

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Plan Update

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This document provides an update to the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ARRA Plan. The update follows the original plan.

Original Plan (as posted on the Recovery.gov web site)

Objectives

Program Purpose

FDPIR is a Federal program that provides a monthly food package to over 90,000 low-income individuals living on Indian reservations and to Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in the State of Oklahoma. ARRA provides \$5 million in funding for facility improvements and equipment upgrades for FDPIR program operations.

Public Benefits

Indian Tribal Organizations and State agencies will use the funds to meet critical needs, including the repair of roofs and loading docks at warehouses, the purchase or repair of coolers and freezers, and the purchase or repair of trucks used for food delivery.

FDPIR's authorizing legislation gives the Secretary discretion to pay such amounts he deems necessary for the effective administration of FDPIR by an ITO or State Agency. Each year, ITOs and State Agencies submit proposed administrative budgets and FNS approves those allowable expenses that are reasonable and necessary. FNS proposes that the stimulus funding would be allocated similarly. FNS asked ITOs and State agencies to submit their requests for FDPIR stimulus funding and has prioritized those requests to fund those projects that are most critical.

FNS Regional Offices will amend their existing agreements with the ITOs and State agencies responsible for administering FDPIR to include ARRA requirements in administering these new ARRA-funded projects. There is no cost-sharing for the use of these funds as there is with the regular program funding.

Measures

The measures have been revised to enrich the performance metrics for Recovery targets. In some instances, targets will not be available until additional baseline data has been collected.

- February 11, 2009 - In anticipation of the passage of ARRA, FNS sent a letter to ITOs and State agencies requesting information regarding their equipment and facility improvement needs through September 30, 2010.
- February 26, 2009 - FNS sent ITOs and State agencies an informational memo advising them of the provision and that more information would follow.
- March 3, 2009 – FNS regional offices collected information from ITOs and State agencies regarding equipment and facility needs. Regional offices reviewed the reported needs to ensure the needs represented allowable costs that are reasonable and necessary and that the proposed expenses met the purpose of the funding as defined in ARRA (i.e., equipment upgrades and facility improvements).
- April 1, 2009 - FNS regional offices provided a priority listing of the reported needs to FNS National Office. Priority #1 requests total \$4.5 million. Priority #2 requests total \$3.6 million. Priority #3 and below total \$7.6 million.
- May 4, 2009 - Confirm equipment and facility needs and priorities with ITOs and State agencies.
- June 2009 – FDPIR funds plan to be obligated and allocated to ITOs and State agencies by this date.
- July 2009 – Initial projects should begin by July 2009.
- All outlays by ITOs and State agencies will occur by the end of FY 2010.

Milestones

Milestone	Completion Date
Receive input including prioritization from ITOs and State agencies regarding equipment and facility needs.	05/04/2009
Obligate ARRA FDPIR funds.	06/30/2009
Complete all ARRA-funded projects.	09/30/2010

Projects and Activities

Indian Tribal Organizations and State agencies will use the funds to meet critical needs related to the implementation of the FDPIR program such as the repair of roofs and loading docks at warehouses, the purchase or repair of coolers and freezers, and the purchase or repair of trucks used for food delivery.

Review Process

ARRA FDPIR funds are mandatory, meaning that separate financial accounting of the funds is required but the recipient-level reporting required by Section 1512 of the Recovery Act does not apply. FNS will continue to use existing monitoring activities to obtain information on the implementation of ARRA funding in the States and ITOs. Each ITO and State Agency that administers FDPIR has executed a Federal-State Agreement with FNS that requires the ITO/State Agency to comply with federal statutes, regulations, and other directives, especially in regard to the use of federal funding. FNS will require the ITOs and State Agencies to submit new ARRA financial reports to separately track ARRA funding. ITOs and State Agencies will submit Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, to request ARRA funding. This form includes assurances that the ITO/State Agency will use the funding for a specific approved purpose.

The use of the funds will be monitored by an ARRA-specific Standard Form 425, Federal Financial Report. ARRA financial reports will be required on a quarterly basis. FNS will also draw on any audit finding associated specific ARRA audits conducted by GAO and OIG, using these findings as a source of additional data to identify and then resolve any issues related to implementation.

