**Food Policy Forum**

**Draft Landscape Analysis**

**Overview**: Food Policy Forum Implementation Teams were asked between January and February 2020 to complete a landscape analysis for the Forum’s 2019 consensus recommendations. The tables below represent an overview of the Forum’s collective knowledge of work going on in Washington State related to the Forum’s recommendations. This information will help the Forum determine implementation gaps. Note that the intent with the landscape analysis was not to prepare an exhaustive list of current activity, but to capture a sample and range of successful projects and activity. This is a working draft to prepare for the March 5 Forum meeting. For questions and concerns, please contact the facilitation team by email: Petra Vallila-Buchman, pvallila@rossstrategic.com.

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# Team 1: Food Insecurity

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| Recommendation 1A: Expand produce purchasing initiatives, prioritizing Washington-grown products, such as: State investment in WSDA’s Farm to Food Pantry initiative to increase purchasing power at the county level and expand participation beyond the 22 counties currently served to get more locally-grown produce into food banks & food pantries for people in need. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Legislative advocacy to secure funding for expansion in the 2020 supplemental budget | Ongoing | Operating budget, Rep. Steele to draft proviso language | Statewide | Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline | Yes, Claire Lane, Christina Wong, Aaron Czyzewski. WSDA cannot officially support but has helped with data. We would like to also engage other forum members to support. |
| OSPI Child Nutrition Services includes information about WA grown products, seasonality, and geographical preference during Procurement training.  | Ongoing | Part of normal operations | Statewide | OSPI | Leanne |
| Seattle Food Banks, Seattle Food Committee, is purchasing food focusing on locally purchased food. | Ongoing | City of Seattle and EFAP funding, maybe SBT too. | Local - Seattle  | Seattle Food Committee | Trish is aware and use to lead this effort.  |

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| Recommendation 1B: Expand produce purchasing initiatives, prioritizing Washington-grown products, such as: State investment in Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives (FINI) Program for staffing and incentives for consumers with limited incomes to purchase more fruits and vegetables in farmers markets and grocery stores. |
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| Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program being implemented in Safeway stores | Ongoing | Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program funded with state funds for the current biennium. FY20-21 funded at $500,000 which will not enable the grocery store program to continue if other funding is not identified.  | Statewide | WSDOH | Yes, Christina Wong, Claire Lane, Babs Roberts, Amy Ellings, Aaron Czyzewski |
| FVIP will be implemented in 100+ farmers markets in the 2020 market season | Ongoing | FVIP funded with state funds through June of 2021. FY20-21 is at $500,000, which will enable the farmers market program to continue at a lower rate if no other funding identified.  | Statewide | WSDOH | Yes, Christina Wong, Claire Lane, Laura Raymond, Colleen Donovan, Babs Roberts, Amy Ellings, Aaron Czyzewski |
| Fruit and Vegetable Prescriptions are being implemented in 12 healthcare systems.  | Ongoing | Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program funded with state funds for the current biennium. FY20-21 funded at $500,000 which will not enable the prescription program to continue if other funding is not identified.  | Regional - pockets in the state, but not all covered | WSDOH | Yes, Christina Wong, Claire Lane, Babs Roberts, Amy Ellings, Aaron Czyzewski |
| Legislative advocacy to secure $1.3 million in the 2020 supplemental budget to backfill loss of federal funding. SB 5583 may be a legislative vehicle to secure additional funding. | Ongoing | Operating budget, 2020 supplemental | Statewide | AHNC | Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline. DOH cannot officially support but we are updating on efforts. Would like to engage other Forum members. |
| DOH will apply for a Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) grant from USDA spring 2020. State funding will be used as non-federal cost share (required 100% non-federal cost share).  | Planned |   |   |   |   |

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| Recommendation 1C: Expand produce purchasing initiatives, prioritizing Washington-grown products, such as: Additional funds to increase the amount of benefits available per participant from $20 per season to $30 per season in the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program. |
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| WSDOH manages the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program | Ongoing | Ongoing state funds | Statewide | WSDOH | Yes, Claire Lane, Christina Wong, Aaron Czyzewski |
| Active bill in legislature to increase benefits | Ongoing | Additional state funds | Statewide | Anti-hunger and Nutrition Coalition | Yes, Claire Lane, Christina Wong, Aaron Czyzewski |
| HB 2262/SB 6309 would raise the voucher amount to $32 in statute. SB 5583 may be another legislative vehicle to increase. | ongoing | Operating budget | statewide | AHNC | Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline. DOH cannot officially support but we are updating on efforts. |

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| Recommendation 1D: Expand produce purchasing initiatives, prioritizing Washington-grown products, such as: Increase investment in farm to school efforts through sustained funding for WSDA Farm to School Program, and funding for schools and other meal programs (child care, Summer Meals, etc.) to purchase local products, as well as increased investment in training and equipment to support scratch cooking and farm to school initiatives at the local level. |
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| $750,000 of Seattle's sugar sweetened beverage tax money was appropriated in the City's 2020 budget to provide microgrants to Seattle food banks, meal programs, and child care providers to purchase equipment related to food access, supporting scratch cooking. $725,000 was appropriated for increased investments in city's p-patch program with an eye towards using to support ordinance priorities including supporting farm to school for early education and food access for low income people. City of Seattle also recently contracted with SPS (using SBT funds) to provide staffing and purchasing funds to expand a fresh fruit and vegetable snack program, specifically sourced from local farms, POC and women owned businesses.Predating SBT but now supported by it, City of Seattle's Farm to Table program has provided purchasing funds to childcare centers for buying local products, and Good Food Bag programming | Planned | Seattle Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax | Local- Seattle | City of Seattle | Northwest Harvest serves on the SBT Community Advisory Board |
| OSPI CNS staff time designated to support Farm to School Program promotion, technical assistance, and training and collaboration with WSDA | Ongoing | No specific funding - rolled into staff persons duties and tasks | Statewide (offered to all CN program operators) | OSPI / WSDA | Yes - Leanne and Laura |
| Investment in training and equipment to support scratch cooking and farm to school at school districts in Eastern WA | Ongoing | Empire Health Foundation | Regional (EHF's service area in Spokane and Eastern WA) | OSPI and Empire Health Foundation | Yes - Leanne and Laura |
| Investment in training and equipment to support scratch cooking and farm to school at school districts in NE WA | Ongoing | ESD 101 | Regional (ESD 101's service area in NE WA) | ESD 101 | Yes - Leanne and Laura |
| OSPI Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grants can scratch cooking equipment, and equipment for using more farm fresh, whole local product | Ongoing |   |   | OSPI | Yes - Leanne |
| USDA NSLP Kitchen Equipment assistance grants can be used for scratch cooking equipment, and equipment for using more farm fresh, whole local product | Ongoing |   |   | OSPI | Yes - Leanne |
| Institute for Child Nutrition has some training and is developing a new initiative for school nutrition staff to participate in week-long intensive training on moving to a scratch cooking model | Planned |   | National | ICN | No |
| Chef Ann Foundation and other consultants offer scratch cooking and farm to school training for school nutrition programs. CAF has been linked to Bellingham PS, Seattle PS, and probably others over the years. | Ongoing |   | National |   | No |
| FEEST and Living Well Kent's student-led menu and recipe development with nutrition programs | Ongoing |   | Local (Seattle Public Schools, Highline Public Schools, Kent School District) |   | No |

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| Recommendation 2A: Explore the use of state resources to maximize participation and access to nutrition assistance programs, such as: Incentivize SNAP enrollment for seniors and people with disabilities, who are otherwise discouraged from enrollment, if they qualify for the minimum SNAP benefit ($15/month). This can be done with state Food Policy Forum resources such as establishing a standard medical deduction, or creating a supplemental benefit to the minimum benefit at the state level. |
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| Policy development and coalition building through listening sessions and regional policy summits | Planned | Operating budget for Northwest Harvest | Statewide | Northwest Harvest | No |
| Conduct landscape assessment to determine funding trend levels for state funded nutrition assistance programs | Planned | Operating budget for Food Lifeline | Statewide | Food Lifeline |   |

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| Recommendation 2B: Explore the use of state resources to maximize participation and access to nutrition assistance programs, such as: Reduce barriers to participation in child nutrition programs. This can be done with state resources including: eliminating the co-pay for students who are eligible for reduced-price school meals; incentivizing eligible schools and school districts to use the Community Eligibility Provision to provide universal free meals; increasing SNAP benefits for households with school-aged children to provide supplemental food during summer months, and designating the Child & Adult Care Food Program offered in child care and afterschool programs as a marker of high quality care for kids. |
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| HB 2660: Increase eligible school participation in Community Eligibility Provision | Ongoing | Operating budget 2020 supplemental | Statewide | AHNC | Yes, Claire Lane, Christina Wong, Aaron Czyzewski. Ongoing discussions with OSPI about bill language. |
| HB 1893: Eliminate the school lunch co-pay | Ongoing | Operating budget 2020 supplemental | Statewide | AHNC | Yes, Claire Lane, Christina Wong, Aaron Czyzewski. Ongoing discussions with OSPI about bill language. |
| State legislature provide funding for Breakfast assistance (currently .17/breakfast meal served) and providing the reduced-price co-pay for all breakfasts and lunches served to K-3grades. | Ongoing - as provided in state budget | State leg | Statewide | OSPI - CNS | Leanne Eko |
| Breakfast After the Bell requirement  | Ongoing  | N/A | Statewide |   | Leanne Eko |
| Breakfast After the Bell start-up grants | Completed | State leg | Statewide |   | Leanne Eko |

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| Recommendation 2C: Explore the use of state resources to maximize participation and access to nutrition assistance programs, such as: Develop a framework and state plan to ensure that Washingtonians whose eligibility for federal nutrition assistance programs may be endangered or eliminated maintain eligibility for and access to supplemental state nutrition assistance programs. |
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| DSHS: working CBPP to determine waiver counties (ABAWD Rule) | near complete | none needed |   |   |   |
| legislative advocacy for budget request to increase the state investment in Basic Food Employment & Training program | ongoing | state operating budget (will be matched with federal dollars) | statewide | AHNC | AHNC, Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline |

