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TO: Local Agency Eligibility Supervisors and Workers

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SUBJECT: **FNS Announces the Availability of Food Stamp Program (FSP) Outreach Grants**

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Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced a food stamp outreach grant competition. The purpose of the grant is to implement and study effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low income people who are not currently participating in the FSP about the nutrition benefits of the program, eligibility rules, and how to apply.

Below are some key pieces of information regarding these grants:

- The Request for Applications (RFA) will be open for 90 days. **Applications are due to FNS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 19, 2008.**
- FNS reserves the right to award up to \$1 million in grants, to make no awards and to make additional awards for FY 2009 from this RFA.
- Only non-profit and public organizations are eligible to receive a grant under this RFA. Each award will not exceed \$75,000 per organization and the grant period can range from one to two years.
- Consistent with FNS priorities in reaching underserved populations, **applicants will apply for grant funding under Model A (outreach to seniors); Model B (outreach to Hispanics); or Model C (outreach to Hispanic persons 60 years of age or older).**
- Selected grantees will be announced by September 30, 2008.

FNS is making every effort to widely circulate the RFA and publicize the availability of the FY 2008 Food Stamp Outreach Program Grants.

Detailed information about the due date, the application process, and the application format are available in the Request for Applications (RFA), available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/grants/2008/default.htm>

Questions about the information in this broadcast may be directed to Cathy Pemberton, at (804)726-7398 or catherine.pemberton@dss.virginia.gov.

As always, thank you for your assistance and cooperation.