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Food and  
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**SUBJECT:** Implementation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in Relation to the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

**TO:** Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
NERO, SERO, MARO, MWRO,  
MPRO, SWRO  
Regional Director  
Field Operations  
WRO

Please forward this memorandum to all State agencies that administer TEFAP.

Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. ARRA provides TEFAP \$150 million in additional funding. Under ARRA, the Secretary may use up to \$50 million of that total for administrative costs, including up to \$25 million in fiscal year (FY) 2009.


Per ARRA, we are allocating \$100 million for the purchase of food. Of this, \$250,000 has been set aside for offshore shipping charges, leaving \$99.75 million to be allocated to the States, in accordance with the TEFAP allocation formula, for food purchases. We plan to offer the States a wide variety of protein items, including cheese, canned tuna, canned and frozen meat, etc. starting in March 2009. Please note that, unlike funds for food purchase provided via the normal appropriations process, no portion of these funds is convertible into administrative funds. Attached, please find Worksheet #3, showing each State's share of the food purchase funds provided in ARRA.

Per ARRA, we are also allocating \$25 million for use as administrative funds in FY 2009, and will allocate an equal amount in 2010. These funds are in addition to administrative funds contained in continuing resolutions or final budgets for FYs 2009 and 2010. States may use these additional administrative funds for any allowable TEFAP administrative cost, but should assume that they will not be available beyond September 30, 2010. States should also be reminded that, per 7 CFR § 251.8(e)(4), at least 40 percent of these additional administrative funds must be passed-through or expended on behalf of emergency feeding organizations (EFO); and that, per 7 CFR § 251.9, States must match any funds they retain or distribute to organizations that are not EFOs. States should also be aware that any FY 2009 administrative funds provided through ARRA that remain unobligated on September 30, 2009 may be recovered and redistributed by the Food and Nutrition Service according to the TEFAP allocation formula in FY 2010. Attached, please find Worksheet #4, showing each State's share of the additional administrative funds for FY 2009.

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ARRA also contains various reporting requirements. We are in the process of determining exactly how these requirements impact TEFAP, and will issue guidance in the near future. In the interim, States should be aware that ARRA requires that administrative expenditures made with ARRA funds be distinguishable from those made with funds provided through the normal appropriations process. States will be expected to track ARRA expenditures separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Rogelio Carrasco or Laura Castro at (703) 305-2662.

