

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



March 30, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-20-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GRANTS

In an effort to help to further enhance access to families needing nutrition assistance USDA will award \$5 million in grants for projects aimed at simplifying the food stamp application and eligibility systems or improving access to food stamp benefits by eligible households. This year USDA intends to fund at least one proposal that involves a partnership between a State agency and one or more private non-profit organizations, including faith or community based organizations. In addition, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is interested in funding a proposal that consists of a partnership between State agencies that serve traditionally underserved and economically depressed geographic areas that overlap state boundaries. The due date for the grant application to FNS is June 7, 2006.

Grant applications can be found online at www.grants.gov or on the FNS website at www.fns.usda.gov/fsp . If you have any questions or you are interested in applying for this grant please contact, Ms. Detta Hunt at 916-653-6161 or you may email Ms. Hunt at detta.hunt@dss.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:RICHTON YEE, Chief
Food Stamp Branch