

Call for Applications | Farm to Food Pantry Initiative 2021 -2023 Biennium

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Harvest Against Hunger (HAH) are calling for applications for hunger relief organizations, tribes, and public agencies to implement the Farm to Food Pantry (F2FP) Initiative in their region.

The F2FP initiative, a partnership between WSDA and HAH founded in 2014, helps strengthen community-based food systems while increasing the viability and success of both agricultural producers and hunger relief organizations. The primary goal of the F2FP initiative is to support local small-scale farmers while increasing the quantity and variety of nutritious foods in food pantries, improving access to healthier, culturally relevant food choices for Washingtonians experiencing nutritional insecurity.

The F2FP initiative has catalyzed new food distribution models, gleaning programs, secondary processing partnerships, and community fundraisers that strengthen local networks and economies while helping improve healthy food access and enact creative solutions to food waste.

Regional agencies receive funding to set up wholesale contracts with local small-scale farmers to supply food pantries with local, nutrient-dense, farm-fresh food. WSDA and HAH provide programmatic support through monthly group check-in meetings, technical resources for farm contracting, fundraising, and food pantry customer engagement. Regional agencies may be eligible for additional support from HAH's AmeriCorps VISTA programs.

Grant Award

Funding will be awarded ranging from \$3,500 - \$20,000 for the remainder of state fiscal year 2022 (January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022) and \$3,500 - \$30,000 for state fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023). Funds will be allocated to successful applicants based on criteria that measures need, including but not limited to:

- Percent of poverty as determined by the American Community Survey 5-year data
- Number of counties served
- Number of pantries/meal programs served
- Estimated number of individuals served
- Years participating in the initiative

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a public agency, a recognized tribe, or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency.
- Be currently registered as a nonprofit agency/corporation with the [Secretary of State Office](#) in Washington, unless a federally recognized tribe. If a nonprofit agency, have had IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for at least one year prior to the beginning date of the subcontract date.
- Be currently active in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) and have a [Data Universal Numbers System \(DUNS\) number](#).
- If not a WSDA Lead TEFAP or EFAP Contractor, applicant must receive approval from the region's Lead Contractor.



Deadline to Apply

Applications are due no later than November 30, 2021, 11:59 pm.

Award Notification

Successful applicants will be notified no later than December 15, 2021.

Additional Information About the F2FP Initiative:

- [F2FP Initiative Guidance Document](#)
- [F2FP Subcontract](#)
- [F2FP Initiative Infographic](#)
- [2020 Annual F2FP Report](#)
- Submit any questions to Maddie Price, Farm to Community Program Manager - maddie@harvestagainsthunger.org or 206-236-0408 x 105

A list of questions and responses will be posted on the [WSDA Food Assistance grants webpage](https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-resources/food-assistance-grants-information-and-opportunities) at <https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-resources/food-assistance-grants-information-and-opportunities>