

Transportation and Marketing Program



USDA Farm and Food Worker Relief Grant Program

The Farm and Food Worker Relief (FFWR) Program provides \$600 relief payments to eligible farm and food workers who incurred expenses preparing for, preventing exposure to, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Agricultural and meatpacking workers, as well as select grocery workers, may receive one relief payment per person if they worked in an eligible front-line job in the U.S. during the COVID-19 pandemic (between January 20, 2020, and March 11, 2023).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm and Food Worker Relief (FFWR) Grant Program awarded approximately \$670 million through competitive grants to fourteen nonprofit organizations and one Tribal entity. Together, they issue relief payments to eligible farm and food workers nationwide. They have proven track records of partnering at the community level and conducting outreach with trusted worker serving organizations.

Approved FFWR Organizations

The organizations listed below received USDA grants to administer the FFWR program. They are approved to receive worker applications and issue \$600 relief payments.

- Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc.
- Catholic Charities, USA
- Cherokee Nation
- Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
- Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation
- Hispanic Federation, Inc.
- La Cooperativa Campesina de California
- National Center for Farmworker Health
- National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association
- Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture
- Todec Legal Center Perris
- UFCW Charity Foundation, Inc.
- UFW Foundation
- United Migrant Opportunity Services/ UMOS, Inc.
- United Ways of California

These fifteen grant recipients may work with partner organizations across the country to provide relief funds to workers nationwide. If you do not recognize the name of the organization offering FFWR payments, please contact the USDA team at FFWR@usda.gov.

Workers must apply to one of the above organizations for FFWR funds. Funding will be available from October 2022 through October 2024 or until all FFWR funds have been issued.

Workers Applying for FFWR Funds Must:

- Show valid proof of identity and employment in an eligible job during the pandemic.
- Submit an application stating that they incurred at least \$600 in COVID-19 related expenses for items such as personal protective equipment (masks, testing, etc.); costs for quarantine (hotel rooms, private transit, etc.); and child or elder care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Examples of Documents that can be used to Prove Identity and Employment

- State Issued Drivers Licenses or Identification
- Consular or Government Issued Identification (Foreign or Domestic)
- Employer Issued Identification
- Other verified photo identification
- Non-Photo Identification: Two forms of other documentation with individual's name
- W-2 Tax Form
- Paystub
- Employer Letter or Contract
- H2A Visa
- H2B Visa
- Photographic Evidence (for example, picture of worker at worksite)
- Written & Signed Attestation

Receipts are not required. By submitting an application, workers certify that they incurred at least \$600 in eligible expenses. Anyone submitting an FFWR application also attests that they worked in the U.S. farm and/or food processing sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Warning: Falsified applications may be investigated by federal authorities.

Avoid Scams

Approved FFWR organizations will not:

- Charge fees for FFWR applications.
- Require memberships or donations to receive relief payments.

If you have concerns or believe you have been the victim of fraud, contact the USDA Office of the Inspector General:

- Phone: 800-424-9121
- Online: <https://usdaoig.oversight.gov/hotline>

More Information

For more information on the FFWR program, visit www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/ffwr/. This website includes interactive maps with contact information for each of the approved FFWR organizations listed on page 1.