



Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Partnership Opportunities



Hunger Among Hispanics

- 2.3 million Hispanic households are food insecure.
- 177,000 Hispanic households with children have very low food security.
- Prevalence of food insecurity is 8.8 percent among Hispanics.
- One of the largest increases between 2007 and 2008 was seen in Hispanic households.

Obesity Among Hispanics

- 28.7% of Hispanics are obese.
- 22% of Hispanics 4 year olds are obese (based on BMI).
- Childhood obesity more prevalent among Hispanics than other ethnic groups.
- Hispanic children more likely to become obese than other groups.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- Supplement food budgets of low income people by providing an electronic card used like a debit card to purchase food at authorized retail stores.
- Participation rate overall is 66% but among Hispanics is 56%.
 - Partner with States to provide outreach or nutrition education through State plans.



Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- Provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, and referrals to health and other social services for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five, who meet income guidelines and are at nutritional risk.
- Hispanics represent the largest racial/ethnic group in the WIC Program.
- In 2006, about 41.2 percent of those enrolled in WIC were of Hispanic origin.
- Approximately 860,588 of the Hispanic infants born in the United States participate in WIC.

Child Nutrition Programs

- CACFP reimburses providers for nutritious meals served to eligible children and adults who attend daycare.
 - Serve as a sponsor
- SFSP draws children to supervised activities that are safe, fun, healthy and educational. Summer feeding sites can be sponsored by Private nonprofit organizations, Local governments, camps, or schools.
 - Become a sponsor, open a feeding site, or help with food transportation.
- School Lunch and Breakfast offer tiered benefits – free, reduced price, and paid meals. USDA provides cash and commodity assistance for each eligible meal served
 - Explain why it is important to return the completed form.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- Provides emergency food and nutrition assistance to low income Americans, including the elderly and homeless.
- Ships food to States and provides administrative funds to store the food; amount depends on population of unemployed persons and persons with incomes below the poverty level.
- States distribute USDA Foods to local agencies directly serving the public such as Food Banks, Shelters and Soup Kitchens.
 - If your agency operates a food bank, distributes food packages or serves congregate meals to low-income populations, you may be eligible to receive USDA Foods from your State.

FNS General Resources

Free Materials: All FNS informational brochures, handbooks, toolkits and outreach materials are available for order or download free of charge

Nutrition Education: FNS provides free nutrition education materials for groups and individuals of all ages. Materials include:

- MyPyramid Food Guides
- Menu Planners
- Team Nutrition materials for schools and educators
- Eat Smart Play Hard
- Recipe Finder
- Loving Your Family; Feeding Their Future



Funding Opportunities

- Potential Grant Opportunities in FY10
 - SNAP Participation Grants
 - SNAP Outreach Grants
- SNAP-Ed, SNAP Outreach, SNAP Employment and Training - 50% reimbursement opportunities
- Potential HSI Grant Opportunities with FNS (NIFA)
- Hunger Free Communities Grants
- Healthy Incentives Pilot Grants

SNAP Participation Grants

- Focused on improving the application and eligibility determination process or improving access to SNAP.
- Different than conducting outreach to identify and engage prospective applicants.
- Requires participation by the State SNAP agency as either the applicant or a partner organization.
- \$5 million per year

SNAP Outreach Grants

- Focused on conducting outreach to identify and engage prospective applicants.
- Open to not-for-profit and community organizations.
- Cap of \$75,000 (last two grant years)
- Focus on outreach to Hispanic households (last two grant years)
- Grant solicitation typically early Summer.

Other 2010 Grant Opportunities

- Currently one-time grant opportunities
- Healthy Incentives Pilot (HIP) Grants (\$20 million) – January-February (est.)
- School Gardens Grants (\$1 million) – timeframe TBD
- Hunger Free Communities Grants (\$5 million) – timeframes TBD

Reimbursement for SNAP Activities

- The federal government pays 50% of the cost of the administration for SNAP
- Administrative costs include nutrition education, outreach, education services, and other employment/training activities
- Partner organizations like Universities can enter into an agreement with State SNAP agencies to provide services and draw down the federal share of the costs (up to 50%)
- Resource CDs have more detail