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Local Commissioners Memorandum

Section 1

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Attachments:	Attachment 1: FFY 2010 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administrative Funding Allocations Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
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Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to issue local districts Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 allocations for additional Food Stamp / Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative funding provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

II. Background

ARRA, also known as the Stimulus Bill, provided significant new resources for SNAP. In addition to an across the board benefit increase that went into effect April 1, 2009, states were granted additional SNAP administrative funding to help offset the cost of implementing the benefit increase and to support states as they confront rising caseloads due to the economic downturn. New York State received a total of \$24.4 million in new administrative funding for the two federal fiscal years covered by ARRA (FFY 2009 and FFY 2010). These funds are being allocated to the local districts to cover the increased costs associated with processing the growing number of Food Stamp applications. FFY 2009 allocations were issued in 09-LCM-05. A breakdown of individual county allocations for FFY 2010 are provided in this LCM.

III. Program Implications

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has established local district allocations for the SNAP administration portion of the ARRA. The federal methodology for awarding funding to states was based on a two-part formula, with 75% of the funds allocated to states based on each state's share of SNAP households and 25% based on each state's share of the increase in the number of households participating in SNAP. NYS is allocating these funds to local districts using the same factors for the period January through December 2008. Using the discrete dollars identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for NYS for each factor, each district is receiving their proportional share of funds based on statewide SNAP households and each district's proportional share of the increase in the number of statewide households participating in SNAP. Allocating funds in this manner is consistent with OTDA's commitment to increasing SNAP enrollments.

IV. Claiming Instructions

The ARRA grant is 100 percent Federal funds. There is no match requirement for these funds. The match requirement for the regular 50 percent Federal SNAP administrative funds remains in effect. It will not be necessary for the local districts to submit a separate claim in order to access the funds provided through this allocation. Since the 2010 ARRA award is available for expenditures beginning October 1, 2009, OTDA will reimburse 100% of the gross amount of certification costs with ARRA funds for expenditures beginning with the original Schedule D-7 (Distribution of Food Stamp Expenditures to Activities, LDSS-2347E) claim submission for October 2009 until a district's allocation has been expended. The dollar amount to be reimbursed will be amounts taken from Section 1, Line 8, Column 2 (Certification) and Section 2, Line 6, Column 2 and added together. This will be paid at 100 percent federal share, up to the amount of the allocation, out of a separate cost center set up specifically for these funds and will appear as a bottom line adjustment on a separate claims settlement.

Since the ARRA funds cannot be used as the match for regular (non-ARRA) USDA SNAP funding, for those costs reimbursed with 100 percent ARRA funds, there will be a bottom line adjustment to reflect the reduction of the regular 50 percent federal share of SNAP, which was reflected as part of the USDA settlement above the line. Adjusting entries related to these transactions should be processed as a debit to A4611 and a debit to A400 for the federal share adjustment amount, and as a credit to A4611 for the ARRA federal share amount. Please note that the CFDA (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) number for the ARRA funds is 10.561

(State Administrative Matching Grants for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the same as for regular SNAP administration. The ARRA funds must be considered part of the SNAP cluster for single audit purposes, but they must be separately identified with the prefix “ARRA” on the Statement of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

ARRA funds for FFY 2010 for SNAP administrative costs are available for obligation until September 30, 2010. As with regular SNAP administrative funds, these obligations must be liquidated within 90 days following the end of the respective fiscal year.

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FFY 2010 **SUPPLEMENTAL**
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE
FUNDING ALLOCATIONS UNDER THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

	District	Allocation
	Albany	\$139,013
	Allegany	26,861
	Broome	122,064
	Cattaraugus	44,843
	Cayuga	38,504
	Chautauqua	98,851
	Chemung	51,252
	Chenango	30,876
	Clinton	54,637
	Columbia	20,072
	Cortland	28,137
	Delaware	23,220
	Dutchess	82,877
	Erie	574,109
	Essex	15,237
	Franklin	29,187
	Fulton	41,446
	Genesee	22,950
	Greene	23,552
	Hamilton	1,340
	Herkimer	46,381
	Jefferson	70,361
	Lewis	20,307
	Livingston	31,486
	Madison	39,270
	Monroe	432,696
	Montgomery	36,650
	Nassau	224,042
	Niagara	128,826
	Oneida	141,668
	Onondaga	243,916
	Ontario	41,685
	Orange	124,641
	Orleans	25,955
	Oswego	71,264
	Otsego	24,282
	Putnam	7,371
	Rensselaer	71,395
	Rockland	95,055
	St.Lawrence	61,609
	Saratoga	62,229
	Schenectady	66,747
	Schoharie	15,077
	Schuyler	10,558
	Seneca	11,750
	Steuben	42,211
	Suffolk	316,179
	Sullivan	40,808
	Tioga	21,744
	Tompkins	39,054
	Ulster	79,863
	Warren	32,220
	Washington	34,877
	Wayne	41,355
	Westchester	275,773
	Wyoming	14,308
	Yates	11,676
	New York City	7,739,825
	Total	\$12,264,142