last session.
  - Interested in hosting stakeholder meetings for input on the bill.

- At Food Lifeline, we're trying to decide on priorities asap (August) to give lawmakers the most time to strategize.
- Statewide food donation work group to make recommendations about best practices for food donations from the retail sector, will be available soon.
- **Questions:**
  - Is there a good white paper available that sums up all Claire is sharing?
    - Yes, CBP, FRAC has info, will prep a big update for AHNC and prepare something ([FRAC link](#)).
  - Will DSHS reach out to food banks for volunteer eligibility?
    - Recommend DSHS contact WFC to disseminate information.
  - Claire, let us know how Solid Ground could provide support.
  - Claire Lane, here are some Washington testimonials about SNAP-Ed, put together by the Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA):  
<https://savesnaped.org/washington-testimonials/>
    - This is perfect! I'm working with ASNNA and some WA SNAP Ed advocates on this meeting w/ Patty Murray – you all have been amazing!
  - These SNAP cuts because of employment status will immediately impact immigrants, homeless people, veterans, caregivers of kids over 14 yrs old, people in areas of high unemployment (especially seasonal workers)
  - My reps are asking me for a comprehensive figure that encompasses all of the cuts to WA State around food. LFPA, CCC, TEFAP, SNAP etc. Are any of you aware of who is working on that kind of overall picture?
  - One advocacy step you can take: sign on this letter to the MAHA Commission in support of GusNIP (SNAP Match/fruit & veg incentive programs):  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9hbLOQOHIWAFaoZXNCifLPjQNsNbNewufnmyxzGX\\_z-19A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9hbLOQOHIWAFaoZXNCifLPjQNsNbNewufnmyxzGX_z-19A/viewform)
  - Met with Reps yesterday, who requested a comprehensive picture on the funding cuts. Has anyone got that started? When do the cuts go into effect? LFPA, CCC, SNAP, etc.
    - Yes, analysis of the bill is ongoing, the bill is huge and it moved fast. Food Policy Forum of getting metrics together. DSHS is struggling to figure things out but have some numbers
    - That's a great question and I have continued to seek a detailed summary of the impact of CCC, LFPA, and EFAP on hunger relief. Now we have the complicated SNAP cuts to try to summarize.
  - To be clear they did not even read it, I can't imagine how much there is to shift through.
  - The former impact organizations, SNAP directly impacts families' benefits.
  - Also, for clarity at one point it was estimated that 40-60% of the TEFAP operating funds were included in the BBB thru the SNAP cuts. Do we know if those went through on the final bill and do we know what %?
    - Aaron would know that more than I do – I haven't heard about a cut to TEFAP admin but that's definitely in Feeding America's wheelhouse to know those details.
    - I'll check on this. Here is one TEFAP reference I found in the bill analysis: TEFAP – Emergency Food Assistance (Farm to Food Bank Projects) [Sec. 10603]  
 This proposal will extend \$4 million per year in mandatory funding to carry out TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Projects for each fiscal year through Fiscal Year 2031.  
 Effective Date: No specified effective date; effective upon enactment.

- To add a twist to all these impacts, Congress has simultaneously been going through the "normal" appropriations process - which likely will impact WIC negatively - but it's not clear they will be able to pass a final budget by the end of the federal fiscal year on Sept 30. So there seems to be a real risk of a government shut down before they can get to a final budget for federal fiscal year 2026 🙄

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## Resiliency Grants – Britt Beug, WSDA FA

- Round 5 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)

- No final budget yet (estimate \$12-14M)
- Application reviews completed – thank you to reviewers
- Regional discussions and calls wrap up this week
- Award and non-award notifications expected to go out early August
- Agreements to follow notifications

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- [Resiliency Grants Webpage](#)

