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SUBJECT: Solicitation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 WIC Special Project Grants

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TO: WIC State Agencies

Alexandria, VA
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The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is soliciting applications for FY 2008 WIC Special Project Grants (both Special Project Full Grants and Concept Paper Development Grants). FNS expects to set aside up to \$500,000 to support WIC Special State projects. The awards will be made by September 30, 2008 as cooperative agreements, pending availability of funds. Concept Paper Development funding for FY 2008 will be used to develop a concept into a full grant proposal for the FY 2009 solicitation cycle.

Please note that FNS must receive all grant applications by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Thursday, April 3, 2008.

As FNS has done since FY 1999, WIC State Agencies may submit applications under the theme of "Revitalizing Quality Nutrition Services in WIC (RQNS)."

- For the Full Grant applications, the single RQNS focus area for FY 2008 is: (1) Impacts of Whole Grain Foods in WIC Food Packages. In addition, Concept Paper Development Grants funded in FY 2007 will be treated as meeting an eligible focus area for FY 2008 Full Grant funding.
- For the Concept Paper Development Grant applications for FY 2008, the RQNS focus areas are: (1) Impacts of Upcoming Changes in WIC Food Packages; and (2) Process Evaluation for a Breastfeeding Training Model.

A grant proposal may address one--and only one--of the designated focus areas. State agencies may not submit more than one proposal for either a Full Grant or a Concept Paper Development Grant, although a single State agency may submit one proposal for a Full Grant and a second proposal for a Concept Paper Development Grant.

Extensive dissemination of the results of successful projects is expected at the end of each project, so that other State agencies will have the opportunity to replicate projects and/or learn from the results.

Any State agency planning to apply for FY 2008 WIC Special Project Grant funding should submit an "**Intent to Submit an Application**" form by Wednesday, February 20, 2008 for Full Grant applications and by Wednesday, March 5, 2008 for a Concept Paper Development Grant, using the attachment in the Request for Application. As noted, a State agency that applies for a FY 2008 WIC Special Project Full Grant may also submit a separate application for FY 2008 Concept Paper Development funding.

Applications/proposals may be submitted either in hard copy or electronically. Electronic applications must be submitted directly at <http://www.grants.gov/>. This is a government website designed for electronic submission of applications/proposals. We advise that you allow ample time to familiarize yourself with the system's requirements. You will need both a Data Universal Number (DUNS) and a Contract Registry Number to access the system. You may contact Dun and Bradstreet at 1-800-234-3867 to obtain a DUNS number if you do not have one already.

Attached are the FY 2008 WIC Special Project Grants Requests for Applications for Full Grants (**Application A**) and the Concept Paper Development Grants (**Application B**). The submission of an application does NOT guarantee funding. Please read the contents of this package carefully to ensure that all required documents are submitted.

Applications should be submitted to:

**Veronica Ferrell, Grants Officer
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
Grants Management Division
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 738
Alexandria, VA 22302.**

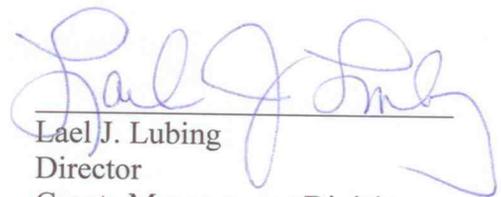
Applications for both packages are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Thursday, April 3, 2008. It is your responsibility to meet the deadline. Applications submitted by direct e-mail or fax will not be accepted. Late applications will not be considered in the competition. Furthermore, we will not consider additions or revisions to applications once applications are received.

Please carefully review the application package(s). If there are any questions regarding this solicitation, please contact Veronica Ferrell of the Grants Management Division via email at veronica.ferrell@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Steven Carlson
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Attachments