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| Recommendation 2D: Explore the use of state resources to maximize participation and access to nutrition assistance programs, such as: Explore data share agreements and IT investments to support eligibility outreach for WIC and SNAP to ensure seamless enrollment for participants who are eligible for both programs, and to make WIC participation easier (e.g. online scheduling for appointments, online classes, etc.). |
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| Data share agreement (DSHS & OSPI) to share data to directly certify students for school meals | Ongoing | OSPI - Part of normal operations and USDA provided State Administrative funds | Statewide | OSPI/DSHS | Yes - Leanne and Babs |
| WIC and SNAP have had data sharing agreements before, they have lapsed. WIC agrees that exploring options for seamless enrollment and making it easier to access both programs is a high priority. |  Conceptual | N/A | Statewide | N/A | N/A |

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| Recommendation 3A: Address barriers to accepting and accessing benefits, such as: Provide funding for IT updates to Washington’s benefits system to facilitate implementation of summer EBT and integrating Fruit and Vegetable incentives into SNAP program’s EBT system (i.e., create a Fruit and Vegetable Incentives account on the EBT card). |
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| Discussions on integrating Fruit and Vegetable incentives into EBT | Conceptual | N/A | None | DOH/DSHS | Yes, Amy Ellings, Babs Roberts |
| Previous implementation of Summer EBT pilot | Completed | USDA | Regional - USDA grant required targeted geographical area | OSPI/ DSHS | Yes - Leanne and Babs |

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| Recommendation 3B: Address barriers to accepting and accessing benefits, such as: Funding and technical assistance to ensure non-traditional markets such as community college-based retail stores, community ethnic/specialty retailers, etc. understand how to become a SNAP and/or WIC-certified retailer. |
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| Implementation of 1893 requires designing a proposal to USDA for a pilot program that will test out accepting EBT for hot meals on post-secondary school campuses and at campus retail stores. | planned? Ongoing? |  |  | DSHS | Yes. Northwest Harvest, AHNC |
| For community college-based retail stores: WA State Achievement Council and Board of Community and Tech Colleges are looking at the type of TA that can be provided to campus retailers re: certification as a SNAP retailer - Claire/CW is connecting them with materials and training. |   |   |   |   |   |

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| Recommendation 3C: Address barriers to accepting and accessing benefits, such as: Funding and technical assistance to retailers (farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets, pop-up markets, ethnic grocers and other points of sale) to ensure success with providing SNAP, Farmers Market Nutrition Program, WIC, and fruit and vegetable incentives programs. |
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| WSDOH provides technical assistance to retailers on the Fruit and Veg Incentives Program | Ongoing | Federal/transitioning to state in spring | Statewide | WSDOH | Yes, Amy Ellings, Colleen Donovan,  |

# Team 2: Agricultural Land Protection and Availability and Next Generation Farming

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| **Recommendation 1A: Ensure robust state and local funding for voluntary agricultural conservation easements. Under this tool, a landowner voluntarily sells development rights to a qualified easement holder; the land is kept in agricultural production, the landowner receives compensation, and the land can be more accessible to a new farm buyer because the development rights have already been sold.** |
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| Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Farmland Category | Ongoing | State Capital Budget - WWRP program allocation. Varies by biennium.  Funding is determined in statute through a percent of overall program allocation.  Farm and Forest category receives 10% of allocation with 90% going to farmland. | Statewide - certain farmland eligible | Recreation and Conservation Office. Washington Wildlife Recreation Coalition | Yes - WALT, Whatcom County |
| Agricultural Conservation Easement Program | Ongoing | USDA Farm Bill program. This program has been successful since the mid-1990's. However recent changes to the program and staffing shortage has significantly increased the time it takes to complete projects. This has had the impact of funds not being spent, or landowners not choosing to stay engaged. | Federal - certain farmland eligible.  Funding varies.  In general there is a state allocation.  In the past, Washington has been the beneficiary of other states unspent funds.  Current allocation is unknown at this time. | Natural Resource Conservation Service | Yes - WSCC, WALT, Whatcom County |
| Conservation Futures Program | Ongoing | Currently 13 counties have a conservation futures levy. RCW 84.34.230 provides authority to a county to levy an amount not more than 6.25-cents per $1,000 of assessed value of all taxable property for a conservation futures program. | Local - Funds can be used by the county or provided for in grants to protect, preserve, maintain, improve, restore, and limit the future use of threatened areas of open space, timberlands, wetlands, habitat areas, culturally significant sites, and agricultural farmlands. One county (Skagit) dedicates their entire futures tax to farmland protection. In 2019 this totaled $928,963.  The total tax collected in 2019 for all 13 counties was $36,406,463 with King County alone accounting for just under $20 million. | Locally at the counties | Whatcom County |
| Washington State Conservation Commission - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program & Account | Conceptual | RCW 89.08.530 and RCW 89.08.540 establish an agricultural conservation easements program and account. This account has never been funded by the legislature. | Statewide - Expenditures from the account are to be made to local governments and private nonprofits on a match or no match required basis at the discretion of the commission. Moneys in the account may be used to purchase easements in perpetuity or to purchase or lease easements for a fixed term. | Not currently being pursued | WSCC |
| Real Estate Excise Tax | Ongoing | Excise tax on real property transactions. Currently one county utilizes a portion of their REET to land protection (San Juan County). For SJC, excise tax is 2.28% of the gross sale price (1.28% Washington State, 0.50% San Juan County Capital Projects and 0.50% San Juan County Housing). In addition, San Juan County collects 1% of the gross sale price for conservation Land Bank tax.  | Local - only San Juan uses REET in land conservation | Not being lead | Not that I'm aware of |
| Flood plains by design |   |   |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 1B: Develop streamlined, creative, and low-cost loan financing in support of agricultural land protection and land access for new and beginning farmers. These programs would support, for example, purchase of agricultural land by nonprofits or other qualified entities to prevent conversion of farmland to other uses and transfer farmland to a new or beginning farmer, and creative models for new and beginning farmers like lease-to-own or ground leases.** |
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| Farmland Protection Acquisition and Investment Program (FarmPAI) | Conceptual | Washington State Housing and Finance Commission (WSHFC) - this program would provide land trusts to acquire in fee certain real property with the intention of protecting as farmland and selling to another farmer with development rights removed. Upon sale and funding for easement, funds are repaid with interest to WSHFC. The FarmPAI concept has been before the WSHFC with general support and suggested changes for investment from WSHFC. The first is that WSHFC is not the underwriter of the loans, second WSHFC prefers to invest in a fund for this purpose as part of a group of investors and after considering the purpose and professional capacity of the group managing the fund, and WSHFC would make a determination about such an investment after having the opportunity to review the purpose and management of such a fund to be sure it is in keeping with their investment guidelines. | Statewide - eligible land trusts | AFT, WALT Farmland Affinity group, PCC Farmland Trust, WSCC | Yes - AFT, WALT, WSCC |
| Direct Farm Ownership Loan | Ongoing | All FSA direct loans are financed and serviced by the Farm Service Agency through local Farm Loan Officers and Farm Loan Managers. The funding comes from Congressional appropriations as part of the USDA budget. | National | USDA FSA | No |
| Direct Farm Operating Loan | Ongoing | All FSA direct loans are financed and serviced by the Farm Service Agency through local Farm Loan Officers and Farm Loan Managers. The funding comes from Congressional appropriations as part of the USDA budget. | National | USDA FSA | No |
| Farm Ownership or Farm Operating Microloan | Ongoing | All FSA direct loans are financed and serviced by the Farm Service Agency through local Farm Loan Officers and Farm Loan Managers. The funding comes from Congressional appropriations as part of the USDA budget. | National | USDA FSA | No |

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| **Recommendation 2A: Create a Beginning Farmer Tax Credit, which would provide a sales and use tax exemption for beginning farmers (less than ten years) and a real estate excise tax exemption for transfer of ownership between landowners and new farmers.** |
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| **Recommendation 2B: Invest in the Open Space Farm and Agriculture Program to increase participation, allow for small-scale production, and update the application process** |
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| Open Space Tax Act - Most of the known work is at the legislative level. Each county assessor is responsible for managing enrollment. In general, there are around 10 million enrolled acres in this program. The number fluctuates annual due to properties being removed or being enrolled. Recent data shows these acres having a highest and best use value of $21 billion and a current use value of $7 billion. Taxes are paid on $7 billion. It is not know currently how much of this acreage is for farms under 20-acres. 20-acres is a statutory delineation. Open space varies for farms over and under 20-acres. Proposed legislation in the past 10-years has sought to make changes to the statute to better accommodate commercial growers operating on farms under 20-acres. To date these have not been successful.  | Conceptual | NA | Statewide | Various stakeholders engaging in the legislative process. No small farm legislation since 2013/14 legislative session (HB 1437). |   |

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| **Recommendation 3A: Ensure that agricultural zoning code adequately protects agricultural land, agricultural communities, and agricultural infrastructure.** |
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| *No landscape information provided.*    |

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| **Recommendation 3B: Ensure that agricultural areas are accurately designated, including assessment of areas that are not currently designated as agriculture, but having a high degree of actively farmed grounds or having land suitable and available for agriculture, be considered for additional levels of agricultural protection.** |
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| Currently, WSCC has contracted with University of Washington to identify the risk of Puget Sound agricultural land conversion to non-agricultural uses using the Washington State Parcel Database for use in crafting and updating Puget Sound counties agricultural strategies and informing targeted incentive programs. | Ongoing | National Estuary Program - Ecology. UW is currently working on building the database. | Regional - Puget Sound. However, other work that UW is doing is related to this effort and is expected to be available to all counties.  | WSCC and UW | WSCC |
| American Farmland Trusts is working on a detailed, national-level threat analysis for productive farmland that might aid agricultural assessments and legal designations. | Ongoing | This "Farms Under Threat" analysis was expected to be completed in 2019, and the current status is unknown. | National | American Farmland Trust | AFT was a forum member, but undergoing a regional leadership transition |

