



FEDERAL EXTRACT SUMMARY

Select Federal Policy Recommendations

Farm Bill 2007

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

TEFAP distributes surplus commodity food to low-income families and individuals:

- ◆ Increase TEFAP entitlement funding to \$250 million, adjusting for inflation in future years. Increase the TEFAP storage and distribution grant to \$100 million.
- ◆ Maintain the current process for States to administer the program, without adding bureaucratic barriers that would result in increased administrative costs and make it difficult for small emergency food programs to access TEFAP commodities.

Food Stamp Program (FSP)

FSP provides monthly benefits to eligible low-income families and individuals for the purchase of nutritious foods:

- ◆ Restore eligibility for all documented immigrants.
- ◆ Increase the resource limit and the list of exempt saving categories.
- ◆ Calculate benefit allotment using a more accurate and up-to-date measurement.
- ◆ Eliminate the face-to-face interview in favor of alternative methods of gathering and verifying information.
- ◆ Simplify household access to food stamps and public health insurance simultaneously, through combined application and outreach efforts, and by eliminating or minimizing work requirements.
- ◆ Prohibit the ability of states to require finger-imaging in order to receive FSP benefits.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

CSFP provides food packages specifically designed for low-income populations. Elderly adults age 60 and older account for 90 percent of program participants.

- ◆ Restructure CSFP to reflect its role as the national senior nutrition program, including renaming the program the "National Senior Nutrition Program", operating initially as a pilot with the goal of increasing funding to expand the program to all 50 states and all counties.

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

SFMNP provides annual benefits to low-income elderly adults.

- ◆ Authorize the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program as an entitlement program with independent sources of funding.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

EFSP funding subsidizes meals, groceries, lodging at shelters and other programs, one month's rent or mortgage payment, one month's utility bill, repairs for program facilities and necessary equipment.

- ◆ Increase funding by 42 percent over the next five years, to a FY 2012 funding level of \$214.59 million.

Community Food and Nutrition Program (CFNP)

CFNP funds the coordination of food assistance resources, the identification of potential sponsors for child nutrition programs and other programs in underserved areas, and the development of innovative approaches to meet the nutritional needs of low-income people.

- ◆ Fully fund CFNP at \$7.28 million.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC supplies low-income infants, children and pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women with vouchers for food, nutrition counseling, health screening and referrals for health and others services.

- ◆ Fund WIC at a level that allows the program to be fully implemented without a reduction of services and change WIC into an entitlement program with an independent source of funding.

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs provide cash and commodities to public and private schools, as a form of reimbursement for lunches and breakfasts.

- ◆ Appropriate increased funding for: meal reimbursements; start-up and expansion grants; administrative costs; and outreach to families with children.
- ◆ Create new funding sources to increase the amount of fruit and vegetables offered on the menu.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

SFSP funds centers that provide breakfasts and lunches to children ages 18 or younger during the summer months.

- ◆ Appropriate increased funding for: SFSP meal reimbursements; start-up and expansion grants; administrative costs; transportation of children and, where necessary, meals, to SFSP sites; toll-free hunger hotlines; and outreach to families with children.
- ◆ Expand the Simplified Summer Food Program (formerly the Lugar Pilot Program) to all states, which would enable sponsors to use a "meals x rate" reimbursement process.
- ◆ Expand the criteria for "open sites," where all children receive meals at no charge regardless of income, from the current requirement of at least 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals to 40 percent.

LIST OF SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS*

Alianza Dominicana
Ammi Evangelical Baptist Church
Blanche Memorial Church
Broadway Community Inc. (BCI)
Brooklyn AIDS Task Force
Brooklyn Rescue Mission
Cathedral Community Cares
Central Harlem Sobering Up Station, Inc.
Chance for Children
Child Development Support Corporation
Christian Fellowship Life Center Food Pantry
Church of God Feeding the Hungry
City Harvest, Inc.
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
Council of Jewish Orgs of S.I.
Crown Ministries International Inc.
East 233rd Street Senior Center
EJD PLACE
Episcopal Charities
Feed the Solution
First A.M.E. Bethel Church
FOCUS Churches of Albany
Food Bank For New York City
Food Bank for Westchester County, Food-PATCH
Food Bank of Central New York
Food Bank of the Southern Tier
FoodChange
Foodlink
Fraternite Notre Dame
Full Gospel Tabernacle of Faith
Glenridge Senior Citizen Multi Service & Advisory Center
Grand Concourse Community Service
Hanac Ravenswood NORC
Hands on New York, Inc.
Helping Hands Food Pantry
Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
Hope Center Development Corporation
HopeLine Resource Center for Community Development, Inc.
Hour Children
Hunger Action Network of New York State (HANNYS)
Island Harvest
Jackson Heights SDA Church Community Services
Jewish Community Center of Staten Island
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
Little Mt. Bethel Baptist Church
Long Island Cares
Macedonia Church of Christ
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
Moore Residence Home, Inc.
Neighbors Together
New Gethsemane B.C. Soup Kitchen
New Haven S.D.A. Temple
New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH)
New York City Emergency Food & Shelter Program
Nutrition Consortium of NYS
Part of the Solution (POTS)
Path of Blessing
Project Hospitality
Reaching-Out Community Services, Inc.
Reflection of God Ministry
Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York
Rescue Ministries Inc.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Saint Benedict the Moor Neighborhood Center, Inc.
Shout for Joy Baptist Church, Inc.
St. Edward Food Pantry
St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry
Stapleton U.A.M.E. Church
The Father's Heart Ministries
The Momentum Project, Inc.
Thorpe Family Residence
United Methodist Center
Village Temple Soup Kitchen
United Way of NYC Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program
West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH)
World Hunger Year
Yorkville Common Pantry

* as of June 2007