



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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