## Food Updates – James Scovel, WSDA FA

- Food Update July 2025

Program	Value							Totals
	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	\$ 18,116,034.14	\$ 150,430,809.52
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	\$ 8,767,505.96	\$ 86,107,511.61
COSUP			\$ 6,735,401.38					\$ 6,735,401.38
TMP	\$ 18,388,456.15	\$ 23,053,178.17	\$ 422,666.92					\$ 42,804,247.03
CARES		\$ 4,868,154.17	\$ 1,607,205.96					\$ 6,475,360.13
FFCRA		\$ 1,733,546.35	\$ 4,752,970.20					\$ 6,486,516.55
BBB				\$ 6,866,456.40	\$ 249,088.55			\$ 7,115,544.95
CCC_TE					\$ 14,027,911.92	\$ 20,532,991.26	\$ 3,668,856.40	\$ 38,229,759.58
DA				\$ 5,503,512.61				\$ 5,503,512.61
	\$ 30,215,822.65	\$ 48,064,074.99	\$ 40,722,804.08	\$ 29,949,249.40	\$ 38,760,870.86	\$ 45,984,772.44	\$ 30,552,396.50	
The sum of 2019 to 2024							\$ 233,697,594.42	

Program	Net Wt							Totals
	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	13,748,410.00	137,497,464.60
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	9,046,592.50	110,707,888.85
COSUP			5,393,831.38					5,393,831.38
TMP	19,933,082.00	20,537,637.00	473,850.00					41,711,371.00
CARES		4,255,889.00	2,302,267.28					6,558,156.28
FFCRA		1,939,170.00	3,775,242.24					5,714,412.24
BBB				5,168,976.00	232,800.00			5,401,776.00
CCC_TE					8,809,141.50	13,618,646.00	2,337,207.40	24,764,994.90
DA				3,483,236.50	0.00			3,483,236.50
	34,378,545.73	47,087,444.26	34,869,331.09	21,082,800.70	27,642,911.80	35,636,344.01	25,132,209.90	
The sum of 2019 to 2024							200,697,377.59	

Average price per lb						
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$ 0.88	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.22
Average price per LB 2019 - 2025						\$ 1.16

Program	Rollover						
	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	\$ 8,716,985.00
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	\$ 9,873,600.77
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	\$ 8,767,505.96
Remainder	\$ 64,988.78	\$ 2,842,570.65	\$ 1,370,668.44	\$ 740,343.44	\$ 321,195.58	\$ 1,156,615.77	\$ 1,106,094.81

July			August			September		
Material	Material Desc.	# trucks	Material	Material Desc.	# trucks	Material	Material Desc.	# trucks
111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	8	111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	8	111051	GRAPES VARIETY FRESH CTN-19 LB	7
100207	APPLESAUCE CAN-24/300	4	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	1	100261	APRICOT FRZ CUP-96/4.5 OZ	1
100238	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-12/2 LB	4	100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	4	100298	CHERRIES DRIED PKG-8/2 LB	1
100290	PLUMS PITTED DRIED PKG-24/1 LB	4	100293	RAISINS BOX-144/1.33 OZ	5	110477	CHICKEN BONED POUCH-36/10 OZ	3
100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	4	100333	TOMATO SAUCE CAN-24/300	4	111067	BEANS GREAT NORTHERN DRY PKG-24/1 LB	6
100323	SPINACH CAN-24/300	4	100346	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	1	111101	PECAN PIECES PKG-24/1 LB	4
100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	4	100526	BEEF STEW CAN-24/24 OZ	4	111172	HAZELNUTS PKG-24/1 LB	1
100997	CHEESE CHED YEL CHUNKS-PKG 12/2 LB	1	100880	CHICKEN WHOLE BAGGED FRZ CTN-36-43 LB	3	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG - 8/2 LB	1
110020	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	4	110960	MACARONI AND CHEESE PKG-24/7.25 OZ	4	111453	PACIFIC SALAD SHRIMP 250-350 PKG-20/2 LB	1
111032	BEANS NAVY DRY PKG-12/2 LB	3	111063	BEANS PINTO DRY PKG-24/1 LB	4	111454	PACIFIC SALAD SHRIMP 350-500 PKG-20/2 LB	2
111060	BEANS GARBANZO CAN-24/300	4	111074	OATS ROLLED PKG-12/18 OZ	6	111531	NECTARINES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	3
111531	NECTARINES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	1	111102	LENTILS DRY PKG-24/1 LB	4	111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	5
111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	5	111540	PEACHES FRESH BAG PKG-12/2 LB	7	111790	BLACKBERRY IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	1
111579	CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS FROZEN PKG-8/5 LB	3	110841	CHEESE CHED YEL CHUNKS-PKG 12/1 LB	3	100346	PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	3
100342	TOMATO FRESH CTN-25 LB	4	111130	PLUMS FRESH CTN-28 LB	6	110020	ASPARAGUS FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	5
100283	ORANGES CTN-34-39 LB	1	111172	HAZELNUTS PKG-24/1 LB	1	110202	BEANS BLACK CAN-24/300	1
100361	BEANS REFRIED CAN-24/300	4				110178	PISTACHIO ROASTED IN SHELL PKG-25/1 LB	2
100491	RICE US#2 LONG GRAIN PKG-24/2 LB	6				111120	STRAWBERRY WHOLE UNSWT IQF CTN-12/2.5 LB	3
100880	CHICKEN WHOLE BAGGED FRZ CTN-36-43 LB	1						
100894	CHERRY APPLE JUICE PLST BTL-8/64 FL OZ	6						
110390	CATFISH FLTS UNBROD RAW PKG-20/2 LB	4						
110623	BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	4						
111170	K PEANUT BUTTER SMOOTH JAR-12/16 OZ	4						
	<b>Total Trucks</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>Total Trucks</b>	<b>65</b>		<b>Total Trucks</b>	<b>50</b>

