COVID-19 Check-In Meetings
Tuesday – January 18, 2022

WELCOME!!!!

Schedule
Tuesday – General Focus Meeting – Once per Month

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

Presentation
Bonney Lake Food Bank aka The Market – Stacey Crnich

FA Updates
Reminder TEFAP Risk Assessments due March 21st; $5.4 Million in Disaster Household Distribution TEFAP food April-June; TEFAP Budget Risks & Offsets; Flexible Funding Grants (Lindsey); Legislative Update – Capacity/Flexible Funding, USDA TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Grant, USDA Grant Local Purchasing

Next Mtgs.
Wednesday – January 26th, 9:00 am FAAC & WFC Board Mtg. 10:30 am
Friday – February 4th, 9:00 am – Contractor Only
Monday – February 7th, Hunger Action Day
Tuesday – February 15th, 9:00 am – General Focus
We Feed WA Pilot Food Program Updates

- 26 Contractors ranging from produce companies, to family farms, to NGOs
- Like USDA program, food is low-barrier: no intake requirements or means testing
- Food safety standards, from produce safety to retail food code compliance, have increased and monitoring site visits are underway
- WSDA is assessing impacts of current program model and making modifications to improve impact, coordination and food access in Year 2
- Current appropriation for Year 2 of Pilot – which is only funded for the SFY22-SFY23 biennium – is $18M; a competitive RFP will open in April 2022
- Food System Assessments from UW and BIPOC leadership team are available: https://agr.wa.gov/about-wsda/focus-on-food
- **Looking Ahead:** Over the remainder of the biennium, WSDA will analyze how and why these dual networks emerged, some prior to COVID and many as a result of COVID, and will work to bring them into alignment under one program
As you may recall, WSDA submitted 2 Decision Packages to the Governor’s Office for consideration in the supplemental budget process:

- Food Assistance Capacity Funding (*Kim will discuss this one later*)
- We Feed WA Enhanced Funding

After evaluation of rising costs across the supply chain, including:

- Labor
- Freight
- Food Costs

We increased our request 25%, ↑ to $74.8M for the same level of service
A New Concept Free Grocery Serving Pierce and King Counties
We **believe** at The Market puts dignity, equity, and access in motion for all to experience and is a proof of concept that this model can not only be successful, but change how a community views food insecurity AND our community members receiving food resource.
In December 2020, we moved to a farm in East Pierce County just outside Bonney Lake on SR410.
We renovated on a budget and repurposed materials, with a focus on bright open space and elevated design details.
We **believe** that shame surrounding food banking, can be erased with simple and human focused innovation...and a willingness to design systems and spaces that think the most of human beings and not the worst.

We **believe** that our customer's experience is as nourishing as the food. I'm hearing my customers say to me in these exact words....

"I don't feel like I'm taking anymore, I feel like I'm a part of this community for the first time in my life."

"I feel so special when I'm here."
We believe that food is a right, and that creating rules and protocols surround access is disrespectful and dehumanizing.

We believe that the emotional impact of walking into a stunning and hopeful space can change how a person feels about themselves and that it has ripple effects beyond our walls.

We believe that creating bountiful displays that celebrate healthy foods and curating corresponding recipes and info, can evoke dietary changes and subsequent health outcomes.
Living Microgreens

Ultra fresh greens at home

The Post-Holiday Diet
Healthy food to prep for the season

Dietary tips
As well as adding nutritional content, microgreens can boost color, enhance flavor, and add texture to any dish. People can add microgreens to meals in the following ways:

- As a garnish for salads, soups, flatbreads, or pizza
- To add nutritional value to a juice or smoothie
- As a side to any main dish
- To add flavor and color to an omelet or frittata
- As an alternative to lettuce in tacos or a burger or sandwich
Black Eyed Pea Soup Recipe

The Ingredients:
- 2 cups dried black-eyed peas, soaked overnight
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 potatoes, chopped
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 lb sausage, sliced

Directions:
1. Drain and rinse the black-eyed peas. Place them in a large pot with enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil and simmer for 2 hours, or until tender.
2. In a separate pot, sauté the onion and garlic with olive oil until soft.
3. Add in the celery, carrots, and potatoes, and sauté for another 5 minutes.
4. Drain the peas and add them to the pot with the sautéed vegetables.
5. Add the can of diced tomatoes, chicken broth, thyme, oregano, salt, and pepper.
6. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour, or until the vegetables are tender.
7. Add sausage and cook for another 10 minutes before serving.

Serve hot with some crusty bread and enjoy your homemade Black Eyed Pea Soup!
ANDIE’S QUICK ‘N EASY SNEAKY SLOPPY JOES
We believe that our assortment of foods offered should reflect the people we serve and we have witnessed the beauty that happens when people see themselves represented with great care and value on our shelves.

