COVID-19 Final Report for High Desert Food and Farm Alliance
“Food Security for Vulnerable Residents and Farmers”
Reviewed by the RHIP Address Poverty Workgroup

Summary of Results:
- HDFFA collected 13,426 pounds of produce that was distributed through NeighborImpact’s 46+ hunger relief agencies.
- Fourteen farmers received reimbursements totaling $10,246.
- Reimbursement amounts per farmer ranged from $6.00 to $2,500.
- Offering funds to farmers for their contributions led to a larger volume of fresh, early season produce donated (lettuce, chard); items that NeighborImpact does not normally receive from the Oregon Food Bank.
- Farmers were very thankful to receive reimbursements through this program.
- We received feedback from one farm that will use the money to invest in growing additional crops for Grow & Give next year; another farmer will use the funds to reinvest back into their hydroponic system which contributed 419 pounds of leafy greens this year.
- This program was so successful we are actively seeking funds to continue the reimbursement program next year and aim to make it a permanent fixture of Grow & Give.

Story/Quote:
"Food access is really important for HDFFA and a lot of the programs that you do. I just really want to thank you guys for somehow redirecting funds this last season to help pay for donated produce from farmers markets and on-farm gleanings. Even though it's a relatively small amount, it made a really big difference for my farm and also my mind to be respected as a food producer and that the food has value the whole way through." -Sarahlee Lawrence, Farmer/Owner of Rainshadow Organics and reimbursement fund recipient

*Order of projects is by final report submission date
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