



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 producer to which OR-OSHA temporary rule 437-001-0749 applies. An agricultural producer includes any person who leases, rents, manages as a full service management company, or owns Oregon land, whether the land is publicly-owned or privately-owned, or Tribal land, on which crops are cultivated or livestock is raised; and
2. Registered to do business and in good standing with the Oregon Secretary of State.

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.

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

Face Coverings

(Updated July 15, 2020) The temporary OR-OSHA rule requires face coverings when farmworkers use employer-provided transportation and in other situations where it is not possible to maintain six feet of physical distance. On July 15, 2020, Governor Brown began requiring face coverings outdoors when distancing is not possible. The FSFS program will provide financial assistance to producers for **up to \$350** for face coverings when receipts are provided. Cloth face coverings or face shields costing **no more than \$10 per unit** are eligible. Additional receipts for face coverings **in excess of \$350** should be retained as additional financial assistance may be possible at the conclusion of the FSFS program based on remaining funds.

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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.

Field Sanitation Rates

Field sanitation units **purchased** by the producer with a receipt dated on or after March 27, 2020 are eligible for monthly usage assistance beginning **June 1, 2020** at the following FSFS Program Rates:

- Single toilet, weekly service: \$120/month
- ADA toilet, weekly service: \$225/month
- Toilet & toilet/sink combo on trailer, weekly service: \$185/month
- Double toilet & toilet/sink combo on trailer, weekly service: \$250/month
- Individual sink: \$75/month
- 2-person sink: \$150/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 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.