

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

FOOD SECURITY FEE REPORT

October 2025

No Increase

PURPOSE OF FEE:

A referendum passed and determined \$4.50 per quarter will be charged to full-time Western students attending the Bellingham campus to bolster food stock in food pantries across campus and to pay for a two-year position to administer this fund while implementing long-term food security strategies. The referendum is required to renew or modify in spring 2026.

FEE GOVERNANCE:

Fee use was determined by the referendum voted on by students in spring 2024 and is administered by the Dean of Student Life through the Basic Needs Hub.

PRIOR YEAR ACTIVITIES:

New fee, not applicable.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRENDS:

Three-year history of fee revenues and expenditures, including fund balance.

	FY23	FY24	FY25	% Change
Revenues	NA	NA	NA	NA
Expenditures	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fund Balance	NA	NA	NA	NA

The WHOLE Food Pantry Coordinator was hired in September 2025 into a project position through June 2027. Wages and benefits will be partially funded through fees; the remainder of the fees will be used to fund food for the WHOLE food pantry. Anticipated revenue of \$150,000 for fall 2025, winter, and spring 2026 (no summer funding).

PROPOSED RATE CHANGE:

This is a fixed fee for 2025-26 and 2026-27; the spring 2026 student referendum will determine future fees and any possible change, prior to Board of Trustees action.