  
Cathie McCullough  
Director  
Food Distribution Division

Attachments

Worksheet #3

FY2009 Emergency Food Assistance Program  
ARRA/Stimulus Food Grant Levels

\$99,750,000

REGION/STATE	AVG. # OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED OCT07 to JUL08 (1)	UNEMPLOYMENT INDEX	AVG. # OF PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL IN CY2007 (2)	POVERTY INDEX	WEIGHTED INDEX POVERTY 60% UNEMPLOY. 40%	ARRA/STIMULUS FOOD GRANT LEVELS (3)
<b>NORTHEAST</b>						
Connecticut	95,885	1.2051091046%	268,880	0.6745811703%	0.8867923440%	\$884,575
Maine	35,591	0.4473174964%	154,224	0.3869257900%	0.4110824726%	\$410,055
Massachusetts	155,258	1.9513253309%	621,286	1.5587170373%	1.7157603547%	\$1,711,471
New Hampshire	27,417	0.3445844117%	90,204	0.2263088362%	0.2736190664%	\$272,935
New York	464,088	5.8327858802%	2,570,014	6.4477947483%	6.2017912011%	\$6,186,287
Rhode Island	35,460	0.4456710523%	122,128	0.3064015515%	0.3621093518%	\$361,204
Vermont	15,301	0.1923071847%	60,589	0.1520090692%	0.1681283154%	\$167,708
<b>TOTAL-NERO</b>	<b>829,000</b>	<b>10.4191004608%</b>	<b>3,887,325</b>	<b>9.7527382028%</b>	<b>10.0192831060%</b>	<b>\$9,994,235</b>
<b>MID-ATLANTIC</b>						
Delaware	17,004	0.2137109581%	87,956	0.2206689282%	0.2178857402%	\$217,341
DC	20,103	0.2526600441%	91,934	0.2306491569%	0.2394535118%	\$238,855
Maryland	111,601	1.4026321237%	453,699	1.1382654061%	1.2440120931%	\$1,240,902
New Jersey	214,830	2.7000426442%	729,211	1.8294853087%	2.1777082429%	\$2,172,264
Pennsylvania	307,922	3.8700485550%	1,393,026	3.4949014780%	3.6449603088%	\$3,635,848
Puerto Rico	149,844	1.8832806869%	1,763,078	4.4233086159%	3.4072974443%	\$3,398,779
Virginia	148,529	1.8667534045%	742,680	1.8632770886%	1.8646676150%	\$1,860,006
Virgin Isl.	1,390	0.0174699031%	19,394	0.0486567510%	0.0361820118%	\$36,092
W. Virginia	38,686	0.4862163093%	298,172	0.7480705769%	0.6433288699%	\$641,721
<b>TOTAL-MARO</b>	<b>1,009,909</b>	<b>12.6928146289%</b>	<b>5,579,150</b>	<b>13.9972833103%</b>	<b>13.4754958378%</b>	<b>\$13,441,808</b>
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>						
Alabama	90,820	1.1414507887%	759,835	1.9063165113%	1.6003702223%	\$1,596,369
Florida	459,063	5.7696302954%	2,158,832	5.4161983678%	5.5575711388%	\$5,543,677
Georgia	251,483	3.1607076492%	1,323,828	3.3212936685%	3.2570592608%	\$3,248,917
Kentucky	116,041	1.4584352673%	714,080	1.7915238103%	1.6582883931%	\$1,654,143
Mississippi	85,711	1.0772394688%	581,534	1.4589849982%	1.3062867864%	\$1,303,021
N. Carolina	241,098	3.0301861073%	1,258,988	3.1586194529%	3.1072461147%	\$3,099,478
S. Carolina	130,908	1.6452878204%	641,758	1.6100783350%	1.6241621292%	\$1,620,102
Tennessee	170,271	2.1400128523%	953,865	2.3931098187%	2.2918710321%	\$2,286,141
<b>TOTAL-SERO</b>	<b>1,545,395</b>	<b>19.4229502494%</b>	<b>8,392,720</b>	<b>21.0561249627%</b>	<b>20.4028550774%</b>	<b>\$20,351,848</b>

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FY2009 Emergency Food Assistance Program  
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\$99,750,000

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<b>MIDWEST</b>						
Illinois	395,414	4.9696721226%	1,496,248	3.7538706001%	4.2401912091%	\$4,229,591
Indiana	160,232	2.0138399337%	757,813	1.9012436047%	1.9462821363%	\$1,941,416
Michigan	380,209	4.7785714923%	1,376,658	3.4538365249%	3.9837305119%	\$3,973,771
Minnesota	143,100	1.7985202364%	481,947	1.2091355672%	1.4448894349%	\$1,441,277
Ohio	356,172	4.4764678520%	1,464,133	3.6732986934%	3.9945663568%	\$3,984,580
Wisconsin	146,326	1.8390654934%	588,287	1.4759273020%	1.6211825786%	\$1,617,130
<b>TOTAL-MWRO</b>	<b>1,581,453</b>	<b>19.8761371304%</b>	<b>6,165,086</b>	<b>15.4673122923%</b>	<b>17.2308422276%</b>	<b>\$17,187,765</b>
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>						
Arkansas	70,366	0.8843792799%	492,052	1.2344875559%	1.0944442455%	\$1,091,708
Louisiana	79,030	0.9932708196%	775,425	1.9454295746%	1.5645660726%	\$1,560,655
New Mexico	33,357	0.4192399687%	349,159	0.8759896119%	0.6932897546%	\$691,557
Oklahoma	64,628	0.8122625146%	557,030	1.3975079936%	1.1634098020%	\$1,160,501
Texas	501,208	6.2993202700%	3,791,183	9.5115317805%	8.2266471763%	\$8,206,080
<b>TOTAL-SWRO</b>	<b>748,589</b>	<b>9.4084728528%</b>	<b>5,964,849</b>	<b>14.9649465165%</b>	<b>12.7423570510%</b>	<b>\$12,710,501</b>
<b>MOUNTAIN PLAINS</b>						
Colorado	122,297	1.5370623994%	569,386	1.4285074169%	1.4719294099%	\$1,468,250
Iowa	63,099	0.7930456212%	317,946	0.7976806932%	0.7958266644%	\$793,837
Kansas	61,253	0.7698445845%	300,210	0.7531836252%	0.7598480089%	\$757,948
Missouri	168,836	2.1219773769%	742,486	1.8627903706%	1.9664651731%	\$1,961,549
Montana	18,000	0.2262289605%	131,790	0.3306421171%	0.2888768545%	\$288,155
Nebraska	30,656	0.3852930564%	192,822	0.4837626094%	0.4443747882%	\$443,264
North Dakota	11,817	0.1485193126%	74,035	0.1857431454%	0.1708536123%	\$170,426
South Dakota	12,303	0.1546274945%	100,699	0.2526392788%	0.2134345651%	\$212,901
Utah	42,626	0.5357353151%	251,084	0.6299335710%	0.5922542686%	\$590,774
Wyoming	8,605	0.1081500114%	44,064	0.1105502257%	0.1095901400%	\$109,316
<b>TOTAL-MPRO</b>	<b>539,492</b>	<b>6.7804841325%</b>	<b>2,724,522</b>	<b>6.8354330533%</b>	<b>6.8134534850%</b>	<b>\$6,796,420</b>

