



Food and
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Service

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SUBJECT: Update on Funds Available for the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Programs

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TO: Regional Directors
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On December 26, 2018, the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced an orderly partial shutdown due to the expiration of the second continuing resolution for fiscal year 2019 (P.L. 115-298). With funding provided under the terms and conditions of the prior continuing resolution, FNS was able to fund Child Nutrition Programs at least through January.

We understand the uncertainty that these circumstances present for FNS customers and partners nationwide, and that program operators are concerned about the continued availability of funds to support program operations. To address such concerns and ensure that programs can continue to operate without threat of disruption, FNS has provided State Agencies with additional available appropriated funding. These funds, along with those previously provided, can support program operations at normal levels well into the month of March. The Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and State Administrative Expenses.

FNS staff continue to be furloughed pending reinstatement of funding by Congress, and will not be available by phone or email. They cannot carry out normal work functions until funding is restored.

State agencies are expected to continue to administer the program in accordance with Federal statute and regulations. Please direct any questions regarding the lapse in funding to your Regional Office.

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