Wahkiakum County 2020: There are incredible efforts being made to address food security in our state beyond just those of WSDA Food Assistance programs. This county snapshot focuses only on WSDA Food Assistance programs key services and programming to support the hunger relief system. Due to COVID-19, we have added statewide projections, WSDA COVID-19 food security response efforts, and critical areas of concern.

**County Snapshot**

**Contractor:** Lower Columbia Community Action Program

Partner Organizations: 4
- Food Pantries: 1
- Meal Programs: 0
- Other: 3

Legislative District: 19
Congressional District: 3

**Statewide Snapshot**

Quarterly Clients Served vs Food & Funding

Federal Programs - Wahkiakum County

**BASELINE - Annual Funding**

- TEFAP, CSFP: $1,995 Operational Funds
- 12,309 Pounds of Food Distributed
- $10,178 Estimated Food Value

**SUPPLEMENTAL - Additional Appropriations**

- TMP, TEFA, FFCRA, TEFA, CARES: $4,427 Operational Funds
- 16,626 Pounds of Food Distributed
- $18,647 Estimated Food Value

State Programs - Wahkiakum County

**BASELINE - Annual Funding**

- EFAP, EFAP-Tribal: $12,926 Operational Funds
- 55,973 Pounds of Food Distributed
- $97,953 Estimated Food Value

Federal data is collected at the contractor level and estimated at the county level
State tribal data is collected at the contractor level and estimated at the county level for subcontractors
Food security issues in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to emerge and evolve. WSDA in partnership with the Governor’s food security team, state agencies, and the hunger relief community has responded to this crisis by expanding its purchasing role to address food supply chain disruptions and by providing economic opportunities to offset the negative impacts on Washington’s agricultural sector. We provided significant supports for hunger relief organizations by funding critical capacity needs like mobile food pantries, refrigeration, PPE, fresh produce boxes, emergency food boxes, and mobilization of volunteers.

This one time pandemic infusion was invaluable but will leave many emergency food providers facing a funding cliff in 2021 and beyond. State, Federal COVID-19 response funds, and the Trade Mitigation Program are set to expire. We anticipate that client need will continue to grow, donations will remain at reduced levels, and hunger relief organizations will struggle to maintain services. If non-governmental resources are less than anticipated, then we may need to increase our current funding requests. Without additional resources, the impact on Washington communities could be devastating. For additional information on WSDA’s food security response, please see https://agr.wa.gov/coronavirus.