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SUBJECT: Economic Stimulus Funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program
(TEFAP)

TO: Regional Directors Regional Director
Special Nutrition Programs Field Operations
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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. The ARRA provides TEFAP \$150 million in additional funding. Under the ARRA, the Secretary may use up to \$50 million of that total for costs associated with the distribution of commodities, including up to \$25 million in fiscal year 2009.

Funds provided through the ARRA are intended to be obligated quickly; therefore, State agencies should begin identifying food and administrative needs immediately. We will be in touch with you shortly with more information about the ARRA and the availability of food and related distribution costs for TEFAP.

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