



WSDA Food Assistance Flexible Funding Grants Overview

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Food Assistance programs are offering three (3) grant opportunities to all eligible agencies, tribes, and tribal organizations to help strengthen and equip the hunger relief network of Washington. **Applicants do not need to be currently contracted with WSDA's Food Assistance Program to be eligible for the WSDA Food Assistance Flexible Funding Grants.** Visit www.agr.wa.gov/grants for the full eligibility requirements and more information on the grants.

Project Sizes

- Under \$5,000
- \$5,000-\$50,000
- \$50,000 and over

Reimbursement of Grant Funds

Grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis. Grant recipients should consider their financial capacity to pay project costs up-front, with reimbursements requested on a monthly basis.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be currently active in System for Award Management (SAM) and have a Data Universal Numbers System number (DUNS #).
- Be a public agency, recognized tribe, or 501(c) nonprofit organization supporting hunger relief in the Washington State. Nonprofit organizations must have been in operation for 12 or more consecutive months and be registered with the Washington Secretary of State.

Application and Award Timeline*

Applications open:
September 29, 2021

Q&A sessions and FAQ:
Weekly

Applications due:
November 15, 2021

Notifications to applicants:
November 30, 2021

Projects complete:
June 30, 2022



* Subject to Change

Grant Types

- **Food Distribution Efficiencies:** Meaningfully sustain or improve access to nutritious, culturally relevant foods with staff support or training, capacity improvements, or equipment purchasing.
- **Targeted Community Needs:** Meaningfully support historically underrepresented communities, service programs, or current or emerging community needs.
- **Pilot Projects/Innovations, Food System Improvements:** Meaningfully improve local food systems with a pilot project, innovative program, or by supporting local agriculture or business.

Grant Objectives (for projects \$5,000 or more)

- Strategy, efficiency, and preparedness
- Sustainability and resiliency
- Equity, inclusivity, and removing barriers
- Local agriculture and/or local business

Grant Management and Reports Schedule

Invoices and reimbursement requests	Monthly
Progress reports including goals, objectives, outcomes, financial status	Quarterly
Project completion	June 30, 2022
Final reports submitted	July 15, 2022

Application Process Overview

Visit www.agr.wa.gov/grants for application PDFs.

- Applications for eligible projects under \$5,000 can be found on the Harvest Against Hunger [website](http://harvestagainsthunger.org) at harvestagainsthunger.org under the Refrigerator Capacity Grants link. For equipment and equipment installation projects only.
- Applications for eligible projects \$5,000 to \$50,000 and more can be found [here](#) or at agr.wa.gov/grants.

Questions and Assistance:

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