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| **Recommendation 3C: Ensure that jurisdictions that permit and plan for development, conservation, and other land use actions within agricultural areas minimize and mitigate for, in all permit approvals, the impact to agricultural land, agricultural communities, and associated agricultural infrastructure.** |
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| HB 1733/SB 5543 is active legislation that would require agencies to report on acquisitions involving agricultural land. This "Agricultural Land Assessment" form would be used to understand the extent to which public acquisitions may impact conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses. | Conceptual |   | Statewide | Rep. Gregerson | Yes, Rep. Gregerson is the prime sponsor in the house and is a leading member of the forum. |

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| **Recommendation 3D: Develop mechanisms to support agricultural producers for the positive ecosystem impacts that agriculture provides including benefits to water quality, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, and other open space values.** |
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| *No landscape information provided.*    |

# Team 3: Small/Medium Scale Producer Market Access and Institutional Purchasing

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| Recommendation 1A: Fund WSDA Regional Markets Program and similar public and private entities to provide support services and technical assistance that help small- and medium-scale farms and producer co-ops be prepared to meet buyer needs (e.g. food safety, product specifications, vendor certifications, etc.). |
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| Food Safety training (FSMA, etc.) for producers. | Ongoing | US FDA funding allocated to WSDA | Statewide | WSDA Food Safety, WSTFA, WSU, others | Yes (DeVaney, others) |
| WSDA Focus on Food Initiative includes funding WSDA Regional Markets Program as a priority. Not in Gov FY 21 Budget so this will be an Agency request in BI22-23 | Planned | State General Fund  | Statewide |   |   |
| Related to above - WSDA Produce Safety Program: On-Farm Readiness Reviews for farms prepping to comply with FSMA Produce Safety Rule  | Ongoing | US FDA funding allocated to WSDA | Statewide | WSDA Food Safety | Yes (Laura Raymond as WSDA contact) |
| WSDA Regional Markets Program's "Bridging the GAPs" programming (publication, workshops, outreach and presentations such as for WSU Cultivating Success Programs) | On Hold (very limited) until continuing funding is available.  | Previously, various federal, state, local grants | Statewide | WSDA Regional Markets, local ag orgs like King CD | Yes (Laura Raymond, Mary Embleton, and Laura Lewis) |
| WSDA Regional Markets Program offered "Wholesale Success" from FamilyFarmed.org to help farms prepare to scale up and work with wholesale buyers | On hold until continuing funding is available | USDA Grant funded partnership w FamilyFarmed.org | Statewide | WSDA Regional Markets  | Yes - WSDA w WSU Extension, Conservation Districts |
| WSDA Regional Markets support for Farm to School (and institution) - Workshops for farmers to sell to school and institutional buyers, Farmer- School Buyer networking meetings and technical assistance in specific regions including facilitation of regional networking, workshops, and tours, etc. | Ongoing but limited from previous level of activity.  | Previous work was grant funded. Ongoing work at a lower level is state funded. | Statewide  | WSDA Regional Markets in coordination with local stakeholders in various regions | Yes - WSDA, OSPI, and regional stakeholders (LINC foods, Thurston EDC, WSU Ext & Food Systems Team, Clark Co. Food Systems group) |
| WSDA Regional Markets market-readiness and support for development of regional ag/food economies such as "Value Chains and Food Hub Development" projects including networking events, facilitation of regional gatherings focused on regional capacity building, and TA such as Food Hub Community of Practice | Ongoing in limited way pending additional funding | Previous work was grant funded. Ongoing work at a lower level is state funded. | Statewide | WSDA Regional Markets in coordination with local stakeholders in various regions | Yes - WSDA, OSPI, and regional stakeholders (LINC foods, Thurston EDC, WSU Ext & Food Systems Team, Clark Co. Food Systems group, King KCD) |
| WSU Extension | Ongoing | Various | Statewide | WSU Extension |   |
| Northwest Agriculture Business Center (NABC). https://www.agbizcenter.org. NABC helps farmers establish new enterprises, and helps make existing businesses more profitable, by providing business feasibility, planning and implementation guidance, connections to markets and capital, and access to resources. Comprehensive classes to provide the tools and know-how necessary to develop and launch a value-added product into the marketplace, develop a new enterprise, or improve an existing business. Spanish translation services available upon request. | Ongoing | WA Dept of Commerce, grants | SWISS counties - Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, San Juan | David Bauermeister, ED | Some may utilize services. This could be successful statewide model, but charter would have to be changed to serve additional counties. |
| Sustainable Connections. https://sustainableconnections.org. Eat Local First Campaign, Eat Local First.org Food Atlas, Wholesale Product Directory, CSA Farm Guide, CSA Fair, Farm-to-Table Trade Meeting, Social media promotion, consultation and direct connections with local farmers and food buyers, Eat Local Month, Chef Farm Tours, Whatcom Farm Tour, promotion. • Free consultation and direct connections with local farmers and food buyers• Free participation as an Eat Local Month restaurant• Member rate on Chef Farm Tour as a buyer (save $10)• Opportunity to participate as a farm on Chef Farm Tour• Member rate to participate on Whatcom Farm Tour (save $100)• Free promotion, and possible blog post, in Eat Local First newsletter (3,000 subscribers) | Ongoing | Membership, Donations, Grants, Foundations | Whatcom and NW WA counties | Sara Southerland | Some may participate in events. |
| Local Institutional Food Team (LIFT). https://kingcd.org/tools-resources/local-institutional-food-team/ | Ongoing | KCD Regional Food Systems program, grants | King County | Mary Embleton | Chris Iberle and Laura Raymond, WSDA |
| Local Inland Northwest Cooperative (LINC Foods). http://www.lincfoods.com. LINC Foods wholesale team sources produce, dairy, eggs, meat, and grains of exceptional freshness and quality from our local member farms. We then connect them with local markets including restaurants, grocery stores, and institutions in the Inland Northwest. Building a regional, sustainable food system by linking local farmers to new markets and ensuring the highest quality products for our customers through democratic enterprise. | Ongoing |   | Inland NW/Spokane | Beth Robinette |   |
| King County DNRP, Local Food Economy, Local Food Initiative | Ongoing | County revenue, KCD RFS grants | King County | Mike Lufkin |   |
| Tilth Alliance. www.tilthalliance.org | Ongoing | Grants, membership, ?? | King County | Melissa Spear |   |
| WSFMA. wafarmersmarkets.org. Statewide conference, vendor training, marketing support, food safety. | Ongoing | Membership, grants | Washington | Colleen Donovan |   |
| NFMA. https://seattlefarmersmarkets.org | Ongoing | Membership, grants | Seattle and King County FMs | Jennifer Antos |   |
| SnoValley Tilth. www.snovalleytilth.org | Ongoing | Membership, grants | Snoqualmie Valley | Jill Farrant |   |
| Highline College. https://urbanag.highline.edu/ | Ongoing | Grants | South King County | Bobby Butler |   |
| Viva Farms. https://vivafarms.org | Ongoing | Grants, membership, fees | Skagit/King Counties | Michael Frazier |   |
| Rural Roots. https://ruralroots.org | Ongoing |   | SE WA/North Central Idaho | Colette DePhelps |   |
| Pike Place Market Farm Program (Ag IDA program). http://pikeplacemarket.org/farm-development. Support to grow and sustain successful farm businesses. Through educational programming and one-on-one technical assistance, we strive to help farmers overcome challenges and continue to strengthen Washington State's local food system. Business Resources, Direct Marketing & Online Marketing, Recordkeeping, Insurance Options, Business Planning, Financing your Farm, Grants, Farm Succession Planning, On-Farm Resources, Food Safety Training, Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvements, Pest Management, Water Management. | Ongoing | Grants | Pike Place farmers | Leigh Newman-Bell |   |
| WSU Food Systems Team. https://foodsystems.wsu.edu/foodsystemsteam/. Promote research, implement change, and provide unparalleled educational opportunities for farmers, communities, and consumers. | Ongoing |   | Washington | Laura Lewis  |   |
| Small Business Development Centers. Business planning, technical assistance, and training. https://wsbdc.org/ | Ongoing |   | Washington |   |   |
| Okanogan Producers Marketing Association (OPMA). http://okanoganproducers.org/.  | Ongoing |   | Central/Western Washington | Nora Kayster, OPMA |   |

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| Recommendation 1B: Fund equipment grants and offer cost-sharing to help small-scale producers and co-ops with the expense of food safety audits and certifications. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| WSDA Specialty Crop Block Grant has been used in the past to fund food safety plan development and audit assistance. | Completed | WSDA Specialty Crop Block Grant (Federal Farm Bill funds) | Statewide for specific crops (tree fruit did this in the past) | WSTFA, WSDA | Yes (DeVaney) |
| Federal GAP Assistance Program: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided $3.7 million of assistance to fruit and vegetable growers in 16 states through a GAP Assistance Program to enhance market access by defraying costs of undergoing voluntary USDA Harmonized Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) audits in 2019. Link to info: https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/12/04/usda-announces-37-million-financial-assistance-fruit-and-vegetable  | Completed. Do not know current status.  | Federal  | 16 States - DOES NOT INCLUDE WA | USDA | Not aware |
| States GAP Cost Share Programs: Some states are using Specialy Crop Block Grant funds for cost-share programs for GAP Audits | Ongoing? | State Specialty Crop Block Grant Programs (Federal dollars) | Other state examples: KS, MS, AZ, others | USDA/SCBG | No |
| Human Links Foundation Grants - Small scale producers can apply to this grant. Equipment such as refrigeration, wash/pack stations, ect. Are eligible. Funds are limited. http://www.humanlinksfoundation.org/programs  | Ongoing | Private | Statewide | Human Links Foundation and Tilth Alliance | Yes - Melissa Spear, Tilth Alliance |
| NABC |   |   |   |   |   |
| King Conservation District. www.kingcd.org | Planned | Kiva or other model for infrastructure loans | King County | Mary Embleton | Not currently |
| Viva Farms. https://vivafarms.org | Ongoing | Revolving loanfunnd North Coast Credit Union | Skagit County | Michael Frazier |   |
| Pike Place Market - Ag IDA | Ongoing | KCD RFS grant | Pike Place Market farmers | Leigh Newman-Bell |   |
| Craft 3 (lender). https://www.craft3.org/ | Ongoing |   | Washington/Oregon |   |   |
| Ventures. www.venturesnonprofit.org. Ventures provides access to business training, capital, coaching and hands-on learning opportunities for entrepreneurs with limited resources and unlimited potential.  | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Enterprise for Equity. www.enterpriseforequity.org (microenterprise initiative). | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| HumanLinks Foundation. www.humanlinksfoundation.org. Grants and low interest loans to farmers. | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Mercy Corps Northwest. https://www.mercycorpsnw.org/business/loans/seattle-2/. Grants and loans to traditionally underserved populations. IDA and microloans. | Ongoing |   | Washington/Oregon |   |   |

