



# Food Lifeline

## 2019 State Legislative Agenda

1 in 5 kids in Washington is food insecure...



Food Lifeline is the Feeding America affiliate in western Washington and a founding member of Feeding Washington.

We prevent hunger by providing food to 300 local agency and community partners that work with vulnerable and low-income children, adults and seniors.

We provide the equivalent of 116,000 meals every day for their food assistance programs.

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### Hunger and Health

**Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** increased funding for FINI nutrition incentive programs that make it easier for SNAP participants to afford more fruits and vegetables: Complete Eats Fruit and Vegetable Coupons, Farmers Market Match, Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program.

**WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** restoring and expanding program funding to achieve an increase in vouchers per client season.

### Hunger Prevention

**State Nutrition Programs—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** increased funding for Emergency Food Assistance Program, State Food Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, State Family Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, Senior Nutrition Programs, and Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

**School Meals—SUPPORT** measures to improve access to school nutrition programs.

### Food Systems

**Capital Budget—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** grant request for Food Lifeline Hunger Solution Center to continue toward doubling food distribution.

**Washington Food Policy Forum—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** measures to continue the forum as a public-private partnership focused on statewide food system goals and recommendations.

**Wasted Food—ACTIVELY SUPPORT** legislation aimed at reducing wasted food for its potential to impact charitable hunger relief efforts.

**Farm to School & Farm to Food Pantry Programs—SUPPORT** legislation to improve funding for WSDA Regional Markets Programs that help Washington farm businesses connect to local schools and food pantries.

**Retaining Productive Farmland—SUPPORT** measures to assist with retention of farmland and viability of farming for future generations in Washington.

### Poverty

**State Housing Trust Fund—SUPPORT** increasing investment.

**Working Families Tax Credit—SUPPORT** implementation funding.

**Housing and Essential Needs—SUPPORT** increased program funding.

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families—SUPPORT** undoing harmful recession-era policies to ensure families with children living in deep poverty have access to critical TANF resources and support.

### Equity & Social Justice

**Washington State Equity Office—SUPPORT** measures to help coordinate statewide initiatives to drive more equitable practices in state government.

**Keep Washington Working—SUPPORT** measures to protect the state from over-reaching federal immigration policy changes and recognize the important role of immigrants in the workplace.

### Tax, Budget, and Nonprofits

MONITOR legislation that would impact the regulatory and tax environment for non-profit organizations.