

One Hundred Eleventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the sixth day of January, two thousand and nine*

An Act

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, \$5,285,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Tribal Relations, \$1,000,000, to support communication and consultation activities with Federally Recognized Tribes, as well as other requirements established by law.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Economist, \$13,032,000.

NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Division, \$15,254,000.

The contents of this guidance document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

(d) Section 18(h)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(h)(5)) is amended by striking “2009” and inserting “2010”.

(e) Section 21(g)(1)(A)(ii) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b-1(g)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “and October 1, 2008” and inserting “October 1, 2008, and October 1, 2009”.

(f) Section 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended by striking “2009” and inserting “2010”.

(g)(1) From the funds made available under paragraph (5), the Secretary shall carry out demonstration projects to develop and test methods of providing access to food for children in urban and rural areas during the summer months when schools are not in regular session to—

(A) reduce or eliminate the food insecurity and hunger of children; and

(B) improve the nutritional status of children.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term “children” means low-income children, as specified by the Secretary.

(3)(A) From the funds made available under paragraph (5), the Secretary shall provide for an independent evaluation of the demonstration projects carried out under this subsection, which shall use rigorous methodologies, including—

(i) random assignment of children or schools, where practicable; or

(ii) if random assignment of children or schools is not practicable, quasi-experimental or other methods that are capable of producing scientifically valid information regarding which projects are effective in achieving the purposes described in paragraph (1).

(B)(i) Not later than December 31, 2010, and each December 31 thereafter until the completion of the last evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A) the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes—

(I) the status of each demonstration project carried out under this subsection; and

(II) the results of the evaluations conducted under subparagraph (A) for the previous fiscal year.

(ii) Not later than 120 days after the completion of the last evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes recommendations on how to improve children’s access to food during the summer months when school is not in regular session.

(4) The Secretary may use funds made available under paragraph (5) to pay—

(A) participant benefits;

(B) the added administrative expenses incurred by participating organizations as a result of participating in a project under this subsection;

(C) costs associated with outreach to potential participants and potential sponsoring organizations; and

(D) costs associated with soliciting, administering, monitoring, and evaluating each demonstration project carried out under this subsection.

(5)(A) On October 1, 2009, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$85,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(B) The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this subsection the funds transferred under subparagraph (A), without further appropriation.

(h)(1)(A) From the funds made available under subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall provide assistance through grants to State agencies administering the National School Lunch Program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) with the lowest rates of children certified for free meals pursuant to paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 9(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(4); 1758(b)(5)) for the purpose of improving such rates.

(B) Under the terms and conditions established by the Secretary, a State receiving grant funds under this subsection may use such funds to pay costs related to improving the rate of direct certification in such State, including the costs related to—

- (i) making technology improvements;
- (ii) providing technical assistance to local educational agencies;
- (iii) implementing a new or revised direct certification system in such State and in the local educational agencies of such State; and
- (iv) using multiple public means tested benefits programs for the purpose of direct certification.

(C)(i) On October 1, 2009, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out this paragraph \$22,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(ii) The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this paragraph the funds transferred under clause (i), without further appropriation.

(2)(A) From the funds made available under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall provide technical assistance to assist States receiving grants under paragraph (1), and other States, as appropriate, in improving the rates of direct certification.

(B)(i) On October 1, 2009, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out this paragraph \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(ii) The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this paragraph the funds transferred under clause (i), without further appropriation.

(i)(1) From the funds made available under paragraph (4), in carrying out the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children established by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786 et seq.) (in this subsection referred to as the “program”) during fiscal year 2010, the Secretary shall provide performance bonus payments to State agencies that demonstrate—

- (A) the highest proportion of breastfed infants, as compared to other State agencies participating in the program; or