



Hello and greetings from Rogue Food Unites (RFU).

RFU looks forward to working with you and your food business during an emergency food response.

This connection aims to form a plan of action before disaster strikes. During a disaster, RFU will pay a flat rate per meal that will be delivered locally to feed community members.

This is a great chance to give back to our communities during a time of crisis, while keeping the dollars local. It helps highlight the important regional businesses that were there before the crisis, and who will continue to be of support for long after. Money does not always stay in our Oregon Communities when outside aid comes to support through traditional feeding missions. We are helping change how communities respond to disasters so that they come back stronger in the end.

We are eager to work together to strengthen our local network of restaurants and growers. We founded the RFU Hot Meal Program to ensure restaurants and growers get fair pay for the quality food they produce and to ensure revenue streams that keep your businesses flourishing, especially during times of crisis.

If you'd like more information, please reach out to us at food@roguefoodunites.org or call (541) 210-3932. We look forward to speaking with you.

Would you be interested in working with Rogue Food Unites during a time of disaster?

If so, please fill out [this Questionnaire](#) to help us learn more about you and your business, and how we can partner in the future!

By inquiring through this Questionnaire, you are NOT committing to any contract with Rogue Food Unites.



OUR MISSION

Rogue Food Unites uses food to heal individuals and communities during times of crisis

RFU works with locally-invested food businesses to assemble and deliver fresh, nutritious, local ingredients to our communities. While meeting the fundamental right for food, RFU strengthens local economies, fosters collaboration, preserves jobs for residents, builds resilience, and ensures food security and sovereignty in Oregon and its communities.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY FEEDING
THROUGHOUT THE STATE
OF OREGON

- HOT MEALS
- PROVISION BOXES
- SOLIDARITY CARDS
- FARMERS MARKETS

96,000

Southern Oregon residents
served in 2023

27,028

Southern Oregon households
served in 2023

\$30 million

recirculated into Oregon
Communities since 2020



Testimonials from people and restaurants that we have worked with:



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We appreciate working with Rogue Food Unites. They paid promptly, acted with integrity and professionalism, and gave us the opportunity to make hot meals for people in emergency situations.

We are thankful for the work they have done and do and are happy to be a part of this great community service

-Gather Cafe Bistro & Bar, Talent

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If you're looking to make a positive impact, consider joining RFU's mission to heal communities through healthy food. As someone who worked with them last fall at a fundraising event, I can attest that their well equipped food truck is a pleasure to work out of - well organized for any menu, clean, efficient and with ample storage. It was a pleasure to work with such a dedicated team, and I plan to do so again. By supporting RFU, you'll be a part of creating a sustainable and healthy community. It's a cause worth investing money and time in, and I urge you to join me in this important work.

- Mark Doxtader, Tastebud Portland

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It was such a pleasure working with Rogue Food Unites. The organization was very supportive and helpful, provided funds in a timely manner and truly had a positive impact on our small community during a time of need. It would be a privilege to work with them again in the future.

- Heather Kalian, Black Broom Farm, LLC, Cottage Grove

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Testimonials from people and restaurants that we have worked with:

“We were so grateful to work with Rogue Food Unites. The opportunity to give our staff extra hours during a slow time of year to cook warm, nourishing meals for those in need was the ultimate win-win for our small business and community. They paid promptly and fairly, and were easy to work with. I look forward to working with them again in the future!”

-Alex Dakers, Yabai Nikkei LLC, Eugene



“I'm so glad Rogue Food Unites and Marigold Cooking Collective were able to connect this past week. I delivered hot breakfasts... and was blown away by the power of partnership--between us... and other organizations making an impact during this time. Thank you for all you do! We are a tiny but mighty non-profit and believe in (and are capable of!) mobilizing quickly when it's what the community needs. While I don't hope for disaster relief demand in the future, I know it's a reality in our world today and Marigold wants to help support your efforts and stay partners in this community. Thanks for communication and mobilizing quickly and graciously, and for everything you do.”

-Carolina Reid, Marigold Cooking Collective, Eugene



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I getting paid or will this be a donation?

You will get paid! You will be paid a set price per meal for your services.

When will I get paid?

We pay weekly on Wednesdays. We do offer an online bill pay, and you can expect the funds in your connected bank account within 48 hours. If you opt to receive a mailed check - it will be mailed the next business day.

This payment schedule can be altered when needed.

How is this program funded?

RFU has a contract with the State of Oregon's Office of Resilience and Emergency Management which allows us to pay you for services provided for emergency feeding throughout the state.

What is required on my part to participate? [as a restaurant]

Once we have an agreement, you will be preparing & delivering hot meals amidst / prior to an emergency, such as a natural disaster.

We will inform you of the number of meals, times of delivery, and any further details necessary to coordinate emergency feeding such as dietary restrictions. We ask that meals are healthy and prepared with care, organic when possible.

We require a W9 prior to starting our partnership.

Is delivery required?

Delivery to specific sites is required, and included in the contracted price per meal. If you are unable to deliver, alternate arrangements may be able to be made.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS **continued**

How much advance notice will I receive?

As soon as we are aware of a feeding mission we will begin contacting locally participating businesses to see who has the capacity to jump in. We will give you as much notice as we can, but disasters rarely give much of a heads up!

I don't have a food business, but I can help in times of disaster, what can I do?

We are currently building a state-wide list of volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for Rogue Food Unites in times of disaster, please visit our [Volunteer Sign Up Form](#).

This could include many opportunities such as delivering hot meals and / or provision boxes, building provision boxes, delivering water and emergency supplies, among many other fun jobs.

How did Rogue Food Unites start?

Rogue Food Unites (RFU) was formed shortly after the Labor Day fires of 2020, to support local communities in Jackson County with emergency food support.

Directly after the fires, RFU coordinated hot meal distributions from restaurants to help feed those displaced due to the disaster.

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We are proud to say we have been able to recirculate over \$30 million, and counting, back into the local communities throughout Oregon.

What other programs does RFU offer?

Rogue Food Unites also has a Provision Box Program, Solidarity Card Program, and weekly Farmers Markets in Jackson County which provide no barrier, no cost, organic produce along with natural eggs and meat. Please check out our website for more detailed information.

www.roguefoodunites.org