



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Organization's General Goals:**

As both a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and a program of Rotary District 5030, Harvest Against Hunger works with farmers, truckers, volunteers and others to bring valuable skills and resources into hunger relief efforts in communities across Washington state and beyond.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2021 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Harvest Against Hunger.

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## Tulalip Tribes Grant Report – 2021-22

As an organization one level removed from directly feeding people, Harvest Against Hunger (HAH) focuses on building and developing programs that help hunger relief organizations to better serve those in need. Collaboration and creativity are hallmarks of this approach, and the ripple effects of these deep partnerships carry across communities.

In 2019, the Washington State Dept of Agriculture (WSDA) reported that 1.2 million people across Washington needed help from food banks and meal programs. During the pandemic, that number jumped to 1.9 million. Even as COVID rates continue to drop and the American labor market nears full recovery, the number of people visiting food banks has remained high because most pandemic assistance programs have ended, and inflation is rising – especially on food and fuel.

Our major accomplishment was to ensure that as much food as possible made it into the hunger relief system during these challenging times.

We were honored to produce the following video for the Tulalip Tribes' *Raising Hands* event in October 2021: [Harvest Against Hunger Award Video from Raising Hands Event - YouTube](#)

### State of Washington

The funds received from Tulalip Tribes helped us to collect and distribute 1,623,210 pounds of nutritious produce to hunger relief organizations throughout the state.

Our Farm to Community (F2C) programs (Farm to Food Pantry, King County Farmers Share and Growing for Good) cultivate new systems, partnerships, and programs to connect food assistance providers to small-scale farmers across Washington. They enable the farmers to grow healthy, culturally relevant food specifically for their local food pantries and meal programs. F2C grew to meet the increased need for healthy produce and includes 25 regional agencies serving 33 counties across Washington.

Our Harvest VISTA program placed and supported 15 full-time VISTA members and five Summer Associate members to develop and expand local food systems with our partner organizations, mainly in underserved communities.

In the fall of 2021, following two difficult years of increased need and service delivery adjustments at hunger relief organizations, we developed a new survey tool in partnership with the University of Washington to help WSDA to better understand overall hunger relief capacity – both physical storage and service model development. Data from this survey

helped to secure more than \$3 million in special COVID relief funding to make urgent improvements statewide. From the survey, we learned that food banks – particularly the smaller ones at the far end of the distribution chain – needed better refrigerated capacity to handle more perishable items like produce, dairy and meat.

## **Snohomish County**

### ***Farm to Food Pantry***

In 2022, we secured the participation of Farmer Frog as a new food access partner.

### ***Growing for Good Partnership***

In 2022, we secured three new food access partners: Maltby Food Bank, Edmonds Food Bank and Westgate Chapel. The Director of Maltby Food Bank had this to say about the program:

*“Many of our patrons are trying to eat healthy and they were in awe of how fresh our produce was and that we didn't have to limit them or give them a choice between this or that so that everyone could have some.”*

### ***Capacity Building***

HAH awarded eight small-scale (\$5,000 and under) capacity grants to hunger relief organizations in Snohomish County, enabling them to safely store and distribute perishable food. We have just completed a new round of applications for the program and anticipate providing another six grants – with a specific focus on supporting programs focusing on traditionally underserved (BIPOC, rural) communities.

We also distributed three computers that were refurbished and loaded with Microsoft Office Suite software through our Computers for Hunger Relief initiative.

## **Skagit County**

### ***Core Work***

HAH distributed hundreds of thousands of pounds of produce and helped to coordinate thousands of miles of donated trucking to support broader hunger relief efforts in Skagit County. One of our primary partners in the region is Taylor Driving School, which helped to move hundreds of thousands of pounds of food between organizations in the Mt. Vernon and Burlington areas. HAH served as the primary coordinator/dispatcher for these loads throughout the pandemic.

### ***Farm to Food Pantry***

Our primary partner in Skagit County is Skagit Food Distribution Center, which received funding from our Farm to Food Pantry program to purchase produce directly from small scale growers in the county that was distributed to 25 hunger relief partners.

Participating farmer partners are Arado Farms, Boldly Grown Farm, Cabrera Farm, Eldur Heron Farm, Gonzalez Farm, Highwater Farm, Long Hearing Farm, NW Green Farm, Pure Nelida, Viva Farms, Waxwing Farm and Well Fed Farm.

### ***Capacity Building***

HAH awarded 11 small-scale (\$5,000 and under) capacity grants to hunger relief organizations in Skagit county, enabling them to safely store and distribute perishable food. We have just completed a new round of applications for the program and anticipate providing another six grants – with a specific focus on supporting programs focusing on traditionally underserved (BIPOC, rural) communities.

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