# **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

## Office of Community Services

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# Request for Applications Under the Office of Community Services' Fiscal Year 1995 Community Food and **Nutrition Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for applications under the Office of Community Services' Community Food and Nutrition Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Community Services (OCS) announces that competing applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the Secretary's discretionary authority under Section 681A of the Community Services Block Grant Act of 1981 as amended. This Program Announcement contains forms and instructions for submitting an application. Grants made under this Program Announcement are subject to the availability of funds for support of these activities.

**CLOSING DATE:** The closing date for submission of applications is March 21, 1995.

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# Part A—Preamble

## 1. Legislative Authority

The Community Services Block Grant Act as amended authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make funds available under several programs to support program activities which will result in direct benefits targeted to lowincome people. This Program Announcement covers the grant authority found at Section 681A, Community Food and Nutrition, which authorizes the Secretary to make funds available for grants to be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible entities for local and statewide programs (1) to coordinate existing private and public food assistance resources, whenever such coordination is determined to be inadequate, to better serve low-income communities; (2) to assist low-income communities to identify potential sponsors of child nutrition programs and to initiate new programs in underserved or unserved areas; and (3) to develop innovative approaches at the State and local levels to meet the nutrition needs of low-income people.

The Act also requires that 20 percent of appropriated funds in excess of \$6 million be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible agencies for nationwide programs, including programs benefitting Native Americans and Migrant Farmworkers.

## 2. Definitions of Terms

For purposes of this Program Announcement the following definitions apply:

- —Displaced worker: An individual who is in the labor market but has been unemployed for six months or longer.
- -Indian tribe: A tribe, band, or other organized group of Native American Indians recognized in the State or States in which it resides or considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian tribe or an Indian organization for any purpose.

Innovative project: One that departs from or significantly modifies past program practices and tests a new approach.

-Migrant Farmworker: An individual who works in agricultural employment of a seasonal or other temporary nature who is required to be absent from his/her place of permanent residence in order to secure such employment.

Seasonal farmworker: Any individual employed in agricultural work of a seasonal or other temporary nature who is able to remain at his/her place of permanent residence while employed.

Underserved area (as it pertains to child nutrition programs): A locality in which less than one-half of the low-income children eligible for assistance participate in any child nutrition program.

Budget Period: The term "budget period" refers to the interval of time into which a grant period of assistance (project period) is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.

- Eligible Entity: States and other public and private non-profit agencies/organizations including Community Action Agencies and agencies which administer nationwide programs. (see Part B.1.)
- Project Period: The term "project period" refers to the total time for which a project is approved for support, including any approved extensions.
- Self-Sufficiency: A condition where an individual or family does not need and is not eligible for public assistance.

# 3. Purpose of Community Food and Nutrition Program

The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to improving the overall health and nutritional well-being of individuals through improved preventive health care and promotion of personal responsibility. The Department encourages the approach to health promotion and nutritional responsibility