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| Recommendation 1C: Ensure WSDA’s Regional Markets Program and similar entities have the resources needed to help producers sell their products with effective market strategies for a variety of markets in Washington including, but not limited to, schools and other public programs and institutions. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| WSDA Focus on Food Initiative includes funding WSDA Regional Markets Program as a priority. Not in Gov FY 21 Budget so this will be an Agency request in BI22-23 | Planned | State General Fund  | Statewide |   |   |
| WSU Extension |   | WSU | Statewide |   |   |
| Some Wholesale Distributors help producers market products | On-going | Private | Regional |   | Charlie's Produce |
| Local Institutional Food Team (LIFT). https://kingcd.org/tools-resources/local-institutional-food-team/ | Ongoing | KCD Regional Food System Strategic Initiative Grants |   |   |   |
| WSDA Farm to School Program. http://www.wafarmtoschool.org/ | Ongoing |   |   | Chris Iberle |   |
| WSFMA. wafarmersmarkets.org. Statewide conference vendor training, marketing support. | Ongoing | Membership, grants | Washington | Colleen Donovan |   |
| NFMA. https://seattlefarmersmarkets.org | Ongoing | Membership, grants | Seattle and King County FMs | Jennifer Antos |   |
| Sustainable Connections. https://sustainableconnections.org. Eat Local First Campaign, Eat Local First.org Food Atlas, Wholesale Product Directory, CSA Farm Guide, CSA Fair, Farm-to-Table Trade Meeting, Social media promotion, consultation and direct connections with local farmers and food buyers, Eat Local Month, Chef Farm Tours, Whatcom Farm Tour, promotion. • Free consultation and direct connections with local farmers and food buyers• Free participation as an Eat Local Month restaurant• Member rate on Chef Farm Tour as a buyer (save $10)• Opportunity to participate as a farm on Chef Farm Tour• Member rate to participate on Whatcom Farm Tour (save $100)• Free promotion, and possible blog post, in Eat Local First newsletter (3,000 subscribers) | Ongoing | Membership, Donations, Grants, Foundations | Whatcom and NW WA counties | Sara Southerland | Some may participate in events. |
| Puget Sound Food Hub Cooperative. https://pugetsoundfoodhub.com | Ongoing |   | NW Washington | Mark Whims |   |
| Farmstand Local Foods. www.farmstandlocalfoods.com. | Ongoing |   |   | Austin Becker |   |
| Viva Farms. https://vivafarms.org. Business development, marketing support. | Ongoing |   | NW Washington | Michael Frazier |   |
| Local Inland Northwest Cooperative (LINC Foods). http://www.lincfoods.com. LINC Foods wholesale team sources produce, dairy, eggs, meat, and grains of exceptional freshness and quality from our local member farms. We then connect them with local markets including restaurants, grocery stores, and institutions in the Inland Northwest. Building a regional, sustainable food system by linking local farmers to new markets and ensuring the highest quality products for our customers through democratic enterprise. | Ongoing |   | Inland NW/Spokane | Beth Robinette |   |
| Gorge Grown Food Network. http://www.gorgegrown.com | Ongoing | Donations, grants | Columbia Gorge/Hood River | Sarah Sullivan |   |
| Food Innovation Network. https://foodinnovationnetwork.org/ | Ongoing |   | South King County |   |   |

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| Recommendation 2A: Fund WSDA Regional Markets program and OSPI to provide farm to school technical assistance, resources, and trainings so schools and other institutions have access to best practices for how to purchase and use Washington products. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| WSDA Focus on Food Initiative includes funding WSDA Regional Markets Program as a priority. Not in Gov FY 21 Budget so this will be an Agency request in BI22-23 | Planned | State General Fund  | Statewide |   |   |
| OSPI has 0.1 FTE position dedicated to Farm to School support activities to coordinate with WSDA. | Ongoing | Federal - State Administrative Expenses - | Statewide | OSPI | yes - OSPI, Leanne Eko |
| South King County Food Coalition - Elk Run Farm. https://elkrunfarm.wordpress.com. Food Bank farm supplies 21 food banks, education. | Ongoing | Grants | South King County | Maria Anderson |   |
| Harvest Against Hunger (Rotary First Harvest). www.harvestagainsthunger.org. King County Farmers Share. Contract directly with farmers to provide food banks and pantries with fresh, local produce. | Ongoing | Grants | King County | David Bobanick |   |
| Sound Sustainable Farms (Cedar Grove). www.soundsfarms.com | Ongoing |   | King County |   |   |
| Community Action of Skagit County, www.communityactionskagit.org. Contract produce directly from farmers for food bank system. | Ongoing |   | Skagit County | Cole Bitzenburg |   |
| Bellingham Food Bank, www.bellinghamfoodbank.org/getting-great-food/food-bank-fresh/. Contract directly with producers to grow produce for food bank network. | Ongoing |   | Whatcom County | Max Morange |   |
| Clark County Food Bank Farm, www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/farm. | Ongoing |   | Clark County | Alan Hamilton |   |
| Food Lifeline. https://foodlifeline.org/ | Ongoing |   | Western Washington | Collin Tuggle |   |
| Mother Earth Farm. https://www.efoodnet.org/get-involved/farm/. | Ongoing |   | Pierce County |   |   |
| Northwest Harvest Produce Portal. www.northwestharvest.org/produce-portal. www.growing-connections.org. Platform to connect producers with food banks through donations or purchase | Ongoing |   | Washington |   |   |
| Other Farm to Food Pantry participants. https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/about-food-assistance/programs-and-services/farm-to-food-pantry-initiative | Ongoing |   | Washington |   |   |

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| Recommendation 2B: Provide funds to schools and public institutions to incentivize purchases of Washington-grown products (models include grants, reimbursement, or cost-share programs). |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Purchasing funds for WA/San Juan Co. grown foods on Orcas Island | Ongoing | Community foundation | Local (San Juan Islands) | Orcas Island School District | No |
| Other states (OR, NY, MI, NM, AK, CA, DC) have passed various bills providing reimbursements or financial incentives for including local foods in school meals: http://www.farmtoschool.org/Resources/State%20Farm%20to%20School%20Policy%20Handbook.pdf | Ongoing | State budget appropriations (usually) | National | Depends on the state | No |
| Schools participating USDA Pilot Project can allocate funds usually used for purchases of USDA Foods (commodity) products to WA grown foods from USDA approved vendors | Ongoing | USDA Foods commodity funding (schools receive an entitlement based on various criteria) | Statewide - small group of approved schools | OSPI & WSDA Regional Markets | Yes (OSPI & WSDA Regional Markets) |
| Harvest Against Hunger (Rotary First Harvest). King County Farmers Share. Funding allows for direct contracting with local farmers. | Ongoing | KCD RFS grant | King County | David Bobanick |   |

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| Recommendation 2C: Invest in kitchen capacity in public and private institutions so they can prepare, store and serve Washington products. This includes new equipment, new staff skills training, and ensuring institutions are built (or upgraded) to accommodate scratch cooking.  |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Internal initiatives at various districts (Bellingham Public Schools scratch cooking central kitchen, Coupeville School District "Connected Foods" program, Seattle Public Schools menu overhaul and future transitions to scratch production with training and/or equipment, Bethel Public Schools new central kitchen with whole produce processing and scratch meals, Anacortes Public Schools new kitchen facility at high school helped launch more baked items using local grains, etc. - many small, and some big, examples) | Ongoing | District levies, district budgets (hiring, operations), City of Seattle | Local School Districts w larger regional support | School District, with broader regional stakeholder support (Farm to School organizations, Community Foundations like Whatcom Community Foundation Farm to School, etc) | Yes, to varying degrees depending on the district (WSDA Regional Markets, some involvement from OSPI) |
| Externally supported initiatives with Spokane Public Schools and others in Spokane Co, and small rural districts in NE WA shifting to scratch cooking with training and technical assistance | Completed | Empire Health Foundation, ESD 101 (providing funds for training and TA) | Regional (Spokane Co. & Stevens/Ferry Co.) | Health Foundations and ESD | No |
| OSPI Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grants can be used for new scratch-cooking kitchen equipment | Ongoing | Capital budget | Statewide | OSPI Child Nutrition | Yes (OSPI) |
| Scratch cooking production training initiatives and institutes made available to district teams statewide | Conceptual | Federal grant/funding proposals submitted or in the works | Statewide (open to all districts, with participating cohorts) | OSPI Child Nutrition & WSDA Regional Markets | Yes (OSPI and WSDA Regional Markets) |
| Update to OSPI Scratch cooking recipe book | Conceptual | USDA / Possible Team Nutrition Grant | Statewide | OSPI Child Nutrition | Yes (OSPI) |
| USDA NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants can be used for new scratch-cooking kitchen equipment | Ongoing | USDA/federal funds | Statewide | OSPI Child Nutrition | Yes (OSPI) |
| World Relief Seattle to build out commercial teaching kitchen in Auburn. | Ongoing | KCD Regional Food System grant. | South King County | Tahmina Martely |   |
| There is scratch cooking at Vancouver Schools and the Deaf School. I wasn't able to determine if it would be in the new schools being built | Ongoing | Vancouver City Schools and WA Deaf School |   |   |   |

