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Walla Walla Valley Hunger Relief Coalition Launches Temporary Food Card Program in Response to Federal SNAP Disruptions

WALLA WALLA, WA, November 4, 2025 – Amid ongoing delays and disruptions to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Walla Walla Valley Hunger Relief Coalition (WWVHRC), operated by Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) in partnership with over 30 organizations, announces it will launch a temporary food card assistance program to support local households.

Thanks to the collaborative fundraising efforts of the WWVHRC, the generosity of local donors, and emergency grant funding from the state, the WWVHRC effort currently has \$115,000 to purchase food and food cards for households in Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield counties. The number of cards distributed per household will vary based on household size with a minimum allocation of \$50 per household and will be purchased for use at local grocery stores.

To Get Help: Request a food card by completing this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Uy2csQ1Zn3>. Households will be served in the order requests are received, as funding is available. Food cards will be distributed by appointment only. Anyone needing assistance completing a request form can call 509-529-4980 on Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-5:00pm and Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm.

To Give Help: Fundraising for the WWVHRC campaign continues throughout the month of November, with donations supporting the purchase of additional food cards and direct food assistance for local food pantries and meal programs. Additional resources are needed to support food needs now and through the Thanksgiving holiday. More information on how to help can be found: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/wwwvhrc/>

“We know that our communities rally and come together when there is need, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who has already given,” said Danielle Garbe Reser, CEO of BMAC. “While we will not be able to help every household immediately, these food cards are a responsive effort to help individuals and families put food on the table as we await federal action.”

Although federal courts have ruled that the USDA must restore SNAP funding, the federal government has stated that there will be delays and recipients may not receive their full benefit, leaving thousands of households across the region struggling to meet basic food needs.

The Walla Walla Valley Hunger Relief Coalition (WWVHRC) is a collaboration between: Akin, Blue Mountain Action Council, Blue Mountain Community Church, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Blue Mountain Counseling, Blue Mountain Heart to Heart,

Burwood Brewing Company, Catholic Charities of Walla Walla, City of College Place, City of Waitsburg, City of Walla Walla, Congregation Beth Israel, Communities in Schools, Christian Aid Center, Downtown Walla Walla Foundation, First Congregational Church, Garfield County Aging and Disability Resource Center, The Health Center, Hope Street, The Pantry at St. Frances Cabrini, Pioneer United Methodist Church, Project Timothy, Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Salvation Army, Skyrocket Church, SonBridge Center for Better Living, Southeast WA Alliance for Health, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sustainable Living Center, Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless, Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce, Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, Walla Walla Immigrant Rights Coalition, Walla Walla Senior Center, VITAL, and the YMCA of Walla Walla.

Individuals and organizations who would like to join the coalition can email Sam Jackle, Walla Walla County Department of Community Health Manager, at sjackle@wwco.wa.gov.

BMAC is our region's designated community action agency and home to our region's food bank. The BMAC Food Bank has the warehousing, storage, and distribution capacity to support food pantries across Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin Counties. BMAC also provides other assistance to help people and change lives, including affordable housing, energy assistance, job training and more. Learn more at: bmacww.org.

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