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Food and  
Nutrition  
Service

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Dear State Director:

You are invited to apply for a 2012 Team Nutrition (TN) Training Grant(s). TN Training Grants are one of the anchor delivery systems for supporting the implementation of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition requirements and the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* in Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) child nutrition programs.

Up to \$5.5 million is anticipated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 for TN Training Grants, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The funding period will be from September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2014. The maximum amount of funding awarded to an individual State will be \$350,000. Each State may submit up to two applications on behalf of all interested Child Nutrition State agencies within that State. States may submit an application for a competitive grant, a non-competitive grant, or both as described below. States must submit separate applications for the competitive and non-competitive grants. If sending two applications, both must be submitted from the same State agency.

Please note the following changes to the 2012 TN Training Grants:

- Approximately \$1.5 million will be set aside to provide **non-competitive** grants (up to \$50,000) to any SA that **did not receive** a non-competitive grant in FY 2011 and commits to specific strategies to increase the number of certified HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) schools.
- SAs that do not apply for a non-competitive HUSSC grant must include a HUSSC component in the competitive grant application.

**Critical Dates for the 2012 TNT Grants:**

<b>March 15, 2012</b>	Intent to Submit an Application is due to FNS
<b>April 27, 2012</b>	Applications are due to FNS by 5:00 pm EDT
<b>September 2012</b>	TN Training Grants will be awarded

If there are any questions regarding the TN Training Grant RFA, please contact Leslie Byrd, Grants Officer in the Grants and Fiscal Policy Division via email at [leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov](mailto:leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov)

Sincerely,

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Enclosures