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Interested Party:

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce this opportunity to submit applications for Food Stamp Program (FSP) outreach grants. Contingent upon the availability of fiscal year 2006 funding, FNS has at least $1 million to award for these grants, with a maximum award of $75,000 per grant. A Request for Application (RFA) which provides all of the pertinent details regarding the submission of grant applications is enclosed. It is also available online at www.grants.gov and http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/grants.htm.

This solicitation offers funding to community and faith-based organizations, public entities (with the exception of State and local FSP agencies) and private non-profit organizations to conduct outreach to low-income people who are potentially eligible but not yet participating in the FSP. The RFA includes further details about who is eligible to apply and who is not.

This outreach grant solicitation is designed to simplify the application process for first-time applicants and those not familiar with the Federal grant process. To that end, templates, electronic outlines, checklists, and lists of resources are included.

Optional letters of intent to submit an application are due to FNS by January 6, 2006. Grant applications must be received by FNS at or before 5:00pm, Eastern Time on April 3, 2006. Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered directly to FNS at the address noted in the RFA, or submitted electronically by accessing www.grants.gov. Applications submitted via direct email or fax to FNS will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding this competition, please contact Ms. Suzanne Pastura of the Grants Management Division via e-mail at Suzanne.Pastura@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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