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| Recommendation 3A: Ensure Department of Enterprise Services and Department of Agriculture work together to clarify and implement Washington grown procurement policies and criteria in state food purchasing processes. Ensure entities using the state food contract are trained on procurement practices for Washington products and the best use of the state food contract. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| WSDA Regional Markets and DOH participates in DES stakeholder advisory group on appropriate sections of the State Food Master Contracting process to ensure inclusion of considerations for WA-grown produce per the Executive Order 13-06.  | ongoing | State. Limited activity to-date due to limited resources and slow process timeline. | Statewide- support for districts would be at local/regional level | DES/WSDA w. engagement from DOH.  | Yes, WSDA, DOH |
| OSPI w WSDA Regional Markets, working with school district produce suppliers to better identify American Grown (and WA-grown) products are visible to school purchasers | Ongoing | State |   |   |   |

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| Recommendation 3B: Create a Washington state brand program that makes local products – and specific producers/farms - more visible and easy to code and track through existing supply chains. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| WSDA Focus on Food Initiative includes funding WSDA Regional Markets Program as a priority. Not in Gov FY 21 Budget so this will be an Agency request in BI22-23 | Planned | State General Fund  | Statewide |   |   |
| Tilth Alliance - https://farm-guide.org/ | Ongoing |   | Washington | Tilth Alliance |   |
| Sustainable Connections - Eat Local First campaign. https://sustainableconnections.org/tag/eat-local-first/ | Ongoing |   | Western Washington |   |   |
| Okanogan Producers Marketing Association (OPMA). http://okanoganproducers.org/.  | Ongoing |   | Central/Western Washington | Nora Kayster, OPMA |   |
| Kitsap Fresh. https://kitsapfresh.org/ | Ongoing | Grants, donations | Kitsap County |   |   |
| Vashon Fresh. http://www.vashonfresh.com/ | Ongoing | Grants (KCD RFS grant), donations | Vashon Island | Vashon Island Growers Association |   |
| Pierce County Fresh. https://www.piercecountyfresh.org/ | Ongoing | Russell Family Foundation | Pierce County | Pierce County Communities of Interest |   |
| Island Grown in the San Juans. https://islandgrownsj.com/island-grown-products/ | Ongoing |   | San Juan Island |   |   |
| Whidbey Island Grown. https://whidbeyislandgrown.com/ | Ongoing |   | Island County |   |   |
| Savor Snoqualmie Valley. https://savorsnoqualmievalley.org/ | Ongoing |   | Snoqualmie Valley, King County | Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust |   |
| South Sound Food System Network. Sound Food Campaign. https://ssfoodsystemnetwork.org/spread-the-word-sound-food/ | Ongoing |   | Thurston County |   |   |
| Genuine Skagit Valley. https://genuineskagitvalley.com/ | Ongoing | Membership fees | Skagit County | Port of Skagit County |   |
| Gorge Grown Food Network. http://www.gorgegrown.com | Ongoing | Donations, grants | Columbia Gorge/Hood River | Sarah Sullivan |   |

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| Recommendation 3C: Encourage and provide technical assistance to food distributors to increase their number of Washington suppliers, number of Washington products, and total sales of Washington products. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| USDA AMS providing assistance to WA fruit packers in the process of registering to become approved suppliers. | Ongoing | Federal | National | USDA AMS | Yes (DeVaney) |
| Engaging produce distributors to develop new practices or share current practices with school buyers on how to buy WA products within their system. | Planned | State | Statewide | WSDA Regional Markets | Yes (OSPI and WSDA Regional Markets) |
| USDA AMS providing assistance to WA fruit packers in the process of registering to become approved suppliers. | Ongoing | Federal | National | USDA AMS | Yes (DeVaney) |
| Food Distributers are buying from local growers and teaching them to meet their needs. | Ongoing | Private | Regional | Market demand | Charlie's Produce |

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| Recommendation 3D: Develop systems (e.g. information-sharing methods, contract development, ongoing procurement support, improved product availability lists, simple ordering systems, farm-level item coding) so buyers, including schools, can easily identify currently available products and find local suppliers. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this recommendation?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Engagement with the Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Co-op on adding more identified Washington grown items or suppliers to schools' joint purchasing contracts | Planned | State | Regional (~130 Western & Central Washington schools are members) |   | Yes (WSDA Regional Markets) |
| Proactive and accessible school buyer & farmer matchmaking services or resource (directory, contact list, etc) for direct sales, procurement support, and contract development | Conceptual | State | Statewide & Regional | WSDA Regional Markets, Whatcom Farm to School, Walla Walla Valley Farm to School | Yes (WSDA Regional Markets) |
| Included non-cost factor criteria in state contract for produce related to vendors' plans for increasing Washington suppliers/products and reporting on sales of Washington products | Completed | State | Statewide | DES | Yes (OSPI and WSDA Regional Markets) |
| Institutional buyer planning process with local growers and a food hub | Ongoing | USDA SCBG | Local (Whatcom Co.) | Sustainable Connections & NABC | Not sure |
| WSDA Regional markets is hosting Farmer-School buyer networking meetings | Ongoing | State  | Several regions statewide (Seattle, Walla Walla, Yakima Valley, Puyallup, other?) | WSDA Regional Markets | Yes - WSDA Regional Markets |
| WA Farm to School Network (multiple stakeholder effort w support from WSDA and other orgs) includes a "procurement" Community of Practice that includes farmers, buyers, and interested stakeholders. It is new-ish and still determining best functionality.  | Ongoing | N/A. Founded with USDA grant. Now not funded but admin support froms various State sources | Statewide | WSDA Regional Markets with other coordinating orgs | Yes - WSDA, DOH, OSPI |
| Puget Sound Food Hub Cooperative. https://pugetsoundfoodhub.com | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Farmstand Local Foods. www.farmstandlocalfoods.com. | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Viva Farms. https://vivafarms.org. Business development, marketing support. | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Local Inland Northwest Cooperative (LINC Foods). http://www.lincfoods.com. LINC Foods wholesale team sources produce, dairy, eggs, meat, and grains of exceptional freshness and quality from our local member farms. We then connect them with local markets including restaurants, grocery stores, and institutions in the Inland Northwest. Building a regional, sustainable food system by linking local farmers to new markets and ensuring the highest quality products for our customers through democratic enterprise. | Ongoing |   | Spokane/Inland NW |   |   |
| Gorge Grown Food Network. http://www.gorgegrown.com | Ongoing |   | Columbia Gorge/Hood River |   |   |
| Northwest Agriculture Business Center. | Ongoing | WA Department of Commerce | NW Washington |   |   |

# Team 4: Infrastructure and Rural Economic Development

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| Recommendation 1A: Build on existing projects oriented toward the needs of a variety of markets (institutions, large-scale food service entities, restaurants, food and beverage manufacturers, direct marketing customers, etc.), such as facilities to chop, slice, freeze, prepare salad greens, butcher and cut meat, process small grains, and develop prepared or shelf-stable products. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Snohomish County Food and Farming Center.  | Planned | Still need about $6million | Regional - Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish | Linda Neunzig, Snohomish County | no |
| Island Grown Farmers Cooperative | completed |   | Whatcom, Island, Skagit | Linda Neunzig (not leading, past president) | no |
| North Cascade Meat Producers | completed |   | Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish counties | NABC | no |
| The Building of the SW WA Agricultural Business & Innovation Park  | Construction Begun | State Capital Budget, Port of Olympia, USDA RBDG, City of Tenino, Thurston EDC | Greatest impact to Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, including employment and biz technical services. Larger impact could reach north to Canada and south into Oregon, through sourcing inputs and end market development. | Thurston EDC | Aslan Meade, Tom Davis, Laura Raymond |
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| Private companies in Wenatchee and Okanogan prepare and distribute sliced fresh and packaged fruit. There are some efforts via local government/federal grants to develop community kitchens in Wenatchee and E Wenatchee that will be accessible to those wanting to develop shelf-stable products. There has also been some progress in the Okanogan in terms of mobile or custom meat processing.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| LINC partnership with Universities, Public Schools & Hospitality to provide minimally processed vegetables  | Ongoing  | Private investment, supported by USDA Specialty Crop Grant  |   |   | Brian Estes |
| LINC Partnership with Universities & Restaurants to do whole animal purchasing yet provide in cut and wrap format |   |   |   | Industry, WSU Pullman | Brian Estes |
| LINC, Mainstem, Skagit Valley Maltings  | LINC & SVM ongoing, Mainstem has secured facility and awaiting shipment of equipment | USDA VAPG (LINC, completed), Facilities support : Port of Walla Walla (MSM), Port of Skagit (SVM), private investment is a primary driver for all thre | Statewide, reginoal grain procurement for each | Industry, support from Port Districts  | Brian Estes (with LINC) |
| Cairnspring Mills  | Active | Facilities support: Port of Skagit | Statewide, grain procurement across several regions  | Industry, support from Port District | No |
| Walla Walla Valley Food System Coalition: In Oct. 2018 the Coalition (with Blue Mountain Action Council Food Bank) received an LFPP Grant from USDA to fund a feasibility study to evaluate options for a food hub facility. |   |   | Walla Walla Valley |   |   |
| Puget Sound Food Hub |   |   |   |   |   |
| Okanogan/Methow Mobile USDA Slaughter Facility | ongoing (just opened in Fall 2019 | Grants, do not know all sources | N Central WA | Methow Conservancy w local ranchers and other partners | no |
| USDA mobile slaughter facility at Carnation Farms w Marzoff Meats | planned | King Conservation District, King Co Ag, Carnation Farms, Do not know all sources | King and Snohomish Counties primarily | See list of funders | Mary Embleton |
| WA Meat Up ("Cascadia Grains for the niche meat sector". A convening and organizing effort around issues impacting growth of the niche meat sector in WA. WA Meat Up would not be a specific infrastructure project but would ideally catalyze the "ecosystem" support needed for this sector to be successful and might catalyze specific infrastructure projects  | Ongoing (Initiated in 2019 but requires funds to continue) | WSDA Regional Markets and WSU Food Systems Program - Funds primarily via WSDA Regional Markets, Funds needed to continue effort |  A statewide effort | WSDA Regional Markets and WSU Food Systems Program | Laura Raymond / Laura Lewis |
| Smalls Family Farm Flour/Milling; Shepherds Grain; PNW Co-Op specialty grains & legumes (these are all industry/private enterprise efforts, but are making significant impact on what is available to the markets described in this section)  | Active |   | Statewide, grain procurement across several regions  | Industry | No |
| Local Meat inspection bill SB | in legislature this session |   | statewide |   | ? |
| King County efforts including Snoqualmie Coop? | completed |   |   |   |   |
| Clark Co. efforts? | completed |   |   |   |   |
| Jefferson/ Oly Penn meat processing efforts | conceptual (active planning in the works) |   | Olympic & Kitsap Peninsulas  |   | Laura Lewis |
| Jefferson County Freeze dry processing project | conceptual (active planning in the works) |   | Jefferson (maybe also Clallam) Counties |   |   |
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| Cloud Mountain Farm Center has a processing center for salad mix and rentable processing space for farms to produce other products (dried peppers) | Ongoing | Grants, self-funded (individual non-profit) | Whatcom County | Clound Mountain Farm Center | No |
| Carnation Farms offers butcher/co-packing for poultry producers | Ongoing | Start-up grants, loans, and self-funded (individual non-profit) | E. King Co |   | No |
| Osprey Hill Butcher offers butcher/co-packing for poultry producers | Ongoing | Start-up grants, loans, and self-funded (individual business) | Skagit County |   | No |
| American Produce Express sources apples from Eastern Washington packing houses for slicing and distribution to schools and other food service, and some whole product from local farms (pluots) | Ongoing | Some support from Economic Alliance, otherwise self-funded (individual business) | Okanogan County |   | No |
| Various commercial kitchens catering to locally sourced products (Second Mile in Vancouver, Farm Kitchen in Poulsbo, 21 Acres in Woodinville, Skagit Valley Organics in Sedro-Woolley, etc.) | Ongoing | Varies | Local |   | No |
| Tukwila Food Hall for caterers, food businesses | Planned | ? | Local, Tukwila | Food Innovation Network | No |
| Millworks Project, Local food campus | Conceptual |   | Local, Bellingham | Whatcom Community Foundation | No |
| Dried fruit processing at Apple Cart Fruits with OPMA co-op  | Planned | Loans, self-funded (individual business) | Local, Tonasket |   | No |
| Cairnspring, Fairhaven Mills, Shepherd's Grain co-op and processors for flour products | Ongoing | Loans, self-funded (individual business) | Local, Skagit & Whatcom Co |   | No |
| WolfPack Canning and contract processor used by many food & farm businesses | Ongoing | Self-funded (individual business) | Local, Gold Bar |   | No |
| Seattle Pickle Co creates custom pickled products for multiple farms | Ongoing | Loans, self-funded (individual business) | Local, Seattle |   | No |
| Various custom meat butchers | Ongoing | Self-funded (individual business) | Local, various regions of the state |   | No |