- From July to September, Washington will get 59 trucks of fresh items (grapes, cheese, nectarines, peaches, tomatoes, oranges, plums, etc.)
- We must move all these items as quickly as possible to avoid loss due to spoilage.
- **We will be getting grapes every month through December.** There will be a similar volume of grapes each month (7-8 trucks), plan accordingly to get them out and keep them moving.
- Expect additional bonus.
- Reserve Warehouse

US Foods orders											
ITEM	Cat		Pack Size	Price	Number of cases per truck	# of Trucks	Recived	Ordered	Over/Under	Value recived	Total value of order
Del Monte Diced Mango - light syrup	Fruit	112352	12/15.25 oz.	\$ 31.68	3264	2	6112	6528	-416	\$ 193,628.16	\$ 206,807.04
Contadina Diced Tomatoes	Veg	112353	12/14.5 oz.	\$ 19.29	3264	1	3118	3264	-146	\$ 60,146.22	\$ 62,962.56
Chicken of the Sea Tuna	Meat	112351	48/5 oz.	\$ 49.29	2240	2	4480	4480	0	\$ 220,819.20	\$ 220,819.20
Bush's Black Beans	Non Meat Pro	112354	12/15 oz.	\$ 17.26	3672	1	3349	3672	-323	\$ 57,803.74	\$ 63,378.72
SPAM	Meat	112355	24/12 oz.	\$ 87.04	2100	2	4200	4200	0	\$ 373,968.00	\$ 373,968.00
Skippy Peanut Butter	Non Meat Pro	112356	12/16.3 oz.	\$ 32.01	3213	2	6426	6426	0	\$ 205,696.26	\$ 205,696.26
Stokely Green Bean cut no salt	Veg	112357	24/#300	\$ 36.75	1564	1	1564	1564	0	\$ 57,477.00	\$ 57,477.00
Stokely Carrots Sliced no salt	Veg	112358	24/#300	\$ 36.30	1564	1	1564	1564	0	\$ 56,773.20	\$ 56,773.20
Stokely Corn	Veg	112359	24/#300	\$ 35.30	1564	2	3128	3128	0	\$ 110,418.40	\$ 110,418.40
						<b>14</b>			<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,730.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,358,300.38</b>

