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**SUBJECT:** Solicitation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 WIC Special Project Grants

3101 Park  
Center Drive

**TO:** WIC State Agencies

Alexandria, VA  
22302-1500

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is soliciting applications for FY 2010 WIC Special Project Grants (both Special Project Full Grants and Concept Paper Development Grants). FNS expects to set aside up to \$3 million to support WIC Special State projects. The awards will be made by September 30, 2010 as cooperative agreements, pending availability of funds. Concept Paper Development funding for FY 2010 will be used to develop a concept into a full grant proposal for the FY 2011 solicitation cycle.

Development Grants for FY 2010 must address the issues of critical and timely importance to the WIC Program. Full Grants are open for consideration from all WIC related program areas and may cover the general WIC population or specific segments of the WIC population.

WIC Concept Paper Development Grants for FY 2010 are to focus on WIC Program areas that promote greater retention of children participating in WIC.

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 2010 WIC Special Project Grant funding may wish to submit an **“Intent to Submit an Application” form by Monday, March 8, 2010** for Full Grant applications and for a Concept Paper Development Grant, using the attachment in the Request for Application. As noted, a State agency that applies for a FY 2010 WIC Special Project Full Grant may also submit a separate application for FY 2010 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 2010 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.

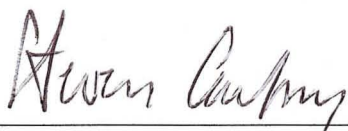
Applications should be submitted to:

**Leslie Byrd, Grants Officer**  
**Food and Nutrition Service, USDA**  
**Grants & Fiscal Policy Division**  
**WIC Special Project Grants**  
**3101 Park Center Drive, Room 738**  
**Alexandria, VA 22302**

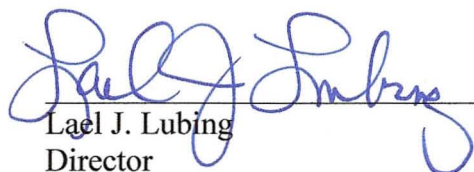
**Applications are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Friday, April 16, 2009 for a Full Grant proposal and for a Concept Paper. It is your responsibility to meet the deadlines. Applications submitted by direct e-mail or fax will not be accepted. Late applications will not be considered 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 Leslie Byrd, Grants & Fiscal Policy Division via email at [leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov](mailto:leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov).

Sincerely,



Steven Carlson  
Director  
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Lael J. Lubing  
Director  
Grants and Fiscal Policy Division

Attachments