

### Committed to communities we serve

# **Rural Community Grant**

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Northwest FCS is committed to improving the lives of our customers, employees and the communities we serve. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are significantly increasing the amount of funds available in the 2020 Rural Community Grant program, and narrowing our focus to support non-profit organizations that are meeting the essential needs of rural communities. Food banks, food pantries, vital health care and emergency services throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska are all eligible and encouraged to apply. At this time, we are only awarding grant funds to organizations that provide these essential services.

#### Amount available

As applications are received, all requests will be evaluated for eligibility. Award amounts will be based on the relative need in community and size of the organization. Grant funds will be awarded and distributed to non-profit organizations across the Northwest territory.

#### **Deadlines**

Grants will be reviewed and awarded on an ongoing basis. Applicants can expect to be notified within two weeks of their submission date.

#### Grant requirements:

- Requests must be submitted completely through our online application: northwestfcs.com/ruralgrants.
- Organizations will need to provide information such as annual expense budget, number of people served in the community and why grant funds are needed.
- Eligible organizations should provide essential services - food bank, food pantry, health care and emergency service providers.
- Funds are to be used to serve rural communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Organizations must provide a W9 and an authorization agreement for auto deposit. No paper checks will be written.