We believe that food is a celebration and is something that connects us all. Our focus on this connection can transform human experiences in a way that both introduces us to one another while nurturing our collective souls.
Curry Powder

Whole Coriander
We believe that the pandemic has taught us that creating localized food sustainability is more important than ever.

We believe it's not just a narrative shift, but a complete trajectory changing model and innovative mindset surrounding food resource, supply chain, food waste, and community focused food security.

We believe that creating infrastructure and meaningful connections that support the efforts of local farmers and food producers are the way of the future. Food Hubs are the future.
DIGNITY . EQUITY . ACCESS . COMMUNITY .

We believe that improvement in food security can create a butterfly effect in our communities.

We're watching the powerful human response to dignity when it's least expected.
We're watching shoulders relax knowing they have a safety net that supports them.
We're watching health outcomes improve through diet and access to healthy foods.
We're watching the diversity in our customer base soar.
We're watching children excited to visit us, never knowing they were at a foodbank.
We're watching people feel represented in our staff and valued on our shelves.
We're watching community rise to the occasion and take part in solutions.
Thank You!

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Go to www.bonneylakefoodbank.org and sign up for our newsletter 'The Table'
### 2021-23 Supplemental Budget Session – We Feed Washington Decision Package (DP) Amendment

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*Additional funds requested for SFY22 in anticipation of early action bill and/or expedient budget process.

*As of 1/14/22, WSDA policy staff and hunger relief advocates have heard no indication of an early action bill, which likely means that the SFY22 funding level will not reflect the full amount in the Governor’s budget.

### 2021-23 Supplemental Budget Session – WSDA Food Assistance Capacity Decision Package (DP) Amendment

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Flexible Funding Grants Program

Round 1 results:

• 157 applications received, more than any previous FA grant cycle.
• Over $16.8M project costs requested out of $4M available.
• Selection process included scoring rubric with two (2) judges per application, with BIPOC and regional representation.
• 47 contracts for mid- and large-size projects (plus 2 pending).
• Under $5,000 projects now closed (results pending).
• Applicants have received notification letters. Awardees are going through final eligibility checks and finalizing contracts.
• Projects and final reports must be complete by June 30, 2022.

Thank you for applying!

Round 2 planning:

• Subcommittee reconvenes January 2022 to recap Round 1 and start planning Round 2.
• Identifying ways to enhance Round 2. Welcome all feedback and suggestions. Please send to: foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov, “Flexible Funding Grants Program: Round 2”
• Round 2 to launch Spring 2022
More info coming soon!

Questions:
foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov

Anna Berrey, FA Specialists

Lindsey Robinson

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- Updated based on the Capacity Survey:
  - 75% of Survey less Infrastructure = $17,625,000

- Strategic Plan Development for Capacity in the next Biennium:
  - Starting in January 2022
TEFAP Reach & Resiliency Grant Round 1

USDA Status – RFA released; Competitive Bid; Due February 4, 2022:

• Amount of WA funding in Round 1: $917,968 (2-yr period) less 10% = $827,000 Available
  • TEFAP State Agency Applies for Grant

• Purpose of funding: Helping food assistance organizations meet TEFAP requirements, strengthen infrastructure, and expand TEFAP’s reach into underserved communities. Part of Build Back Better.

• Expand TEFAP’s reach into remote, rural, Tribal, and/or low-income areas that are underserved by the program. Underserved areas are defined as those in which TEFAP foods are not easily accessible to all eligible populations as determined by the State agency.

• Activities should be informed by relevant data and/or the expert advice of program stakeholders – Meetings held 1/7/22 & 1/11/22; Result targeted approach based on risk factors, including health disparities. Identified 14 eligible TEFAP Contractors w/9 able to participate in Round 1.

• Round 1 = 9 TEFAP Contractors: Blue Mountain Action Council; CACLMT-Thurston County Food Bank; Chelan-Douglas CAC; FISH Community Food Bank – Ellensburg; Okanogan CAC; Olympic CAP; OIC of Washington – Yakima; Rural Resources; Washington Gorge Action Programs.
USDA Local Purchasing Cooperative Grant

USDA Status – RFA released:

• **Amount of WA funding:** $7.2 million for Washington State (2-yr period)
  • $4,320,000 - Targeted for State Agency
  • $2,880,000 – Targeted for Federally Recognized Tribes

• **Purpose of funding:** Primary – **Purchase local foods (fresh/processed);** supporting local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through the purchase of food; strengthening relationships between farmers/producers and hunger relief community (lasting impact); and ensure distribution of fresh and nutritious foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities.

Next Steps:

• WSDA developing strategies – in process; may include pass-through for local purchasing
• FA – gathering input; draft proposals; tribal outreach; timing of other grants & fresh foods
• Outreach and stakeholder engagement – managing expectations
Questions/Feedback?

We welcome and will continue to seek feedback and ideas! We have gathered a lot of input along the journey and have implemented many improvements but always recognize that there is room to grow—YOUR voice matters.

Thank YOU!
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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