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<b>WESTERN</b>						
Alaska	23,322	0.2931173232%	59,625	0.1495905321%	0.2070012485%	\$206,484
Arizona	130,788	1.6437796274%	881,257	2.2109468106%	1.9840799373%	\$1,979,120
California	1,147,674	14.4242831150%	4,433,014	11.1217932619%	12.4427892031%	\$12,411,681
Guam	1,598	0.0200841044%	16,319	0.0409420192%	0.0325988533%	\$32,517
Hawaii	21,497	0.2701802203%	100,051	0.2510135401%	0.2586802122%	\$258,034
Idaho	23,498	0.2953293397%	177,806	0.4460896295%	0.3857855136%	\$384,821
Nevada	78,718	0.9893495176%	269,953	0.6772731727%	0.8021037107%	\$800,098
N Mariana Isl.	933	0.0117262011%	7,768	0.0194887925%	0.0163837559%	\$16,343
Oregon	107,060	1.3455595842%	474,189	1.1896718632%	1.2520269516%	\$1,248,897
Washington	167,615	2.1066315124%	725,172	1.8193520398%	1.9342638288%	\$1,929,428
<b>TOTAL-WRO</b>	<b>1,702,703</b>	<b>21.4000405453%</b>	<b>7,145,154</b>	<b>17.9261616616%</b>	<b>19.3157132150%</b>	<b>\$19,267,423</b>
<b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>7,956,541</b>	<b>100.000000001%</b>	<b>39,858,806</b>	<b>99.9999999995%</b>	<b>99.9999999998%</b>	<b>\$99,750,000</b>

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Appropriation	\$100,000,000
Additional Offshore Transportation Charges	(\$250,000)
<b>Total to be Allocated</b>	<b>\$99,750,000</b>

