



WSDA Food Assistance Resiliency Grants

THE FOURTH ROUND OF RESILIENCY GRANTS OPEN IN APRIL 2024

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Food Assistance (FA) is excited to announce the opening of applications for the fourth round of Resiliency Grants in April 2024.

To help address critical needs of hunger relief organizations across Washington, WSDA FA is offering the Resiliency Grants Program with at least \$5.3 million in state funding to eligible hunger relief organizations, including those not currently participating in FA core programs*. We encourage all eligible organizations involved in hunger relief work in Washington State to apply.

The Resiliency Grants Program is funded by the General Fund-State operating budget. 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:

- *Representation across funding categories.*
- *Under resourced communities including rural, people with Disabilities, Veterans, Seniors, Tribes, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, etc.*
- *Statewide representation to meet critical organizational and community needs.*
- *Projects that can be accomplished within the agreement period considering current supply chain challenges.*

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

- **Food:** Food purchases for distribution as groceries or meals, culturally familiar foods; etc.
- **Operations/Equipment:** Costs associated with regular or expanded operations (rent, insurance, staffing, supplies, costs associated with transporting food, delivery vehicles, etc.).
- **Client Services:** To support inclusive and welcoming service environments; increased access to services and reduced barriers; costs associated with concepts that enhance the client experience such as client-choice models and translation; etc.

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Funds will be awarded under the following categories:

Small Grants Hosted by Harvest Against Hunger: A shorter application with fewer reporting requirements. Maximum award size \$4,999.99.

- Small Equipment and Installation
- EFAP Sub-Agency Grant: for organizations in the role of EFAP Sub Agency in the current ('23-25) biennium, who are experiencing or anticipating additional costs as a result of updated client intake processes for the '23-25 biennium. This grant is to help cover costs (up to \$4,999.99) related to client intake requirements.

Please find more information at www.harvestagainsthunger.org/refrigerated-capacity-grants/ under "HAH/ WSDA Resiliency Small Grant Program."

FA Core Program Participants: At least 50% of awards will be to organizations who currently participate in FA core programs*. Maximum award size \$150,000.00.

Non-FA Core Program Participants: At least 30% of awards will be to organizations who have never participated in FA core programs*. Maximum award size \$150,000.00.

TEFAP and/or CSFP Sub Agencies: At least 10% of awards will be to organizations who are currently sub agencies of these programs. Funding for operational costs, including staffing. Maximum award size \$25,000.00.

*FA Core Programs: EFAP, EFAP-Tribal, TEFAP, CSFP.

Percentages are subject to change to meet funding priorities and based on final applications.

Contract period: July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Current Secretary of State (SOS) registration is required.

Application guides will be translated into the following languages: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Somali, Korean, Chinese Mandarin, Tagalog. If other languages or documents are needed, please contact foodassistancegrants@agr.wa.gov.

Additional information including definitions and eligibility requirements at

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

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