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ITEM	Cat		Pack Size	Price	Number of cases per truck	# of Trucks	Recived	Ordered	Over/Under	Value recived	Total value of order
Del Monte Diced Mango - light syrup	Fruit	112686	12/15.25 oz.	\$ 31.68	3264	1	3060	3264	-204	\$ 96,940.80	\$ 103,403.52
Take Root Organic's Diced Tomatoes	Veg	112688	12/14.5 oz.	\$ 25.20	3264	1	3244	3264	0	\$ 82,252.80	\$ 82,252.80
Chicken of the Sea Tuna	Meat	112690	48/5 oz.	\$ 49.29	2240	1	2240	2240	0	\$ 110,409.60	\$ 110,409.60
Bush's Black Beans	Non Meat Pro	112691	12/15 oz.	\$ 17.26	3672	1	3349	3672	-323	\$ 57,803.74	\$ 63,378.72
SPAM	Meat	112692	24/12 oz.	\$ 87.04	2100	2	4200	4200	0	\$ 373,968.00	\$ 373,968.00
Hormel Chili	Meat	112693	12/15 oz.	\$ 21.34	3168	1	3168	3168	0	\$ 92,949.12	\$ 92,949.12
Stokely Green Bean cut no salt	Veg	112694	24/#300	\$ 36.75	1564	2	3128	3128	0	\$ 114,954.00	\$ 114,954.00
Stokely Carrots Sliced no salt	Veg	112695	24/#300	\$ 36.30	1564	1	1564	1564	0	\$ 56,773.20	\$ 56,773.20
Stokely Corn	Veg	112696	24/#300	\$ 35.30	1564	1	1564	1564	0	\$ 55,209.20	\$ 55,209.20
Tendersweet Vegetable Blend	Veg	112697	24/#300	\$ 42.44	1564	1	1564	1564	0	\$ 66,376.16	\$ 66,376.16
						<b>12</b>			<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,107,636.62</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,674.32</b>

FFY 2019 to 2025 TEFAP Average Client Numbers														
Contractor	FFY 2019 Average by SDA		FFY 2020 Average by SDA		FFY 2021 Average by SDA		FFY 2022 Average by SDA		FFY 2023 Average by SDA		FFY 2024 Average by SDA		FFY 2025 Average by SDA	
	Signers	Members	Signers	Members	Signers	Members	Signers	Members	Signers	Members	Signers	Members	Signers	Members
Alternatives To Hunger/DFB	4,747	12,546	5,588	14,524	5,228	13,273	5,335	14,558	7,873	21,367	10,030	31,824	11,365	34,910
Blue Mountain Action Council	6,676	22,741	10,084	36,080	9,615	32,425	9,303	30,219	13,261	42,532	15,130	47,808	16,979	58,225
Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council	3,088	9,838	5,117	15,967	3,406	10,597	2,052	5,934	2,658	6,576	3,253	7,450	4,331	11,413
Clark County Food Bank	5,537	17,256	7,869	25,946	8,631	25,876	10,136	30,931	12,883	39,351	14,294	43,877	15,952	47,626
Coastal Community Action Program	2,818	6,767	3,274	8,595	3,440	8,853	4,144	10,173	5,785	12,849	7,780	19,630	8,224	22,309
Thurston County Food Bank/CAC/LMT	8,402	23,517	9,896	27,020	8,034	21,129	8,344	22,186	10,578	29,159	14,797	44,378	14,403	44,585
Community Action of Skagit County	8,707	23,026	15,654	45,232	19,991	55,399	10,215	25,999	11,998	34,879	16,442	42,469	18,415	48,820
Community Services of Moses Lake*	6,906	17,782	7,428	19,858	7,206	18,925	5,171	14,075	8,815	21,958	14,108	35,010	14,721	38,480
Emergency Food Network	22,792	76,769	30,997	102,926	26,336	86,269	34,072	113,598	43,408	154,642	55,449	179,818	64,475	226,609
FISH Community Food Bank	743	1,665	706	1,540	635	1,396	896	1,949	1,809	4,210	1,503	3,960	1,542	3,636
Food Lifeline	39,608	71,437	47,442	110,942	54,410	123,871	60,321	123,006	73,762	168,783	65,968	152,725	94,600	230,346
Lower Columbia Community Action Agency	843	1,474	952	1,895	832	1,591	724	1,456	793	3,263	987	2,136	994	2,153
Okanogan Community Action Council	3,917	10,661	4,211	11,759	3,765	10,507	3,802	9,353	4,188	10,466	4,577	10,291	4,633	9,662
Olympic Community Action Program	2,211	5,092	4,211	10,777	5,496	12,115	3,961	8,835	6,613	14,648	9,872	21,605	11,648	25,983
Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington	4,888	16,315	7,474	25,836	6,862	22,813	7,078	21,768	8,581	29,442	11,611	39,897	12,740	44,973
Rural Resources Community Action	2,201	5,791	2,661	8,034	2,848	7,351	2,716	6,820	2,933	7,555	3,652	9,028	4,045	9,793
Second Harvest Food Bank	6,864	16,925	7,267	18,822	6,374	17,084	9,756	26,101	12,908	34,911	17,279	47,978	19,800	57,001
Volunteers of America	12,833	37,016	14,647	44,955	14,336	45,252	17,831	58,876	24,078	74,744	31,518	99,384	33,146	109,848
Washington Gorge Action Programs	802	1,772	837	1,804	713	1,503	686	1,428	968	1,917	1,070	2,314	1,111	2,441
Total	135,584	378,389	186,314	532,502	187,757	516,229	196,542	527,264	253,893	713,253	299,318	841,583	353,124	1,028,813

