



# Food Lifeline

## STATE ADVOCACY AGENDA

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



**Food Lifeline is the Feeding America partner 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  
 Northwest Harvest  
 Racial Equity Team  
 Second Harvest  
 Statewide Poverty Action Network  
 Washington Anti-Poverty Advocates Workgroup  
 Washington Coalition for Police Accountability  
 Working Families Tax Credit Coalition  
 Washington Food Coalition  
 Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance  
 Washington Military Family Hunger Coalition  
 Washington State Senior Citizens Lobby

### 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, including:

- **Voting Rights Act**—SUPPORT legislation to ensure that voters of race, color, and language minority groups have equitable access to fully participate in the electoral process in registering to vote and voting free from improper dilution or abridgement of voting power.
- **Traffic Stops Safety**—SUPPORT to end traffic stops for nonmoving violations and provide grants that help people comply with the law and avoid low-level violations.
- **Access to Fairness Act**—SUPPORT legislation authorizing redress at the state level when law enforcement commits constitutional rights violations.
- **Patterns and Practice Authority**—SUPPORT legislation to empower the Attorney General's Office to investigate and act on patterns and practices of misconduct at law enforcement agencies.
- **Independent Prosecutor for Police Use of Deadly Force**—SUPPORT legislation creating a state office to work with the Office of Independent Investigations for fair, credible, and transparent prosecutions.

### Poverty

**Guaranteed Basic Income**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT legislation creating a pilot program for direct cash assistance to help Washington residents struggling under unprecedented income inequalities.

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

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

### 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.

**Community Food Hubs**—SUPPORT measures to direct funding to shared regional facilities for community agencies and local growers to aggregate/store/process food intended for hunger relief, local school systems and other markets.

**Use Food Well Washington**—SUPPORT measures to implement the UFWW Plan recommendations to meet Washington's 2030 food waste reduction goals and a more resilient food system.

### Hunger, Health, and Wellbeing

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

**Fruit & Vegetable Incentives**—SUPPORT increasing state funding to help families on limited budgets afford more fruits and vegetables through DOH's SNAP Produce Match, SNAP Market Match, and Fruit and Vegetable Prescriptions (Rx) programs.

### Nutrition Assistance

**School Meals**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT measures to expand access to school meals at no student cost (Universal School Meals) and improve access and availability of related school nutrition programs.

**Hunger Free Campus Designation**—SUPPORT legislation to establish criteria for colleges to meet when addressing students' food insecurity and their access to public benefits.

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

### Tax Policy

**Working Families Tax Credit**—ACTIVELY SUPPORT improvements and expansion of Washington's tax credit program for households with low and moderate incomes.

**Wealth Tax**—SUPPORT measures to rebalance Washington's regressive tax code while providing more revenue for community investments by enacting a 1% levy on wealth held in financial assets, such as stocks and bonds for individuals worth over \$1 billion.

**Nonprofits**—MONITOR legislation impacting tax or regulatory environments for nonprofits.