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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING RECEIVES \$485,000 IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR SENIOR NUTRITION SERVICES

HONOLULU – The State's Executive Office on Aging (EOA) has received a total of \$485,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for senior nutrition services. Grant funds in the amount of \$325,000 were awarded for congregate meals and \$160,000 for home-delivered meals.

"The Executive Office on Aging is excited to receive these federal stimulus funds to help support the nutritional needs of older adults statewide," said Noemi Pendleton, director of the State Executive Office on Aging. "The funding will provide more meals for seniors at community group settings, and at their homes."

The EOA will allocate these ARRA funds to the Area Agencies on Aging in each county (City and County of Honolulu, Kaua'i County, Maui County, and Hawai'i County) based on an established formula in the Hawai'i State Plan on Aging. The state and counties will follow proper procurement process for these ARRA funds. The counties will determine where the funding will best serve their communities and contract with direct services.

Information on how the funds are distributed and used will be posted on the state's federal stimulus Web site (www.hawaii.gov/recovery), in accordance with ARRA reporting requirements.

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