

*New Hampshire Implementation -American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*

Program Title:           **Commodity Assistance Program**

Short Description:    Increase in commodities and funds for distribution costs that will provide additional food, to food distribution programs, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide:    \$150,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds:    \$341,340

Granting Agency:       U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Managing Agency:    N.H. Department of Administrative Services, (Belknap CAP)

Status:                Allocations released

Award Criteria:        75% of funds for each fiscal year allocated to States on share of households in supplemental nutrition assistance program.  
25% of funds for each fiscal year allocated to States on the increase in households in the supplemental nutrition assistance program over the last 12 month period.

Time Line for use:    By April 17, 2009, the Secretary of Agriculture will make funds available to States.

Details:                ARRA - page 5.

General TEFAP site, not updated for stimulus as of 3/3/09

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>

2/26/09 Memo USDA:

“Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The ARRA provides TEFAP \$150 million in additional funding. Under the ARRA, the Secretary may use up to \$50 million of that total for costs associated with the distribution of commodities, including up to \$25 million in fiscal year 2009.

Funds provided through the ARRA are intended to be obligated quickly; therefore, State agencies should begin identifying food and administrative needs immediately. We will be in touch with you shortly with more information about the ARRA and the availability of food and related distribution costs for TEFAP.”

Of the \$341,340 granted, \$272,935 is funded for food while \$68,405 is funded for administration.

All information is the best available as of 5/7/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.