



## Field Sanitation

The Food Security and Farmworker Safety Program provides financial reimbursement for additional field sanitation units needed to comply with OR-OSHA's temporary rules in response to COVID-19. Field sanitation units include portable handwashing stations and portable toilets. Producers are responsible for securing the additional units and documenting requirements set forth by OR-OSHA.

### Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for grant funds under the program, an applicant must be:

1. An agricultural employer to which OR-OSHA temporary rule 437-001-0749 applies; and
2. Registered to do business and in good standing with the Oregon Secretary of State.

### Program Funding Limitation

The Food Security and Farmworker Safety Program funding has a maximum benefit of \$20,000 in combined housing and field sanitation assistance and \$1,000 in transportation assistance to any individual producer applying for assistance throughout the 2020 harvest season. Producers that have costs in excess of \$21,000 may also submit documentation of those excess costs. If any program funds remain at the end of the harvest season in October, additional payments may be equitably distributed to producers.

### Eligible Costs

Costs associated with providing additional portable handwashing stations and portable toilets to comply with OR-OSHA's temporary rules are eligible for reimbursement up to market rates for the type of unit and based on receipts provided. The program can only provide reimbursement to individual producers.

Oregon's Food Security and Farmworker Safety Program provides assistance to Oregon's agricultural producers in order to help secure Oregon's food supply chain and protect essential agricultural workers from COVID-19 exposure and illness.

The COVID-19 emergency led to Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) issuing temporary rules requiring increased field sanitation measures and more stringent labor housing and transportation regulations. The Food Security and Farmworker Safety Program provides financial assistance to comply with these increased measures during peak harvest.

## Field Sanitation Rates

- 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.

## How and When to Apply

Applications for Field Sanitation Assistance will be accepted beginning June 10, 2020 and will be processed in the order received. Reimbursement will be available for eligible costs incurred on or after June 1, 2020. Field Sanitation Assistance will be available through October 25, 2020.

To apply for Field Sanitation Assistance, producers can complete the [financial assistance application](#) and send it via email to [FSFSapplication@oregon.gov](mailto:FSFSapplication@oregon.gov) or via fax to 503-986-0199. If you are unable to access the application online, please call 503-986-0058 to request that an application be faxed to you. Applicants should be prepared to provide the following information/documentation with their application:

- Completed [Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification W-9 Form](#)
- An estimate of the peak number of employees expected
- An estimate of the number of field sanitary stations needed
- The duration of field sanitation need
- Invoices from the sanitation company providing the field sanitation units
- Receipt of purchased unit with documented period of use

## More Information about Food Security and Farmworker Safety Assistance

More information on the program, including Housing Response, Field Sanitation, and Transportation, is found on the [FSFS Program Website](#).

For specific questions on the program, please review the [FAQs](#) or send your question to [FSFSquestions@oregon.gov](mailto:FSFSquestions@oregon.gov).