



# Food Lifeline

## 2022 State Advocacy Agenda

### Food Justice and Pandemic Hunger Response

**Feeding people facing hunger today and working to end hunger for tomorrow.**



**Food Lifeline is the Feeding America affiliate in western Washington.**

We partner with many, including:

Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition

Balance Our Tax Code Coalition

Children's Alliance

Feeding Washington

Food Policy Forum

Low-Income Housing Alliance

Northwest Harvest

Racial Equity Team

Second Harvest

Statewide Poverty Action Network

Working Families Tax Credit Coalition

Washington Anti-Poverty Advocates Workgroup

Washington Military Family Hunger Coalition

Washington State Senior Citizens Lobby

Washington Food Coalition

## Equity & Social Justice

**Racial Equity**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT policies aimed at dismantling institutional racism and inequitable and unjust systems that create and perpetuate determinants of hunger.

## Poverty

**Working Families Tax Credit**—SUPPORT implementation of direct cash assistance tax credit of \$300 to \$1,200 for lower income workers disproportionately harmed by the pandemic.

**State Housing Trust Fund & Rental Assistance**—SUPPORT measures to increase affordable housing and assistance for renters at risk of eviction.

**Basic Food Education and Training**—SUPPORT measures to extend job training to eligible immigrants receiving state food assistance.

**TANF**—SUPPORT measures to improve access and strengthen program benefits.

## Food Systems

**Statewide Hunger Relief**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT WSDA's full funding request for **We Feed WA** fresh local produce boxes and bulk produce; food bank capacity grants, and market access grants for Washington farms, food processors and distributors.

**Food Hub/Food Redistributor Investments**—SUPPORT measures to direct investments to regional hunger-relief organizations serving as redistribution hubs, for facility, equipment, technology, and staff capacity improvements.

**Use Food Well Washington (UFWW)**—SUPPORT measures to implement UFWW wasted food reduction plan recommendations, including establishing the Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management and regional food hubs.

## Hunger and Health

**Washington Produce Donation**—SUPPORT measures to help fund large-scale procurement of donated Washington produce for hunger relief efforts statewide.

**Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**—SUPPORT expansion of this DSHS program to provide nutrition to 7,100 more lower income adults over 60.

## Nutrition Assistance

**School Meals**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT measures to improve access and availability of school nutrition programs, including: Community Eligibility expansion, funding for school nutrition infrastructure, Farm to School funding, and technology to support multilingual online school meal applications and household income data.

**Military Family Hunger**—SUPPORT measures to improve food security among veteran and military households.

## Tax, Budget, and Nonprofits

**Progressive Revenue**—SUPPORT measures to rebalance Washington's regressive tax code while providing more revenue for community investments.

MONITOR legislation impacting regulatory or tax environments for nonprofits.

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