In addition to reviewing planned and actual expenditures, FNS conducts on-site financial and programmatic monitoring of FDPIR; these on-site efforts will now include a specific module on the review of ARRA activities. The programmatic review process is referred to as a Management Evaluations (ME) of FDPIR program operations. MEs are used to determine that needed equipment has been procured (MEs include a review of records, such as the equipment and vehicle record, which must be updated and maintained by the ITO/State agency). On-site reviews will be used to monitor the satisfactory completion of facility improvements, such as roof repairs and cooling/heating system replacement.

Cost and Performance Plan

All FNS plans, guidance to States, allocation formulas and State-by-State funding allocations, press releases, and performance information are available on the FNS web site in a space dedicated to ARRA implementation: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery>. In addition to the FNS website, FNS provides updates to the Congress and hunger and nutrition advocacy organizations to ensure they are aware of our activities and to seek their feedback on FNS ARRA activities. FNS also monitors the media for any stories on FNS ARRA activities.

Since ARRA supports and enhances existing programs, the accountability structure related to ARRA implementation mirrors the existing management accountability structure for current operations. Each program is led by a senior manager who reports to one of the Agency's Associate Administrators. ARRA-related program plans are reviewed weekly by the appropriate Associate Administrator, and FNS holds an ARRA implementation meeting once a week to review progress, identify and resolve barriers to implementation, and discuss means of ensuring transparency.

The FNS ARRA implementation plan includes key outcomes and outputs, milestones, individuals responsible, and timeframes; this plan is available on the FNS web site.

Energy Efficiency Spending Plans

not applicable

Program Plan Award Types

No Data Available

[Source](#)

Plan Update (06.18.10)

The ARRA FDPIR investments in equipment and facilities upgrades have been implemented according to the original plan. FDPIR items being funded with ARRA monies include: delivery trucks, coolers and freezers, forklifts and pallet jacks, roof repairs, warehouse expansions, loading dock improvements, heating and cooling system repairs, installation of security features, and the addition/expansion of space for nutrition education activities. Two examples of these investments are provided at the end of this update.

The following represent updates to the milestones and performance measures.

Milestones

The following objective: “Obligate ARRA FDPIR funds” with a completion date of 06/30/2009 is revised to change the completion date to 09/30/2010.

Performance Measures

Measure	Target/Actual			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
[-]Funds expended.	\$2,211,076/\$2,211,076	\$2,788,924/	-	-

Measure Information

Frequency: Annual

Direction: Increasing

Type: Output

Explanation: The amount of ARRA funds expended each by recipients (Indian Tribal Organizations and State Agencies).

Unit : Dollars

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[-]Repair/improvement projects completed 30/30

Measure	Target/Actual			
	2009	2010	2011	2012

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Measure Information

Frequency: Annual

Direction: Increasing

Type: Output

Explanation: The number of repair/improvement projects completed by ITOs and State agencies with ARRA funds.

Unit : Completed Projects (cumulative)

[-]Number of FDPIR participants benefiting from repair/improvement projects

Measure Deleted

[+] Households with very low food security (new measure)

Measure Information

Frequency: Annual

Direction : Decreasing 400,000/ 350,000/ 300,000/ target not set

Type : Outcome

Explanation: The number of households with very low food security among children is reported annually in the *Household Food Security in the United States* report published annually by the USDA Economic Research Service. In households with very low food security among children, the food intake of one or more children was reduced, and their normal eating patterns were disrupted because of the household's food insecurity (lack of dependable access to enough food for active, healthy living).

Unit : Number of households

Examples

The Yerington Paiute Tribe Commodity Food Program was awarded a grant to purchase a refrigerated delivery truck with ARRA Funds. The Tribe located near Yerington, Nevada provides service to sixteen reservations in Nevada and California. Some of the reservations are very remote and must be reached by dirt roads in all types of weather. The new delivery truck will make access to the reservations much easier and ensure the foods will arrive to the clients in an efficient manner. Frozen meat items will arrive still frozen and vegetables and fruit will arrive at a cool temperature. Clients have commented in a positive manner on the truck and staff responsible for getting the deliveries on time and on the quality of the service.



The Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians recently benefited from American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) funds provided through USDA's Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The tribal organization suffered flooding in its Odanah, Wisconsin, food distribution office, rendering the building unusable as a food distribution site. Using ARRA funds, the tribe was able to have the roof replaced and other damage repaired. Thanks to ARRA, the building is operational, serving 184 individuals who can once again rely on their local distribution site as a source for food.

Before ARRA Investment



After ARRA Investment

