FOOD ASSISTANCE

WSDA Food Assistance Resiliency Grants

THE FIFTH ROUND OF RESILIENCY GRANTS OPEN IN THE SPRING OF 2025

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Food Assistance (FA) anticipates opening the fifth round of Resiliency Grants in the spring of 2025.

To help address critical needs of hunger relief organizations across Washington, WSDA FA is offering the Resiliency Grants Program applications to eligible hunger relief organizations, including those not currently participating in FA core programs.

The Resiliency Grants Program is funded by the General Fund-State operating budget. The 2025–2027 budget will determine the final funding level of this grant and should be available in April 2025.

This program contributes to WSDA's ongoing Focus on Food Initiative, which aims to ensure access to a safe and nutritious supply of food to support a healthy and thriving Washington population. The Resiliency Grants and Initiatives Committee, a diverse advisory group, helps inform the design of this program

This funding will prioritize:

- Providing access to flexible funding to hunger relief organizations, including tribes and tribal organizations, to support current and vital organizational needs.
- Supporting hunger relief organizations in ways they determine are best for their community.
- Supporting access to nutritious food, including underserved communities.
- Ensuring funding is distributed across the entire state.

Through this program, WSDA FA will fund projects that bring immediate benefit to the community and target the following objectives:

- Collaboration amongst organizations to make significant improvements to the hunger relief network in their area.
- Increase client access to food and reduce client barriers.
- Respond to organization and community need.

Agreement period: July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Who should apply?

Organizations primarily focused on addressing food insecurity and hunger relief which may include state of Washington non-profit organizations with current tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC); or public corporations, commissions, authorities; federally recognized tribes; tribal organizations or unrecognized tribes with section 501(c)(3) status.

Current Secretary of State (SOS) registration is required.

Application guides will be translated into Spanish. If you need the application guides translated into another language, please contact foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov.

Additional information including definitions and eligibility requirements at

<u>agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-resources/food-assistance-grants/resiliency-grants</u>