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| Recommendation 1B: Build on existing projects oriented towards Washington buyers of all types who seek expanded access to regionally grown products, such as scale-appropriate storage, processing, and handling infrastructure that extends the seasonal- and volume-availability of small-lot and source-identifiable products. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Puget Sound Food Hub | complete |   |   |   |   |
| SnCo | planned |   |   |   |   |
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| I believe the tree fruit industry has sophisticated systems for tracking and pulling specific varieties of apples and pears but am not aware of other source-identifiable product systems in NCW  | Ongoing and conceptual |   |   |   | Yes, tree fruit reps |
| LINC Foods operation generally. Elements to highlight include source-identifiability across products, ability to connect farms of all sizes to very large food service market segments, emphasis on extending regional procurement capacity to a broad offering 12 months of the year. | Ongoing | Private investment, USDA grant support | Regional, Inland NW | LINC foods |   |
| Blue Mountain Station is an artisan food center bringing together six regional artisan food producers, local produce, art and craft vendors, a commercial kitchen and a co-op grocery providing local food, products and services.  |   |   | Location Dayton, WA; Delivery area: Columbia County. |   |   |
| Walla Wall Grown is a cooperative of Walla Walla Valley farmers and ranchers, focused on high quality product, cut flowers, eggs and meat.  |   |   | Walla Walla County |   |   |
| Walla Walla Valley Food System Coalition: In Oct. 2018 the Coalition (with Blue Mountain Action Council Food Bank) received an LFPP Grant from USDA to fund a feasibility study to evaluate options for a food hub facility. |   |   | Walla Walla Valley |   |   |
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| Recommendation 1C: Encourage emerging business models oriented towards expanding and optimizing regional market opportunities for small- and mid-size farmers (via supply chain and infrastructure innovation), such as food hubs, food innovation districts, and public/private collaborations. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| SnoCo |   |   |   |   |   |
| Food/Ag and other relevant Business Innovation Districts (e.g. Thurston Brewing and Distilling, Skagit Food/Ag, there are a few others in the state) | Some Ongoing/ Others might be Conceptual | ? Port districts, Economic Dev Block Grants, others? | Various Regions (Skagit, Thurston are two examples) |   |   |
| Conservation Districts Economic Viability programming | Some Ongoing/ Others might be Conceptual | ? Port districts, Economic Dev Block Grants, others? | statewide in various regions |   |   |
| SBDC and SBA and other small business support orgs focused on farm/Food business development | Ongoing in some Counties / Conceptual in terms of a concerted statewide effort | WSU state budget? Other? | statewide |   |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets Program (e.g. cut flower marketing project/ Women Farm to Food Accelerator, Value Chain Development work, etc.) | Ongoing. Limited by current funding  | Previously grants, now would need State General Funds  | statewide |   |   |
| NABC | Ongoing | WA Dept. of Commerce, Grants | Western WA |   |   |
| NW Coop Development Center | Ongoing | ?, fee for service | Statewide |   |   |
| Puget Sound Food Hub | complete |   | Whatcom county to Seattle | David Bauermeister - aggregation/distribution only |   |
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| NCW is increasingly working as a region in terms of economic development e.g., the Port of Douglas County and the Port of Chelan County have merged via an interlocal agreement starting this month to conduct business as the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. This represents an opportunity to develop more integrated approaches on food systems in concert with the Port of Quincy and the Economic Alliance in Okanogan County. On the private side, there are new efforts to offer local produce at a farmer's market in Quincy as well as public spaces including Pybus Market in Wenatchee and a similar facility in Quincy. We also have a handful of privately-operated businesses in Chelan, Grant, and Okanogan counties that offer fresh local food, e.g., Okanogan Farmstand, Rhubarb Market, Jim Baird's operation in Soap Lake. Plus a plethora of local and seasonal fruit and vegetable stands. So, while we have a lot of puzzle pieces in place there is no region-wide umbrella for organizing them, i.e., no regional food hub, yet.  | Conceptual |   |   |   |   |
| See previous entries regarding LINC foods and LINC Malt. Look to several grainshed efforts (Walla Walla, Skagit) as key examples of private/public collaborations.  |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Tukwila Food Hall for caterers, food businesses | Planned | ? | Local, Tukwila | Food Innovation Network |   |
| Millworks Project, Local food campus | Conceptual |   | Local, Bellingham | Whatcom Community Foundation |   |
| Snoqualmie Valley Farmers’ Co-operative is a marketing cooperative with a multi-producer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and pursuing wholesale markets and value-added products. | Ongoing | Self-funded (individual co-op) | Local (Snoqualmie Valley) | Past NABC involvement | No |
| Vashon Fresh, online farmers market.  | Ongoing |   | Local (Vashon Island) | Vashon Island Grower's Assoc |   |
| Viva Farms provides marketing and distribution for their incubator farmers | Ongoing | Grants, self-funded non-profit | Local (Skagit/King Co) |   |   |
| San Juan Island Agricultural Guild and farmers began piloting an online sales platform to connect with buyers inter-island in 2019 | Planned | Grants | Local (San Juan Islands) | San Juan Island Ag Guild, NABC | Yes NABC? |
| Okanogan Producers Marketing Assoc is five small farms working together, sharing resources, equipment, knowledge, expertise, marketing and sales of Okanogan County grown treefruit and berries. Dried fruit also available. | Ongoing | Self-funded (individual co-op) | Local (Okanogan Co) |   | No |
| Kitsap Fresh is a farmer cooperative providing an online marketplace for local farmers and producers to sell source-identified products directly to consumers for pick-up on the Kitsap Peninsula.  | Ongoing | Start-up grants, Self-funded (individual co-op) | Local (Kitsap) |   | No |
| Highway 395 Produce Corridor Project developed micro-scale fruit and vegetable pick-up and delivery infrastructure built around a Farm to Food Pantry (F2FP) program serving 15 food pantries | Ongoing | Grants | Local ( in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties) | WSU Stevens Co. Extension and the N.E.W. Hunger Coalition  | No |
| Fresh Food Revolution is a consumer cooperative in that operates an online local food market and pick-up system for small farmers selling to consumers | Ongoing | Grants, self funded (indvidual consumer co-op) | Local (Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor, and Port Orchard) |   | No |
| Farmstand Local Foods links urban commercial customers to the diverse range of ingredients from farms in King & Snohomish Counties using a modern, convenient ordering and delivery system. | Ongoing | Grants, self funded (indvidual nonprofit business) | Local (King/Snohomish Co) |   | No |
| Evergreen United Food Hub provides order and delivery of produce harvested ithin 24 hours to restaurants, hospitals and cafeterias from south Puget Sound farms.  | Ongoing | Self-funded (individual business) | Local (South Sound) |   | No |
| Cascadia Co-operative Farms is an egg marketing co-op for small producers | Ongoing | Grants, self-funded (individual nonprofit business) | Local (Snohomish/Snoqualmie) | NABC |   |
| Tumwater Brewery District, South Sound Community College brewing program (not a perfect fit for this section, but perhaps relevant  |   |   |   |   |   |

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| Rec 1D: Expand access and availability of technical assistance needed for product storage, processing, and manufacturing facilities development and product development. |
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| WSDA small farms  | ongoing | USDA grants, WA State general operating budget | statewide | Laura Raymond, Chris Iberle |   |
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| WSU Extension provides some help here as does the USDA Tree Fruit Lab. We do have a new entity, Bridge Innovation District that could also play a role in promoting and convening this type of educational assistance to growers. |   |   |   |   |   |
| Northwest Agriculture Business Center product development, processing and manufacturing facility development | Ongoing | Fee for service, grants | Regional (NW WA, SW WA) |   |   |
| WSU System's engagement and pending investments in malt quality through breeding, a quality lab, brewing science, etc.; with support and industry engagement from WSDA via the Directors office. | Conceptual/Planned/Ongoing (different elements in different stages) | WSU/WA State, WA Grain Commission | Statewide/National |   |   |