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## Reminders – James Scovel, Mallorie Shellmer and Kyle Merslich, WSDA FA

- **FA Emergency Management (Fire Emergency Reminders)**
- Food Assistance Supports Emergency Response and Natural Disasters
  - USDA Foods
    - Food Reimbursement – if Presidential Disaster Declaration
      - James will notify to track TEFAP disaster feeding in preparation for reimbursement, but it's a good idea to track anyway in case.
    - D-SNAP and USDA Foods – no restrictions
  - Contact
    - First, contact the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
      - Inform them of additional needs
    - Second, contact Lead Agency/WSDA FA
      - James Scovel/Regional Rep
      - Information Needed:
        - Contact person
        - About/location
        - Scope of impact
        - Access to resources
  - FA Response
    - Agency Response will provide available resources from USDA Western Region Office (WRO)
    - FA will assist with contacting county EOC if needed
- EFAP and EFAP-Tribal Closeout Season
  - Closeout Reports (includes client data)
    - EFAP-Tribal due August 1<sup>st</sup>
    - EFAP, STOWW, SPIPA due August 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Send entire workbook – EFAP State, Enhanced, Supplemental
    - Instructions to follow
    - Client data reminder: submit changes in workbook, notify Rep of changes.
  - Annual Equipment and Capital Improvement Inventory Reports due August 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Lead Agencies submit all Lead and Sub Agency Equipment, Equipment Repairs and Capital Improvements purchased with FA funds (regardless of percentage).
- Food Assistance Photos
  - Help Food Assistance tell the hunger relief story
    - Send us your photos
    - Photo release form required if there are people in the photos (link)
    - If there are no people, FA still needs permission to use your photos (email is great)
- **Comments**



- Are you starting to analyze what the impact will be to the emergency management plans across the state now that FEMA is in its current state. How does the cuts to FEMA impact that possibility?
  - No information received on FEMA impacts. Meetings for Agriculture's Emergency Management are scheduled, but haven't received an agenda.
  - We will share these questions with Aaron Coyle, the WSDA Emergency Management person.
- The president had his agency burn tens of millions of pounds of food intended for international relief programs rather than send them to starving people – just saying, I'm not hopeful about presidential declarations for food for food banks.
- Greenacre Fire in Omak – about 20 houses destroyed or affected, most uninsured.
  - We are sending food to OCCAC to help with the Omak fires. In addition Rural Resources will be getting there Reserve warehouse items. That load will land late this week or early next week.

## Updates – Kim Eads, WSDA FA

- FA Internal Staffing Transitions
  - Jessica Hernandez is transitioning from We Feed WA to FA and will be the FA Grants Administrator for Resiliency Grants and Farm to Community.
    - Ashley Blowers from We Feed WA has joined the FA Resiliency Grants team.
  - Erin Kester is transitioning from being an FA Regional Rep to FA Resiliency Grants Specialist Supervisor.
  - Mallorie Shellmer is transitioning from being an FA Regional Rep to FA Specialist Regional Rep Supervisor
    - Two new Regional Reps will be joining the team in August.
    - Regional Rep territories will shift and we will share an updated map.
  - Staff will be performing dual roles during the transition, so you can contact your current rep.
- Budget and Other Updates
- State Budget Update July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027
  - Snapshot of approved state budget buckets (pass-through) to date:

