



Lead Agency

Community Action of Skagit County - Mt. Vernon



Community Action of Skagit County is a community-based, private nonprofit organization unaffiliated with any government agency. They serve in Skagit County and partner with a nationwide network of Community Action agencies established under the Economic Opportunity Action of 1964 to move local families and communities from poverty to prosperity. 2019 was their fourth year with the Farm to Food Pantry initiative.

In 2019, the lead agency in the 40th Legislative District:

- Received a total of \$2,250 in state funds to purchase produce from local farmers.
- Matched government investment with \$2,250 in community funds, doubling their F2FP purchasing power.
- Purchased 4,631 pounds of produce from local farmers.
- Received an additional 23,223 pounds of donated or gleaned produce from local farmers.



"Thank you so much for providing fresh produce for my family! We love and appreciate the variety of foods we get from the (food) bank."

- 2018 Food Pantry Client

7 Participating Food Pantries:

- Alger Food Bank
- Friendship House
- Neighbors in Need Food Bank
- Salvation Army Food Bank Anacortes
- Tri-Parish Food Bank
- VOAWW Food Bank Mount Vernon
- YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter

"It helped us make a critical infrastructure investment (walk-in refrigerator) early in the growing season, and this additional cold-storage capacity allows us to better store crops and also to store greater volumes of crops in an energy efficient manner."

- 2018 Farmer Partner

6 Participating Farms:

- Blanchard Mountain Farm
- Highwater Farm
- NW Green Farm
- Southern Exposure Family Farm
- Treehouse Produce
- Waxwing Farm

Hunger in the 40th District:

Skagit County:

- 121,725 residents
- 14.3% poverty
- Food Pantries distributed 6,164,742 lbs of food to 44,639 clients