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| Rec 1E: Ensure zoning codes in or near agricultural areas support uses such as commercial kitchens and co-packing facilities that allow a producer to diversify and create new higher price-point products.  |
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| Snohomish County | complete |   | County designated ag land | Sno Co/Linda Neunzig | no |
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| This is still a stumbling block in many situations I know. But I do believe Chelan County has made some progress in terms of regs that enable on-site value-added food businesses. The wine industry is opening up new opportunities for food as well, a big network that is organized and that I should have mentioned earlier when thinking about food hubs. We might actually have what could be called a wine hub which could be a backdoor to a food hub.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets has desire to support information sharing between counties to identify some "best practice approaches”, esp. related to zoning changes or comp plan updates. Could be a community of practice and/or a resource publication | Conceptual  | Work not currently funded | County to county (possibly statewide) | Would start w WSDA Regional Markets, Office of Farmland Preservation, and local counties that are interested |   |

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| Rec 1F: Ensure zoning codes in or near agricultural areas support businesses such as feed supply stores, irrigation supply stores, stores that supply specialty crop producer needs, and agricultural water suppliers. |
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| Snoco - farm support business allowed | complete |   | Snohomish County | Linda Neunzig |  Yes, Linda Neunzig |

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| Rec 1G: Offer support and training for meat processing workforce development, including for custom slaughter butchers and WSDA meat cutters. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Wenatchee Valley College could be doing this but I'm not sure they have seen the demand for this program since they base their coursework on recommendations from local industry. Again, I'd have to have some time to look into this which I'm happy to do. |   |   |   |   |   |
| WA Meat Up would like to bring partners together to look at this issue (would include WSU Meat Programs, Culinary Programs, Technical Collages, Industry etc.) | Conceptual/Planned | Needs funding currently coming out of WSDA RM and WSU Food Systems Program staffing budgets |   | WSDA RM Program w WSU FSP |   |
| Craft3 can do workforce housing development, provide debt to help a construction or remodel project start. They can also provide funding for developing training centers such as a community room that includes a commercial kitchen.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| This is probably too far removed, but multiple farms offer whole animal butchery classes for home consumers |   |   |   |   |   |

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| Rec 2A: Promote and support innovative public/private financing mechanisms that recognize regional food system infrastructure as critical economic assets |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| The Building of the SW WA Agricultural Business & Innovation Park  | Construction Begun | State Capital Budget, Port of Olympia, USDA RBDG, City of Tenino, Thurston EDC | Greatest impact to Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, including employment and biz technical services. Larger impact could reach north to Canada and south into Oregon, through sourcing inputs and end market development. | Thurston EDC | Aslan Meade |
| Senior Services of South Sound Kitchen Study & Business Plan | Planned | Port of Olympia | Primarily Thurston & Mason Counties, but a processing and/or commercial kitchen component will have a much further reach. As will adding a local purchasing commitment. | Thurston WSU Extension, Thurston EDC, Senior Services of South Sound | Aslan Meade |
| Food Processing Kitchen Study (connected to two projects above) | Planned | Port of Olympia | Greatest impact to Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor counties | Thurston WSU Extension | Aslan Meade |
| Grains to Glass, market development | 2 years of field trials completed, producer and buyer surveys completed, pilots with 5 local breweries and one distillery completed, funding being sought for grain storage facility. | Port of Olympia, Thurston WSU Extension. Request in to 2020 State Capital Budget for storage. | Greatest impact to Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor counties | Thurston WSU Extension, Thurston EDC, South Puget Sound Community College | Aslan Meade |
| SW WA Grain Project | Construction will begin summer 2020 | Lewis County Distressed County Funds, USDA RBDG, NABC | Greatest impact to Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor counties for producers. Markets will extend into Oregon and elsewhere. | NABC, Port of Chehalis, Newly formed Producer Co-op. | Aslan Meade |
| This is where our Port Districts and regional economic development entities could come in along with non-profit and private lenders.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| See CDFA resources on revolving loan funds, food systems as an public investment sector, etc.  | Conceptual - need to research where this is happening already |   |   |   |   |
| CDFA Pilot project in King County | Ongoing | Kellogg Foundation | King Co | King Co Local Food Initiative, Port of Seattle?, CDFA w Kellogg | not sure |
| Craft3 engages with the legislature when tax credit or other incentives need support and has a lobbyist in OR and WA (Carl Seip).  |   |   |   |   |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets | Ongoing | state budget | Statewide |   | Yes - Laura Raymond |
| Regional grain enterprise development being supported by Port Districts in Skagit and Walla Walla counties. Support for Mainstem Malt, Skagit Valley Malt, Cairnspring Mills, WSU Bread Lab | Ongoing | Port funds (not sure if they are accessing just area tax base or are leveraging state/federal economic resources, etc | Skagit County, Walla Walla county- each are working with farms and other partners outside of their counties & across the state  |   |   |
| WSU Stevens County/NE Washington Hunger Coalition '395 Corridor' — micro-scale distribution capacity to serve school districts, food banks, rural grocery retail, rural hospitals; in collaboration with LINC Food and other partners. Novelty is the diverse stream of $ that have been brought to bear collaboratively  | Ongoing | Providence Health Care, USDA SNAP-ed, WSU Extension, Stevens County | NE WA (Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry, Spokane & Lincoln Counties | WSU Stevens County Extension/NE WA Hunger Coalition.  | Brian Estes (fairly indirectly via LINC)  |
| As part of its broader services as an ag industry lender, NW Farm Credit Services is very progressive on the spectrum of infrastructure projects it is willing to put its money behind.  |   |   |   |   | 0 |

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| Rec 2B: Explore and adopt successful financing and funding methods and models from other comparable agencies and states to inform future programming, such as a strategic reserve fund, loan guarantee fund, state capital fund, a revolving capital investment fund, etc. |
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| Craft3 works with Ecology, Commerce and Education in partnerships that blend funding with other resources that leverage greater return for the state. They manage DOE’s clean water program as well as Dept of Commerce’s Future Energy Fund program including development of wind farms, greenhouses and other energy saving alternatives. They also work on the WA Early Learning Loan Fund. |   |   |   |   |   |

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| Rec 2C: Increase awareness and education about types of funding and financing needed for different stages of growth for food and agriculture businesses. |
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| WSDA SCBG |   |   |   |   |   |
| Thurston EDC Center for Business & Innovation | Ongoing | SBA, City of Olympia, Lacey & Tumwater. Pay for services. | Primarily Thurston County, but WA Center for Women in Business services a greater geographical reach. | Thurston EDC | Aslan Meade |
| NABC | Ongoing | State | Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor | NABC |   |
| Work with SBDC's to provide targeted services for farm to food biz | Conceptual |   |   | RM may begin these conversations via the accelerator listed below |   |
| WSDA RM Program Women's Farm to Food Biz Accelerator Pilot  | Ongoing | grant and WSDA RM baseline program budget | WA and OR | WSDA Regional Markets |   |
| WA Microenterprise support orgs  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Engage private investors in the sector (there are some food funder networks to engage with the other recommendations in this section) | Conceptual (Ongoing in some regions that have established food funders groups) |   |   |   |   |
| This is a lot of what Craft3 does across the state. Often partners with community colleges, e.g., “Getting your Recipe to Market,” partners with WSU and provides curriculum for helping growers scale up their operations.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets | Ongoing |   | Statewide |   | Yes - Laura Raymond |
| Food Biz Day  | Planned |   | Regional (King Co?) | Business Impact NW, Food Business Resource Center, Craft3, Food Innovation Network, Ventures |   |
| Enterprise For Equity |   |   | Regional (S. Sound)  |   |   |
| Food Business Resource Center | Ongoing |   |   |   |   |
| Viva Farms |   |   |   |   |   |
| Cultivating Success |   |   |   |   |   |
| Ag Lenders (CRAFT 3, NWFCS, etc.): NW Farm Credit Services (Spokane office is very involved in educating/connecting with farm enterprises, including those early in their lifespan or pursuing emerging market opportunities. They are working to expand their financial literacy resources to include more intensive/in depth enterprise planning, etc for members  | Ongoing  | NW Farm Credit  | Statewide  | NW FCS |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets team — great source of info on USDA funding strategies, etc. | Ongoing | WA State operatin budget, USDA grants | Statewide | Laura Raymond |   |
| Cascadia Foodshed Funders: focused on impact investing, a convener of investors and food systems folks | Ongoing | Private | Statewide | Tim Crosby | Tim Crosby  |

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| Rec 2D: Identify funding and financing gaps currently blocking growth of state food and agriculture businesses. |
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| SW WA Agricultural Business & Innovation Park - Funding for pad 1 development | Project has funding for utility extension and first building and has completed master plan. Lack funding for pad development | Project has funding for utility extension and first building and has completed master plan. Lack funding for pad development | Regional | Thurston EDC | Aslan Meade |
| SW WA Grain Project - Funding for Grain Storage Silos | Project has funding for rail spur extension and planning, and has a formed a growers co-op, with a contract to put acrage under cultivation with Great Western Malting. Doesn't have funding for upright storage. | Project has funding for rail spur extension and planning, and has a formed a growers co-op, with a contract to put acrage under cultivation with Great Western Malting. Doesn't have funding for upright storage. | Regional | NABC | Aslan Meade |
| WSDA Regional Markets | Ongoing |   | Statewide |   | Yes - Laura Raymond |
| Overall - lack of regional scale processing, storage, aggregation and distribution. |   |   |   |   |   |
| Cascadia Foodshed Funders: focused on impact investing, a convener of investors and food systems folks | Ongoing | Private | Statewide | Tim Crosby | Tim Crosby  |