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<b>NORTHEAST</b>						
Connecticut	95,885	1.2051091046%	268,880	0.6745811703%	0.8867923440%	\$221,698
Maine	35,591	0.4473174964%	154,224	0.3869257900%	0.4110824726%	\$102,771
Massachusetts	155,258	1.9513253309%	621,286	1.5587170373%	1.7157603547%	\$428,940
New Hampshire	27,417	0.3445844117%	90,204	0.2263088362%	0.2736190664%	\$68,405
New York	464,088	5.8327858802%	2,570,014	6.4477947483%	6.2017912011%	\$1,550,447
Rhode Island	35,460	0.4456710523%	122,128	0.3064015515%	0.3621093518%	\$90,527
Vermont	15,301	0.1923071847%	60,589	0.1520090692%	0.1681283154%	\$42,032
<b>TOTAL-NERO</b>	<b>829,000</b>	<b>10.4191004608%</b>	<b>3,887,325</b>	<b>9.7527382028%</b>	<b>10.0192831060%</b>	<b>\$2,504,820</b>
<b>MID-ATLANTIC</b>						
Delaware	17,004	0.2137109581%	87,956	0.2206689282%	0.2178857402%	\$54,471
DC	20,103	0.2526600441%	91,934	0.2306491569%	0.2394535118%	\$59,863
Maryland	111,601	1.4026321237%	453,699	1.1382654061%	1.2440120931%	\$311,003
New Jersey	214,830	2.7000426442%	729,211	1.8294853087%	2.1777082429%	\$544,427
Pennsylvania	307,922	3.8700485550%	1,393,026	3.4949014780%	3.6449603088%	\$911,240
Puerto Rico	149,844	1.8832806869%	1,763,078	4.4233086159%	3.4072974443%	\$851,824
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Virgin Isl.	1,390	0.0174699031%	19,394	0.0486567510%	0.0361820118%	\$9,046
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<b>SOUTHEAST</b>						
Alabama	90,820	1.1414507887%	759,835	1.9063165113%	1.6003702223%	\$400,093
Florida	459,063	5.7696302954%	2,158,832	5.4161983678%	5.5575711388%	\$1,389,393
Georgia	251,483	3.1607076492%	1,323,828	3.3212936685%	3.2570592608%	\$814,265
Kentucky	116,041	1.4584352673%	714,080	1.7915238103%	1.6582883931%	\$414,572
Mississippi	85,711	1.0772394688%	581,534	1.4589849982%	1.3062867864%	\$326,572
N. Carolina	241,098	3.0301861073%	1,258,988	3.1586194529%	3.1072461147%	\$776,812
S. Carolina	130,908	1.6452878204%	641,758	1.6100783350%	1.6241621292%	\$406,041
Tennessee	170,271	2.1400128523%	953,865	2.3931098187%	2.2918710321%	\$572,968
<b>TOTAL-SERO</b>	<b>1,545,395</b>	<b>19.4229502494%</b>	<b>8,392,720</b>	<b>21.0561249627%</b>	<b>20.4028550774%</b>	<b>\$5,100,716</b>

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Indiana	160,232	2.0138399337%	757,813	1.9012436047%	1.9462821363%	\$486,571
Michigan	380,209	4.7785714923%	1,376,658	3.4538365249%	3.9837305119%	\$995,933
Minnesota	143,100	1.7985202364%	481,947	1.2091355672%	1.4448894349%	\$361,222
Ohio	356,172	4.4764678520%	1,464,133	3.6732986934%	3.9945663568%	\$998,642
Wisconsin	146,326	1.8390654934%	588,287	1.4759273020%	1.6211825786%	\$405,296
<b>TOTAL-MWRO</b>	<b>1,581,453</b>	<b>19.8761371304%</b>	<b>6,165,086</b>	<b>15.4673122923%</b>	<b>17.2308422276%</b>	<b>\$4,307,712</b>
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Texas	501,208	6.2993202700%	3,791,183	9.5115317805%	8.2266471763%	\$2,056,661
<b>TOTAL-SWRO</b>	<b>748,589</b>	<b>9.4084728528%</b>	<b>5,964,849</b>	<b>14.9649465165%</b>	<b>12.7423570510%</b>	<b>\$3,185,588</b>
<b>MOUNTAIN PLAINS</b>						
Colorado	122,297	1.5370623994%	569,386	1.4285074169%	1.4719294099%	\$367,982
Iowa	63,099	0.7930456212%	317,946	0.7976806932%	0.7958266644%	\$198,957
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California	1,147,674	14.4242831150%	4,433,014	11.1217932619%	12.4427892031%	\$3,110,696
Guam	1,598	0.0200841044%	16,319	0.0409420192%	0.0325988533%	\$8,150
Hawaii	21,497	0.2701802203%	100,051	0.2510135401%	0.2586802122%	\$64,670
Idaho	23,498	0.2953293397%	177,806	0.4460896295%	0.3857855136%	\$96,446
Nevada	78,718	0.9893495176%	269,953	0.6772731727%	0.8021037107%	\$200,526
N Mariana Isl.	933	0.0117262011%	7,768	0.0194887925%	0.0163837559%	\$4,096
Oregon	107,060	1.3455595842%	474,189	1.1896718632%	1.2520269516%	\$313,007
Washington	167,615	2.1066315124%	725,172	1.8193520398%	1.9342638288%	\$483,566
<b>TOTAL-WRO</b>	<b>1,702,703</b>	<b>21.4000405453%</b>	<b>7,145,154</b>	<b>17.9261616616%</b>	<b>19.3157132150%</b>	<b>\$4,828,927</b>
<b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>7,956,541</b>	<b>100.0000000001%</b>	<b>39,858,806</b>	<b>99.9999999995%</b>	<b>99.9999999998%</b>	<b>\$25,000,000</b>

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