



RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

**COVID-19 Final Report for High Desert Food & Farm Alliance (RHIP)
“Improving Food Access & Sovereignty in Central Oregon”
Reviewed by the Address Poverty & Enhance Self-Sufficiency Workgroup**

Summary of Results:

- As part of Improving Food Access and Food Sovereignty in Central Oregon, The Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT) and HDIFFA collaborated to improve food security and sovereignty in the tribal community of Warm Springs.
- The WSCAT team identified gaps/barriers for residents and organizations to accessing culturally appropriate food.
- This approach was part of a larger and regional, rural food system assessment conducted by HDIFFA in the areas of La Pine, Madras, and Prineville.
- We accomplished the following:
 - WSCAT conducted a food sovereignty assessment with the assistance of HDIFFA.
 - WSCAT, HDIFFA and Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) identified food production opportunities in Warm Springs and presented information about the outcomes and next steps to the tribal council.
 - HDIFFA and WSCAT and other tribal members delivered Fresh Harvest Kits.
 - HDIFFA conducted surveys of over 100 food pantry clients in Prineville, La Pine and Sunriver.

Quote:

“Given that this project is with Warm Springs members, we are hesitant to share their stories. From HDIFFA's perspective, we are excited to partner/work in the rural communities to daylight food access issues and bring more resources.”