Pass-through Approved to Date - Does Not Include Other Pass-through in Pending Status					
State Pass-through	2026 - Ongoing Only	2027 - Ongoing Only	2026 - New Only	2027 - New Only	Agreement/Amendment Status
EFAP State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,600,000.00	\$ 25,600,000.00	Issued 7/11/25*
EFAP - Tribal State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700,416.00	\$ 2,700,416.00	Issued 7/11/25*
Farm 2 Food Pantry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	Issued 6/18/25
LFPA Gap	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Anticipate 7/25/25
TEFAP/CSFP - State Bridge Funds	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Issued 7/21/25*

\*Pending Lead Agency Submittals: Applications, FCQ, Insurance

- If you haven't received your EFAP Agreement, make sure your EFAP application is complete and all your documentation is in.
- Other budget buckets (not approved yet): Resiliency Grants, Food Rescue Grant Program (formerly WCDGP) anticipate final later in early August and retroactive to July 1, 2025. Misc Agreements (WFC, CH) in-process now.
- Reminder: Please keep your Secretary of State, SAM, and Statewide Vendor information up to date. We are required to use this information in our Agreements (including DBA), even if there are misspellings.

- FFY 2026 Federal Estimates Only: For our planning purposes, we are estimating a reduction in TEFAP funding and food, and possible elimination of CSFP. We do not anticipate renewal of TEFAP R&R or FTFB.
- Things we are hearing on the federal front:
  - We have received no specific guidance from USDA FNS for TEFAP and CSFP regarding recent federal changes.
    - Civil Rights: Removes gender identity as a protected class.
      - Rescinds May 5, 2022 Bostock Policy (may apply to schools only?)
      - Public source: <https://www.cacfp.org/2025/07/07/usda-rescinds-guidance-on-interpretation-of-discrimination-based-on-sex/>
    - Verification of citizenship for receipt of “public benefits” may not apply to TEFAP and CSFP:
      - [Federal Register: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 \(PRWORA\): Interpretation of “Federal Public Benefit”](#)
    - Will take anything we receive from USDA to our Attorney General for guidance.
    - 2018 Farm Bill: Currently extended through September 30, 2025. Changes would impact our programs.
  - Appreciate those who share what they hear from lawmakers. Please continue, as advocates often hear things sooner than formal guidance comes through channels.
- **Comments**
  - I am hearing it takes 2 PEOPLE to replace Mallorie! Thanks for all of your hard work.
    - It’s intended to be one for Erin, and one for me. Erin has been a stellar member of our team as well and leaves big shoes to fill!
  - WA State Anti Discrimination still covers Gender Identity. Please be sure that we are still stressing that as a protected class for service. Do Not Obey in Advance.
  - FYI, gender identity is a protected class for WA
  - <https://www.aclu-wa.org/pages/rights-transgender-people-washington-state-discrimination-and-harassment>
  - USDA issued new something, to participate in a new database to upload detailed participation data for SNAP. 14 states oppose, including WA AG. One more day for “public” comment, un-regular status. So many restrictions and opening to privacy issues. Will share information of SNAP database. Another obstacle for asking for help and receiving help. Thank you to WSDA and the WA hunger relief system for providing food to those in need.
    - Medicaid is sharing info w/ICE.

## Office Hours & Trainings – Kim Eads, WSDA FA

- **LFPA**
  - Quarterly open office hours: TBD
  - Quarterly reports due July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Farm to Community Team
  - Contact Jeff Mathias – [jeff.mathias@agr.wa.gov](mailto:jeff.mathias@agr.wa.gov)
- **Lead Agency – Core Programs**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:30-10:30am
  - Q&A, info sharing, problem solving



- Contact your Regional Representative
- Resiliency Grant
  - Open Office Hours TBD
  - Contact Erin Kester or Britt Beug – [foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov](mailto:foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov)
- Food Order Work Group Meeting
  - TBD
  - Contact: James Scovel – [jscovel@agr.wa.gov](mailto:jscovel@agr.wa.gov), 360-725-5641 or John Carney – [john.carney@agr.wa.gov](mailto:john.carney@agr.wa.gov), 360-485-1258

## Upcoming:

- Lead Agency Check-In Meeting
  - Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-10:00am
- General Focus Check-In Meeting (presentation from Blue Sky Minds)
  - Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am
- Lead Agency Check-In Meeting
  - Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am