



## FY2014 SNAP RECIPIENT TRAFFICKING PREVENTION GRANT SUMMARIES

### **1. Florida Department of Child and Family Services (FL)**

Florida Department of Child and Family Services will convert their electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS) from batch processing to a web service platform. This grant will fund the State procurement of contracted services to modify their eDRS system to accommodate authentication and other requirements of this new platform. Awarded \$345,576.

### **2. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (KY)**

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services will partner with the Department for Community Based Services to implement multifaceted, innovative strategies to better respond to the various forms of SNAP trafficking in the State. This grant will fund partnerships with law enforcement agencies across the State to uncover the resale of goods purchased with SNAP benefits; train law enforcement and community partners to identify possible SNAP trafficking; monitor social media sites for potential sale of SNAP benefits; improve processes to increase efficiency of administrative disqualification hearings and communication across State agencies; and work with USDA to coordinate retailer and recipient investigations. Awarded \$1,189,890.

### **3. Missouri Department of Social Services (MO)**

Missouri Department of Social Services will focus on work with key stakeholders to target recipient traffickers in the act of person-to-person solicitation. The grant will utilize data to target areas with the highest likelihood of person-to-person trafficking while establishing a presence in those areas in order to detect persons in the act of soliciting to sale or purchase SNAP benefits. Awarded \$599,642.

### **4. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (OH)**

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will convert from batch to online processing for the electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS). This grant will fund the procurement of contracted services to assist the State in completing this conversion by the end of calendar year 2014. Awarded \$15,000.

### **5. Oregon Department of Human Services (OR)**

Oregon Department of Human Services will implement benefit trafficking detection and investigation based on Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. This grant will fund the hiring of additional State personnel in the Fraud Investigation Unit (FIU) to analyze participants' locations, transactions, and shopping patterns to create reliable leads for detailed investigations. This grant will also incorporate information about recipient trafficking into the State's "Basic SNAP Eligibility" training course. Awarded \$314,844.

#### **6. Tennessee Department of Human Services (TN)**

Tennessee Department of Human Services will implement a Business Process Reengineering (BPR) project to better understand current business processes employed by the State to mitigate SNAP recipient trafficking. The grant funding will be used by the Program Integrity Unit to develop a comprehensive program of SNAP trafficking detection and prevention by leveraging success in current SNAP assessment activities, conducting a thorough analysis of business procedures, and establishing community/government partnerships to mitigate SNAP trafficking. This will allow the state to develop a sustainability plan to continuously improve redesign processes for prevention, investigation, and prosecution of SNAP trafficking. Awarded \$1,484,618.

#### **7. Washington Department of Social and Health Services (WA)**

Washington Department of Social and Health Services will dedicate resources to target social media and e-commerce trafficking of SNAP benefits. The grant funds will be used to hire two additional Office of Fraud and Accountability investigators as well as provide for the reimbursement of Washington State Patrol commissioned officers who will support fraud investigators in undercover operations across the State. The additional investigators will allow the State to increase geographic reach of SNAP social media and e-commerce benefit trafficking investigations and prosecutions. Awarded \$750,984.

#### **8. Michigan Department of Human Services (MI)**

Michigan Department of Human Services will implement their SNAP Anti-Trafficking Optimization Pilot (STOP) program. The grant funds will cover cost to enhance the Benefit Trafficking Unit (BTU), procure social media monitoring technology, and print public awareness posters. BTU agents will gain equipment and technology which will assist in conducting real time SNAP investigations. The procurement of Meltwater Buzz, a social media monitoring platform, will provide the State with a better account of social media benefits trafficking. The public awareness campaign will ensure that citizens are aware of their duties and responsibilities concerning SNAP. Awarded \$176,656.

#### **7. Nevada Department of Welfare and Support Services (NV)**

Nevada Department of Welfare and Support Services will convert their electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS) from batch processing to the web service system. This grant will fund the State's personnel cost associated with upgrading their eDRS system. Awarded \$230,263.