



Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Protecting Oregon's Food Supply and
Farmworkers

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- Background
 - Farmworker taskforce
 - OSHA compliance
 - \$30 Million allocation from Governor Brown
- Funding streams
 - Housing services
 - Field sanitation and transportation
 - Mitigation



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- Housing Response
 - \$10 million
 - *\$3.5 million
 - Funding for:
 - Hotel/motel reimbursement
 - Assistance for alternative on-farm housing options



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- ***\$3.5 million in Safe Sheltering funds are available to migrant farmworkers.**
- The program is run in partnership with the Oregon Human Development Corporation (OHDC).
- These funds include hotel/motel vouchers for agricultural workers and their families.



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- Field Sanitation and Transportation
\$6 million
 - Funding for:
Handwashing stations
 - Portable restrooms
 - Physical distancing transportation



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- Mitigating COVID-19
\$14 million
 - Distribution of face masks and hand sanitizer
 - Farmworker Quarantine Fund
 - Communications and community-based outreach and education



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- Email with questions about the program:
- fsfsquestions@oregon.gov
- Sign up for updates on all of the programs.
- <https://oda.direct/fsfs>
- Call (503) 986-0058



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Housing/Field Sanitation/Transportation

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Housing/Field Sanitation/Transportation

- \$20,000 maximum benefit
- Applications accepted until Oct. 25
- Payments made upon complete information received

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Housing

Temporary Modifications to On-Farm Housing

Producers are eligible for a one-time payment of up to \$100 per actual occupancy provided with modifications that made to comply with OR-OSHA's temporary rules.

Temporary on-farm alternative housing

Producers who rent or otherwise secure temporary on-farm alternative housing (e.g. modular office units, trailers, RVs, tents, etc.) on or after May 11, 2020 can receive assistance for up to \$350/month per actual occupancy provided by a temporary option, based upon receipts.

Hotel/Motel Assistance

Producers who secure hotel/motel housing for workers on or after May 11, 2020 can receive assistance up to the [standard government rates](#) to comply with the reduced occupancy levels in OR-OSHA's temporary rules.



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Field Sanitation

- Field sanitation units **purchased** by the producer with a receipt dated on or after April 28, 2020 are eligible for monthly usage assistance beginning **June 1, 2020** at the average market rate, not to exceed \$300/month.
- Field sanitation units **rented** by the producer are eligible for monthly assistance beginning **June 1, 2020** at market rates of up to \$300/unit per month and based upon receipts provided.



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Transportation

- Producers will be asked to maintain a mileage log for provided transportation to record the additional miles driven related to the OR-OSHA rule
- Reimbursement up to the IRS rate
- \$1,000 maximum benefit



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Application

- <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Forms/FS/FS-Application.pdf>



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Oregon Farm Worker Relief
and Quarantine Funds

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Safe Sheltering and Rent Relief Funds

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FW Safe Sheltering

- \$3.5 million in Safe Sheltering funds are available to farmworkers provided to OHDC via OHCS and the Legislature E-Board.
- OHDC thru it's ten location network will be the lead agency to distribute funds.
- CBO's in different regions across the state will be engaged to also deliver these services.



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FW Safe Sheltering

- Services:
 - Hotel/Motel stays
 - Wrap around services to enable the stay
 - Transportation vouchers to local gas stations
 - Assistance with childcare costs
 - Other essential household needs
- Eligibility:
 - Farmworker (OHCS Definition)
 - Vulnerable population – potential for food processing workers
 - COVID Related



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FW Safe Sheltering

Data Requested:

- Basic Demographics
- Housing situation info
- Family Info (if applicable)

Not Required for eligibility

- Income Verification
- Legal Status – Not asked – focus is on safe sheltering



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FW Rent Relief Funds

- \$3 million in Rent Relief funds are available to farmworkers and landscape workers provided to OHDC via OHCS.
- OHDC thru it's ten location network will be the lead agency to distribute funds.
- CBO's in different regions across the state will be engaged to assist with Education and Outreach activities.



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FW Rent Relief

Eligibility:

- Farmworker (OHCS Definition)
- Landscape workers
- COVID Related
- Low-Income per Federal Guidelines
- Legal Status – Not a determining factor for eligibility



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SAFE SHELTERING OF FARMWORKERS

REFUGIO SEGURO DE TRABAJADORES AGRICOLAS

This fund will help support farmworkers to stay in safe housing while they work during the harvest season.

Este fondo ayudará a los trabajadores agrícolas a permanecer en viviendas seguras mientras trabajan durante la temporada de cosecha.

CALL/LLAMA:
1-855-215-6158

For more information, visit/ Para mas informacion, visite:
www.ohdc.org/safe-shelter

Funds provided by Oregon Housing and Community Services.



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Marion County:

Launching a Farm Site Resource Guide

Michael Keuler, Farm Needs Coordinator

Marion County



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