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**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

**Food and
Nutrition
Service**

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SUBJECT: Economic Stimulus Funding for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
NERO, SERO, MWRO, MPRO, SWRO

Regional Director
Field Operations
WRO

Please forward this memorandum to all Indian Tribal Organizations (ITO) and State agencies that administer FDPIR.

Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. Section 101(d) of the ARRA provides \$5 million for costs relating to FDPIR equipment upgrades and facility improvement through September 30, 2010. Section 101(d) also states that the regular FDPIR cost-sharing requirement for administrative funds is not applicable to the ARRA funds.

FNS regional offices will collect requests for FDPIR equipment upgrades and facility improvements as quickly as possible. Funds provided through the ARRA are intended to be obligated quickly. It is important that ITOs and State agencies submit requests in a timely manner. Once requests have been reviewed, we will provide more information about the availability of funds for FDPIR equipment upgrades and facility improvements.

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