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| Rec 2E: Engage appropriate entities to develop a coordinated regional / multi-county food system infrastructure investment strategy. |
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| Council of Development Finance Agencies  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Regional Agriculture Development Collaboration | Ongoing | Staffing from NABC, Thurston EDC and Thurston WSU Extension  | Primarily Thurston, Lewis & Grays Harbor Counties, but coordinating with WSDA for statewide cohesion | NABC, Thurston EDC and Thurston WSU Extension  | Aslan Meade, Laura Raymond |
| I would be curious to see what lessons could be learned from the efforts of WSDA, the various Commodity Commissions, WSU, WA State Government, our WA Congressional Delegation, etc. to support export scale (out of the country or even just out of the state) infrastructure to be applied for infrastructure oriented to growing and optimizing in-state, regional market channels with a focus on sustaining mid and small size farms.  |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 2F: Determine the multiple benefits of food system infrastructure investment. |
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| Thurston WSU Extension Research - Producer Needs Assessment, kitchen users survey, grain trials, processing kitchen study, SW WA Food Hub Project | ongoing | Port of Olympia, WSU | South Puget Sound | Thurston WSU Extension | Aslan Meade |
| The Bridge Innovation District is an entity that could contribute to this recommendation in concert with WSU and others.  |   |   |   |   |   |

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| Rec 3A: Create a Food System Infrastructure Advisory Committee (FSIAC) with a broad-based membership that includes representation from the farming and agricultural community, food processers and distributors, food and farm advocacy organizations, and state and local agencies. |
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| Regional conservation district coordination, WSU Food Systems, WSU Extension, non-profits, grocery store networks, and commodity groups including Central Washington Grain Growers.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| WSDA Regional Markets - Food Hub Community of Practice | Ongoing | Legislature? | Statewide | Chris Iberle & Laura Raymond, WSDA | Yes, Aslan Meade and others |
| Food Policy Forum | ? | Legislature | Statewide | WSDA & WA Conservation Commission | Yes, Aslan Meade and others |

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| Rec 3B: Fund dedicated staff position(s) to coordinate statewide agricultural infrastructure projects and facilitate the sharing of information and best practices (this could be done possibly through WSDA, WSU, an independent NGO, or some combination thereof). |
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| WSDA - Food Hub Community of Practice | Ongoing | Legislature? | Statewide | Chris Iberle & Laura Raymond, WSDA | Yes, Aslan Meade and others |
| WSDA Regional Markets w Director's Ag Economist | planned | State general fund | Statewide |   |   |

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| Rec 3C: Commission the FSIAC with inventorying current food production, processing, and distribution infrastructure; researching and identifying current un-met infrastructure needs and opportunities; reviewing proposed infrastructure projects; and making recommendations with regard to investment that encourages the development of an efficient and effective approach to the development of new food system infrastructure. |
| What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity linked?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| We have a list of Western WA processors and distributors | completed | WSDA | North sound | Linda Neunzig |   |

# Team 5: Impacts of Climate Change

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| **Recommendation 1A: Develop a strategy and set of policies to ensure water availability for Western Washington agriculture. Consider an Office for Western Washington Basins to coordinate efforts.** |
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| Every WRIA is grappling with water availability issues and has been collating strategies to increase water availability and/or developing strategies to encourage water use efficiency. A W. Washington Office of Water could help serve the purpose of collecting/reviewing strategies considered/employed on the West side and facilitate coordinate amongst the WRIAs | Planned & Conceptual | Every WRIA organization funds their own staff, though significant watershed project and planning funding comes through the Puget Sound Partnership | Locally coordinated currently, with PSP providing some additional coordination or confusion depending on your perspective | Each WRIA has initiating governments coordinating watershed management actions, typically includes tribes, county, largest city, largest water purveyor |   |

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| **Recommendation 1B: Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to increase water storage for agricultural purposes, using a cooperative approach to negotiations that will ensure that storage has neutral or positive environmental benefits and does not negatively impact fish and other core environmental requirements** |
| **What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?**  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity linked to the recommendation?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| Support rewording to 'increase water supply', the W. Wash Water Office could help coordinate this effort on the Westside...this is a large effort and the State could really provide the most significant support by supporting development of strategies that increase water supply for agriculture and work to secure legal water access for ag and address concerns about relinquishment | Conceptual, but each WRIA is already working on comprehensive water supply planning for all water users, not just ag | WRIA, PSP - ongoing but limited | WRIA by WRIA | Lead agencies of WRIAs |   |
| A lot of local activity that may or may not be well-coordinated | All | Perhaps the key to this recommendation is to drive public policy / funding toward solving the ag water supply problem. Plenty of good ideas, strategies, and technologies - what is needed is comprehensive agreement at the policy level that ag water is and should be a priority. |   |   |   |
| disagree with recommendation that change to increase water supply. need to recognize that this can be fundamentally in conflict with the realities of the situation (decreased water availability in general) and that all forms of maximizing efficiency in water use must be given strong support. |   |   |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 1C: Identify strategies to reduce impacts of sea level rise and prepare for and mitigate the effects of salt and sea water intrusion into aquifers and drainage systems.** |
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| Sea level rise models are well established, current effort underway at USGS to implement/develop a Coastal Storm Surge Models (COSMOS) to assess dynamic impacts of wind, wave, pressure on sea level; groundwater models are developed in many areas, but I'm not certain as to the extent that saltwater intrusion has been modeled.  | Conceptual, though foundational data has been completed in some areas | Local funding, PSP possibly | Locally some work has been started | Local governments and partnerships |   |
| UW CIG was assessing | They just released a report today |   |   |   |   |
| The Ruckelshaus Center did a series of workshops with coastal counties looking at their ability to be resilient in dealing with climate change, this might have some good data and connections to tap into. | Research was completed, there is a report on it. | review only | Coastal counties | Ruckelshaus Center | No, but have contact |

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| **Recommendation 2A: Research and development have proven to be the most cost-effective means for supporting farmer responsiveness to an uncertain future. The State should continue to support the public-private partnerships in breeding, crop protection, and soil health that provide adaptable varieties, integrated pest management strategies and decision-support systems, and increased investment in soil health as a bank of resilience to climate change.** |
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| WSU has significant research in this arena, education and outreach I think are critical next steps | Ongoing | This is the greatest limitation on tool development and maintenance. Mostly funded through grants to build new tools, with maintenance underfunded. | Statewide | WSU |   |

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| **Recommendation 2B: Consider the long-term sustainability of soils and agricultural lands in developing policies, recognizing that the impacts of climate change create new stresses on soils but also potential opportunities that can promote soil health and new production opportunities.** |
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| State farmland protection efforts are underway and should be further highlighted, Conservation Commission, Conservation Districts, NRCS provide significant technical and financial support to property owners to improve soil health. Both farmland protection and soil health improvement could benefit from significant increase in funding and focus | Ongoing and conceptual | NRCS, state, local | Statewide | Various, NGO, local, state, fed gov't |   |
| A lot of research and extension activity | All of the above. Request for Soil Health Initiative is relevant | Mostly federal competitive grant funding, but also some through the Soil Health Initiative and the WSU CSANR BIOAg program. |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 2C: Promote agricultural innovation, technology adoption, and management regimes that reduce input costs, energy demand, and greenhouse gas emissions.** |
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| Much agricultural innovation is occurring in many areas, including water recycling, precision nutrient/pesticide application, methane digesters, I think significant additional work needed to address greenhouse gas emission reductions from equipment use and also looking at the potential to sequester additional greenhouse gases in agricultural operations via soil health improvements, agroforestry practices, etc. | ongoing/conceptual | Various, State, Federal, Private | Statewide/National | Various |   |
| R&D and Commercialization | All | A lot of various funding sources |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 2D: Create and deploy voluntary carbon credit programs or green incentive payments that can increase agricultural resiliency and support food producers.** |
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| This is a key strategy to support farmland protection efforts, climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. This would complement other programs and efforts already underway through the Conservation Commission, Conservation Districts, NRCS, and some local jurisdictions. | Conceptual | Federal, state, local | Statewide, regionally different |   |   |
| Farm Smart | Ongoing | PNDSA? Source of funds? |   |   |   |
| Sustainable Farms and Fields Legislation | Conceptual | None Identified |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 2E: Improve water storage in soils by increasing soil organic matter.** |
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| Same as soil health strategy |   |   |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 2F: Support statewide efforts to achieve the food waste reduction goals established by the legislature in 2019, recognizing that wasted food is also wasted water and creates the worst kind of greenhouse gas emissions, ones that have no corresponding benefits.** |
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| Unknown |   |   |   |   |   |
| Waste to Fuels Technology Partnership (Ecology and WSU), focus on food waste conversion through next generation technology. | Ongoing research partnership | Ecology |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 3A: Increase and improve access to technical assistance to meet increasing demands around climate adaptation.** |
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| I believe the Conservation Commission has some of this language within their work programs, but I believe it could benefit from more specify and strengthening. I do not believe it has been made a clear, well funded program yet | Conceptual | unknown |   |   |   |
| WSU Extension programming in climate change (largely via WSU CSANR) | Ongoing | Mostly federal grant funding |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 3B: Identify an appropriate agency to coordinate with other Western States on a strategy for climate adaptation in agriculture and food production.** |
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| WSU coordinates with some other Western States regarding research and extension priorities | ongoing | state and federal |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 3C: Identify current food and agricultural products that are most likely to be impacted by a changing climate and recommend specific strategies, like variety development, that can enhance adaptation.** |
| **What activities are occurring that are linked to the recommendation?**  | **Current implementation status:** --Conceptual --Planned --Ongoing --Completed  | **Funding source and status** | **Geographic reach:** --None at this time--Local (describe)--Regional (describe) --Statewide --National | **Who is leading this?** | **Are Forum members already engaged in this activity linked to the recommendation?** --Yes (list Forum member(s))--No |
| A ton of WSU (and collaborator) research | ongoing | Mostly federal grant funding |   |   |   |

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| **Recommendation 3D: Increase engagement of businesses to discuss what public-private partnerships are needed to ensure appropriate adaptation, with an understanding that there are benefits and challenges in terms of public research dollars and private benefits.** |
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| *No information provided*  |   |   |   |   |   |