

Farm and Food Worker Relief Program

The Farm and Food Worker Relief (FFWR) is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial relief to eligible field workers, meatpacking workers, livestock workers, and grocery store workers who worked any length of time from January 27, 2020 until the declaration of the end of the COVID pandemic.

Catholic Charities Diocese Monterey is providing this program to eligible farmworkers in the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo.

To apply for the Farm and Food Worker Relief program, an individual must provide: 1) Proof of Identification; and, 2) Proof of Employment in one of the five pre-approved agricultural occupations under the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes.



Proof of Identification

To be eligible for the Farm and Food Worker Relief program, you must provide one of the following forms of proof of identification.

- Any state-issued identification card;
- Any state-issued driver's license;
- Passport (from any country);
- An international identification document;
- School identification card;
- Work identification card;
- H2A/H2B visa;
- *Matricula Cosular*; or,
- A non-photo identification.

Proof of Employment

To be eligible for the Farm and Food Worker Relief program, you must provide one of the following forms of proof of employment.

- Pay stub;
- Earning statement;
- Recent bank record showing payroll direct deposit;
- Federal income tax statement;
- Letter offering employment/written attestation;
- Photographic evidence (at the worksite);
- State tax statement; or,
- Written attestation (with prior USDA approval).

Standard Occupational Classification Codes

To be eligible for the Farm and Food Worker Relief Program, you must be employed under one of the following occupations.

- Graders and Sorters, in Agricultural Products (SOC 45-2041);
- Agricultural Equipment Operators (SOC 45-2091);
- Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse (SOC 45-2092);
- Agricultural Workers, All Other (SOC 45-2099); or,
- Packers and Packagers, Hand (SOC 53-7064).

Catholic Charities Diocese Monterey is providing direct financial relief assistance to farmworkers only. To apply for this \$600 in direct financial relief assistance, you must apply through one of the pre-approved organizations authorized to administer this program. An individual can only apply once. A family member who worked in one of the pre-approved agricultural occupations can apply once.

Other Participating Organizations

The Farm and Food Worker Relief program is a nationwide program of the United State Department of Agriculture. An individual may only receive this direct financial assistance relief once over the length of this program and cannot apply with another organization. Other organizations administering this program include:

- Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc.;
- Catholic Charities USA;
- Cherokee Nation;
- Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation;
- Hispanic Federation, Inc.;
- La Cooperativa Campesina de California;
- National Center for Farmworker Health;
- National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association;
- Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture;
- Todec Legal Center Perris;
- UFCW Charity Foundation, Inc.;
- UFW Foundation;
- United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS, Inc.;
- United Ways of California;
- Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.; and,
- UFCW Charity Foundation, Inc.

**The list above does not include other organizations approved to administer this program.*

Contact Information

Catholic Charities Diocese Monterey (CCDM) offers this service and others at the following locations:

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Seaside, CA 93955

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Salinas, CA 93905

Catholic Charities (831) 722-2675
656 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Catholic Charities (831) 431-6939
610 Frederick Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Catholic Charities (831) 393-3110
27 S. El Camino
Greenfield, CA 93927

Catholic Charities (831) 649-7379
680 College Street
Hollister, CA 95023

Catholic Charities (805) 541-9110
3220 S. Higuera Street, Suite 225
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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