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# Overview of OWRF



# Purpose & Need

*“The Oregon Worker Relief Fund provides direct cash assistance to immigrant Oregonians who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are excluded from federal and state safety nets.”*

One in every 10 Oregon children live with a family member who is undocumented.

Immigrants contribute immensely to Oregon’s economic health

- One in eight workers in Oregon is an immigrant, together making up an essential share of the state’s labor force across industries.
- Undocumented Oregonians pay about \$81 million annually in state and local taxes.
- Over 13 percent of Oregon’s workforce are immigrants.
- In 2015, over 28,000 immigrant business owners in Oregon generated \$470.6 million in business income.
- Immigrant-led households paid more than \$2.5 billion in federal and state taxes in 2014.



# OWRF Coalition



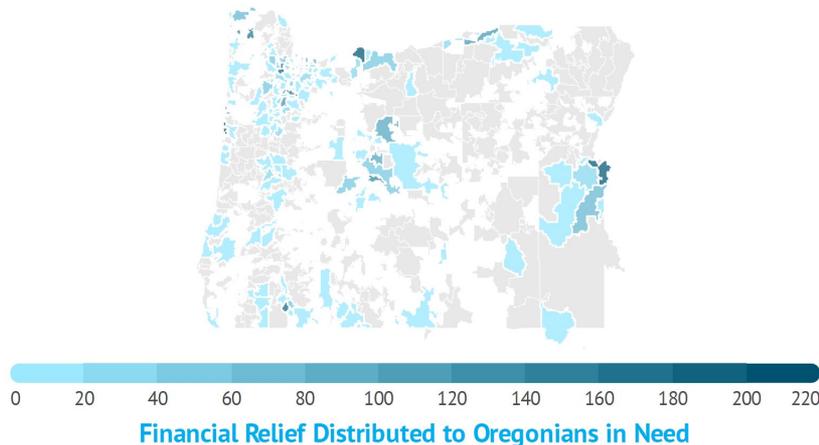
And Over 100 More Organizations!

# OWRF Infrastructure

The OWRF coalition has partnered with 20 trusted community-based organizations that cover different regions and impacted communities.



- Applications are submitted using an integrated, secure online platform.
- Every application is reviewed centrally by a team of attorneys.
- If approved, funds are disbursed using mobile payments and checks.
- As of July 7, 2020, OWRF has disbursed more than 10.5M to individuals.



**OWRF DATA**

1

• A community member in need seeks assistance from a participating CBO.

2

• Participating CBO assists in filling out universal application.

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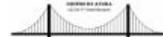
• Once filled, the application is processed through a single system for approval under OWRF coalition.

4

• After processing, OWRF coalition review and approve applications.

5

• Approved community member receives payment.



<http://workerrelief.org>

## What is Next?

Oregon's E-Board made an additional allocation to Oregon Worker Relief in June to support workers falling through the cracks during COVID-19

- OWRF 2.0 - 10M
- Oregon Quarantine Fund - 10M





OREGON WORKER  
RELIEF FUND  
**coalition**



**Quarantine  
Fund**

***Oregon Worker Relief Fund:*** Provides financial relief to Oregonians that have lost their wages/job bc of COVID-19 and are ineligible for Unemployment Insurance and federal stimulus relief

***Oregon Quarantine Fund:*** Mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for agricultural workers by providing financial relief to take the time they need to self-quarantine.

# PURPOSE + PROBLEM

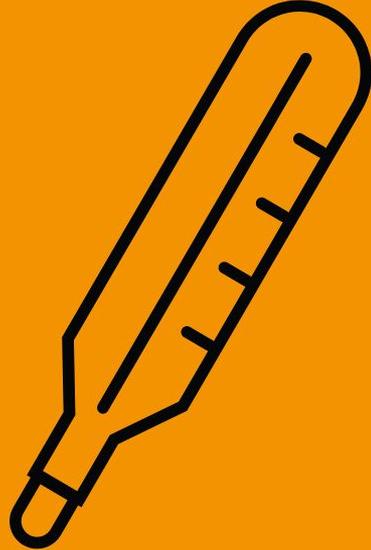




**COVID-19 outbreak hits food processor in Dallas, Oregon.**



**The average wage of an  
agricultural worker:  
\$24,200 per year**



**Most Agricultural Workers  
Report that they could not  
afford to take two weeks  
off for Quarantine if they  
were in contact with  
COVID-19**



**“ people of color are  
overrepresented in  
agriculture and ... perhaps  
contributing to higher rates  
of COVID-19 observed in  
these groups” - OHA COVID-  
19 June 17, 2020 Weekly  
Report**

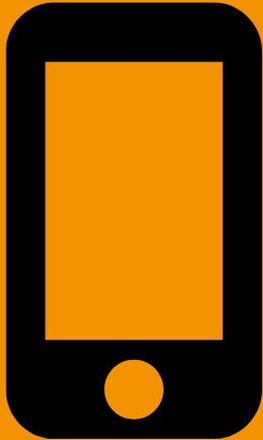


**\$430 per  
week**

## **Solution**

Relief and Freedom.  
Agricultural Workers  
will be supported  
with up to 2 weeks of  
emergency relief to  
Self Quarantine

# Eligibility



1. Agricultural Worker
2. 18 year of age, or older
3. Exposure to COVID-19 for which self-quarantining is recommended
4. Contact with someone that tested positive for COVID-19 in the workplace; (b) tested positive for COVID-19; (c) lived in close proximity to other household members that are COVID-19 positive; or (d) have been contact traced.
5. Is practicing self-quarantining
6. Seeking health care assistance during the period of self-quarantine



# Who qualifies as an agricultural worker?

For the WRQF, an agricultural worker is an individual currently working for a wage in Oregon in an activity related to agriculture, farming, fishing, treeplanting, tree harvesting, dairy, ranching, food processing, canning, slaughtering, packaging, butchering, or nursery work.

# Mid-End July Timeframe

1st

## Stakeholder Briefings

Overview of the Quarantine Fund to Worker Relief Fund Coalition, Navigators, other groups

2nd

## Capacity Building

Policy Conversation with all teams and Innovation Law Lab

3rd

## Training(s)

Training 1: Team leads  
Training 2: All Navigators

4th

## Communicate and go live!

\$10M to spend down by December. Can roughly support over 11K agricultural workers

# OHA Connection to our Worker Relief Coalition

Navigators supporting workers on their universal application

