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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Date: September 27, 1993

Division: Economic Security

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Food Stamp Outreach

ATTACHMENTS: None

In March 1993, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a Request for Proposals to solicit Food Stamp Outreach and Client Assistance proposals from community-based organizations (CBO). When the grants were recently awarded, three CBOs in New York State were selected. The successful CBOs and a description of their projects are as follows:

INTERRELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

This proposal seeks to help the recently unemployed, as well as low-income households and elderly living in 11 rural counties of Upstate New York. The Council intends to establish a number of partnerships including Help Site Networks in rural and non-metropolitan areas where pre-screening, advocacy, and educational services can be provided. The counties to be served are: Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and St. Lawrence.

Grant Amount: \$46,310

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

In an attempt to help clients apply for more than one program at the same location, enrollment assistance workers will be placed in a medicaid office to review eligibility for food stamps and to assist these individuals by making appointments for them at the nearest food stamp office. This project will test the use of a combined food stamp/medicaid application at a single site. The program is planned to assist low-income families and Supplemental Security Income recipients not currently in the Food Stamp Program. This project will be conducted in NYC.

Grant Amount: \$80,604

EAST BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, EAST BLOOMFIELD, NEW YORK

Designed to reach migrant families, this project is to be coordinated by a Collaboration Committee composed of State and local staff, as well as, members of both advocacy groups and migrant families. With the support of the local food stamp office, bilingual outreach workers will spend considerable time in migrant camps where they will provide information on the program, application procedures and will supply transportation as needed. The counties to be included in this project have not been determined.

Grant Amount: \$199,962

These grants are scheduled to operate for 12-18 months and will be evaluated by an independent research firm.

As more information is obtained about the projects, I will share it with you. Copies of the grant proposals will be sent to the appropriate local district. I know we can count on your support and cooperation. If you have any questions, you may contact Cynthia Cotrona (AV2040), at 1-800-342-3715, ext. 4-4230.

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