



WSDA Food Assistance

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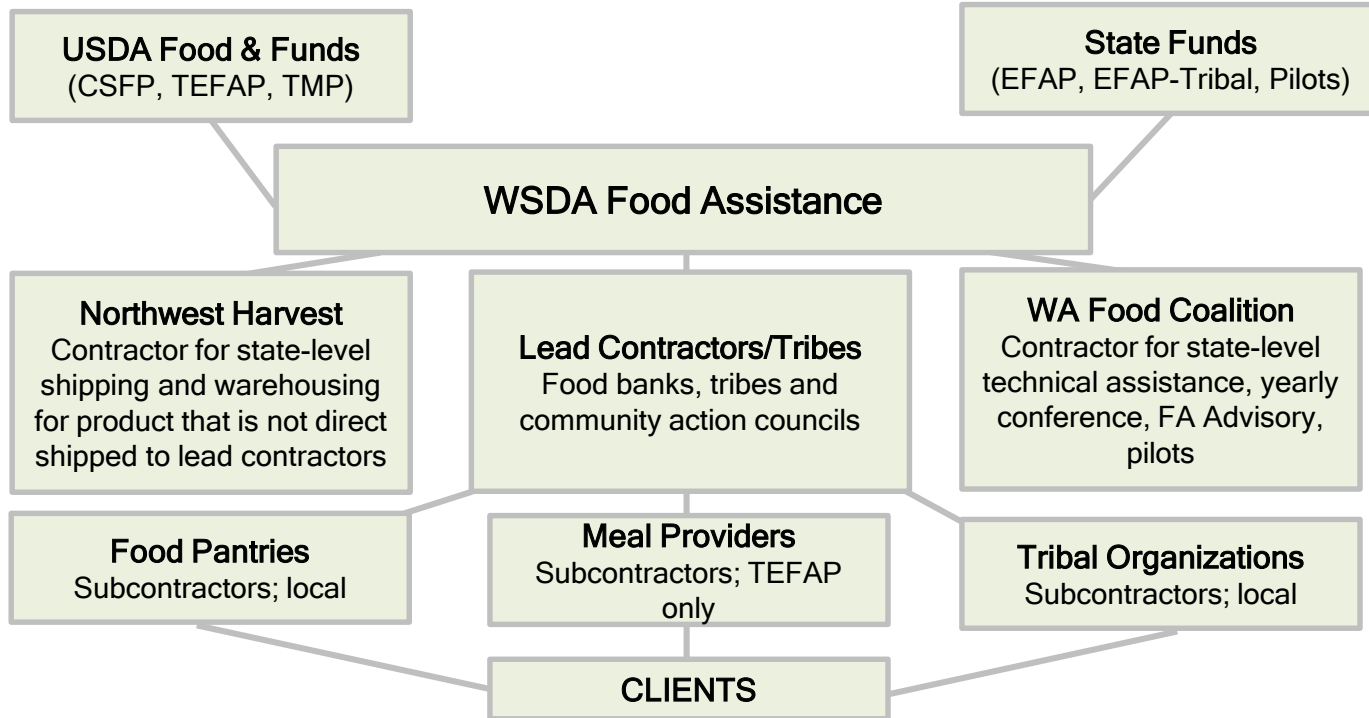
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Our programs serve communities and lower-income families by improving access to safe and nutritious foods. We honor our connections with agriculture and strengthen the emergency food system by providing food, funding, logistical support, and outreach to hunger relief organizations and tribes.

One in six Washingtonians received food from our programs prior to COVID-19.



Operational Flow Chart – In Normal Times



Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)-Tribal



EFAP-Tribal: State Funded – 30 Tribes

- The funding is flexible and may be used for the purchase of food or food vouchers, operational costs, nutrition training, and equipment or repairs.
- Food Assistance (FA) provided COVID-19 support not only to tribal members in need of food but also to meet capacity needs (equipment, storage, and other support).
 - Charlie's Produce Pilot Project
 - AMI Airline Meals Pilot Project
- Wildfire Response – Colville Tribe
- FA also assists tribes in distributing federal food received through our programs.



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EFAP-Tribal: State Funded

- In SFY 2020, FA granted tribes \$932,982 in state funds to provide critical hunger relief services. 2020 data is not finalized yet.
- Using these funds, tribal food pantries distributed more than 306,000 pounds of food to 1,776 families who are on pace to visit the food pantries nearly nine times a year in 2020.
- In that same period, tribes will provide 3,100 families with food vouchers valued at \$391,331 that are exchanged for food at local grocery stores. These families will receive vouchers an average of 2 times per year. 2020 data is projected



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Moving Forward:

- Legislative request for an increase in FA funding:
 - On-going support Farm to Food Pantry Initiative
 - Increase base EFAP and EFAP Tribal funding levels
 - Creates flexible funding to support pilot projects, processing, and fill gaps.
- Increase food sovereignty coordination and access to nutritious and culturally appropriate foods.
- Support projects targeted towards tribes and tribal farmers.



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