



April 28, 2020

Dear WSC Members and Site Staff,

We hope this finds you staying safe, staying healthy and staying strong!

To our members who have already joined our emergency response project to temporarily serve at food banks, we extend our heartfelt gratitude! Thank you so much for volunteering!

Still, each day there are new reports of hundreds of Washingtonians who have been hit hard by the economic impact of the pandemic, lining up at their local food bank for hours for whatever assistance it can provide. Clearly, the struggle continues and the need for service is still there, as food bank resources become strained. If you're able to join the response effort – even part time – please work with your site staff and WSC Coordinator to sign up. For more details, check out our [April 7 update](#).

Major news for PY20 sites

Site staff, if your organization has been awarded member placements for the 2020-21 program year, please be sure to check your inbox on **May 5** for an email from us outlining additional options and ideas that may help with concerns around funding your project next year, and the timing and scope of your project. Some options will be time-sensitive.

Technical assistance program for Washington non-profits

Washington State Department of Commerce [recently announced](#) the [Small Business Resiliency Assistance program](#), established to help small businesses – including non-profits - find and apply for federal assistance programs, and develop plans to stay open during the wake of the COVID pandemic.

We're finally on Instagram!

Members, we want to see your service selfies for our new [Instagram page](#)! Please send us a selfie with you serving at home in teleservice or at a food bank. We'd love to see your shots. Please make sure the picture only captures you, and wear your gear!

In service,

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