

FAQs

What is the Farm and Food Workers Relief Program (FFWR)?

This relief is intended to defray costs for reasonable and necessary personal, family, or living expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as but not limited to costs for personal protective equipment (PPE), dependent care, and expenses associated with quarantines and testing. Grant recipients will have a period of two years (24 months) to distribute direct relief in the form of \$600 flat-rate payments per eligible beneficiary. This is not a renewable nor annual benefit. Once a worker has been verified as eligible, the worker is to receive a single \$600 payment to be released in a single financial transaction.

Who is eligible to apply?

Relief payments will be available to eligible workers who performed work in farming activities, meatpacking, and grocery store work during the period extending from January 27, 2020, until the end of the incident period for the major disaster declaration related to COVID-19. Eligible beneficiaries should be frontline workers, and not those working in management positions.

Please see section 3.2 of the RFA (pdf) for more information.

When will applications be available?

Only organizations awarded the grant by the USDA may post and process Farm and Food Workers Relief (FFWR) applications for eligible beneficiaries. A list of approved organizations is posted on www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/ffwr.

Please Note: This is a two-year program. Relief payments may not be made available at the same time throughout the country. Approved grantees may have different open application periods. Please go to the FFWR website when the announcements are posted and look for the grantee serving your region.

What is needed to apply?

1. Self-certify through sufficient documentation proving employment at a food processing facility, meatpacking facility, or farm such as a W-2 tax form or paycheck stubs, and
2. Self-certify that they incurred expenses preparing for, preventing exposure to, and/or responding to the COVID-19 pandemic such as, but not limited to: costs for personal protective equipment (PPE), expenses associated with quarantines and testing, and dependent care, and
3. Self-certify that they have not previously received an FFWR beneficiary payment through another entity.

Identity Verification: workers must also submit sufficient proof of identity to the grant recipient when requesting funds.

Where you can go for more information:

www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/ffwr



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Where you can go for more information:

Farm and Food Worker Relief Grant Program | Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)

