Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Protecting Oregon’s Food Supply and Farmworkers
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**Maria Castro,** Health Equity Program Analyst Equity and Inclusion Division, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**Jorge Martinez,** Regional Outreach Coordinator for Northeast Oregon: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Community Partner Outreach Program, OHA
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

• Background
  • Farmworker taskforce
  • OSHA compliance
  • $30 Million allocation from Governor Brown

• Funding streams
  • Housing services
  • Field sanitation and transportation
  • Mitigation
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

- Housing Response
  - $10 million
  - *$3.5 million
    - Funding for:
      - Hotel/motel reimbursement
    - Assistance for alternative on-farm housing options
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

• *$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.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

• Field Sanitation and Transportation
  $6 million
    • Funding for:
      Handwashing stations
    • Portable restrooms
    • Physical distancing transportation
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

• Mitigating COVID-19
  $14 million
  • Distribution of face masks and hand sanitizer
  • Farmworker Quarantine Fund
  • Communications and community-based outreach and education
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

- 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
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Q & A
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Housing/Field Sanitation/Transportation

Eric Hartstein, Senior Policy Coordinator Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Jonathan Sandau, Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Housing/Field Sanitation/Transportation
• $20,000 maximum benefit
• Applications accepted until Oct. 25
• Payments made upon complete information received

Eric Hartstein, (OWEB) Eric.Hartstein@oregon.gov
Jonathan Sandau, (ODA) jsandau@oda.state.or.us
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**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.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

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.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

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
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Application

- [https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Forms/FS-Application.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Forms/FS-Application.pdf)
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Q & A
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Oregon Farm Worker Relief and Quarantine Funds

Reyna Lopez
Executive Director
Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Q & A
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Safe Sheltering and Rent Relief Funds

Martin Campos-Davis
Executive Director
Oregon Human Development Corp.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**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.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

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
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

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
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**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.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**FW Rent Relief**

Eligibility:

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

**FW Rent Relief**

Data Requested:
- Basic Demographics
- Housing situation info
- Family Info (if applicable)
- Income Verification
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

**FW Rent Relief**

Data Requested:

- Basic Demographics
- Housing situation info
- Family Info (if applicable)
- Income Verification
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Call/ Llame 1-855-215-6158

COVID-19 FARMWORKER AND LANDSCAPER RENTAL RELIEF FUND

COVID-19 FONDO DE ALIVIO DE RENTA PARA TRABAJADORES AGRÍCOLA Y JARDINEA

Funds provided by Oregon Community and Housing Services

Available Now! ¡Disponible Ya!

For More Information/ Para Más Información, Visit/ Visite www.ohdc.org

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 más información, visite: www.ohdc.org/safe-shelter

Funds provided by Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Martin Campos-Davis, Executive Director
Oregon Human Development Corp.
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Q & A
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Marion County: Launching a Farm Site Resource Guide

Michael Keuler, Farm Needs Coordinator
Marion County
Food Security and Farmworker Safety Initiative

Q & A