**WSDA FA Update for FAAC meeting on July 11, 2023**

**WSDA Food Assistance (January – June 2023 Highlights)**

***Note: Does not include all funding***

1. **EFAP – Early Action Bill Increased SFY 2023 Funding (April/May 2023)**

* Initial Plan: $10 Million Food Assistance
* $5 Million EFAP Pass-through
* $5 Million FA Food Purchase
* Revised Plan: $11.2 Million Food Assistance *(not granted the exemption from receipt of goods by June 30, 2023)*
* $8.1 Million EFAP Pass-through
  + $5 Million Early Action
  + $1.9 Million Early Action (shifted from FA Food Purchase)
  + $1.2 Million Other Funding
* $3.1 Million (Early Action) FA Food Purchase for Reserve Warehouse

1. **TEFAP Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Funding & Food**

* Phase 1 (March – June 2023)
* $257,539 Funding (100% pass-through to TEFAP Lead Agencies)
* 103 Truckloads
* $6,478,928 Food Value

1. **TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Grants**
   * Round 1 July 2022 – June 2024

* 9 Lead Agencies (selected based on high-risk factors, remote, & rural)
* $827,000 Funding (pass-through)
  + Round 2 July 2023 – June 2025 (new agreements not issued yet)
* 13 Lead Agencies (selected based on high-risk factors, remote, & rural
* $1.4 Million (pass-through)

1. **TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Grants**
   * Year 4 (April – October 2023)

* 4 Participating Organizations
* $78,324.88 (pass-through)
* Could be the last year unless reauthorized in the Farm Bill

1. **USDA Local Food Purchasing Assistance (LFPA) Extension to June 30, 2025 & New LFPA Plus**

* LFPA (July 2022 – June 30, 2025)
* $2.7 Million Pass-through
  + Allows for operational expenses (revised from 15% to 45%)
* LFPA **Plus** (July 2023 – June 30, 2025); Pending final approval from USDA
* $4.9 Million Pass-through
  + Does NOT allow for operational expenses with the exception of storage and transportation cost included in the food purchase price.
  + Only minimally processed foods are allowed

1. **WSDA FA Resiliency Grants**

* SFY 2023
* $16 Million
* 107 Grants
* SFY 2024
* $5.2 Million (Estimate)
* Applications are open NOW through July 31, 2023
  + Looking for judges!
  + <https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-resources/food-assistance-grants/resiliency-grants>

**WSDA Directors Office**

1. **Early Action Bill (May/June 2023)**

* Director’s Designated Awards
* $10 Million for Emergency Food Purchases
  + $6.5 Million Northwest Harvest
  + $3.5 Million Food Lifeline

1. **We Feed WA $35 Million (July 2023 – June 30, 2025)**

* NEW PROCESS
* Grant Applications are **due** July 17, 2023 8:00 AM
* 2-year grants (Vendor & Hunger Relief Organizations; focus on direct services & WA grown/produced)
* Award notice by August 31, 2023 or sooner
* Eligibility:
  + Up-to-date registration with the Secretary of State of Washington and the Washington State Department of Revenue
  + Businesses/Organizations with one (1) or more years of experience procuring and/or distributing emergency food in Washington State within the past three (3) years
  + Businesses/Organizations that have facilitated a minimum of twelve (12) emergency food distributions between July 2022 to June 2023
  + Businesses/Organizations that have distributed emergency food to a minimum of 1,000 households between July 2022 to June 2023
* <https://agr.wa.gov/about-wsda/we-feed-wa/we-feed-wa-grant>
* Questions?
  + Check the FAQ
  + Reach out to Jessica Hernandez (email is best)
    - Jessica.A.Hernandez@agr.wa.gov
  + 3 Grant Tiers
    - Over $500,000 - $1 million (more competitive)
    - $250,001 - $500,000
    - $100,000 - $250,000

**Food Assistance (July – December Highlights)**

* EFAP Biennial Agreements and Updates
* EFAP and EFAP-Tribal Lead Agency Agreements Issued (July 7 – 11)
* $18.3+ Million
* Sub Agency Agreement Templates (estimated release July 21)
* Retro-Active to July 1, 2023
* TEFAP
* FFY 2023 Reallocated Funding – Approx. $ 1 Million (Mid-July)
* FFY 2024 NEW Agreements & Procedures Manual
  + July/Aug discussions with TEFAP Lead Agencies
  + Retains Client Eligibility at 400% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
  + Removes Client service area restrictions to match EFAP
  + Anticipate TEFAP GAP Funding in Sept/Oct
* TEFAP CCC
* Phase 2 (July – December 2023:
  + $ 235,539 Funding
  + 94 Truckloads
  + $5,112,711 Food
* ***New*** USDA Announcement TEFAP CCC Increase & Extension (FFY 2024+)
  + $19.3 Million (Est. Value Food & Funding for State of WA)
* Farm to Food Pantry
* ***Biennial*** Applications are open on the **Harvest Against Hunger** Website
  + Applications close on **July 28, 2023**
  + Estimated Award Value ranges from $7,500 - $25,000 (Annual)
  + Approx. $500,000 total pass-through each year