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Boston, MA 02222

Iwona Ramian, SNAP Administrator
Department of Human Services
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Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Ms. ~~Ramian~~:

Iwona,

This letter grants approval of Rhode Island's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018. Subject to the availability of Federal funds, we are approving the amounts specified below:

Federal Funds:	\$604,181.00
State Funds:	\$604,181.00
Total Funds:	\$1,208,362.00

Please refer to the SNAP Outreach Plan Guidance from 2017 that describes the process of a 50 percent reimbursement program. SNAP Outreach is not a match program in which every dollar of State agency funds is paired with a dollar of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) funds to pay expenditures. It is a reimbursement program in which State agencies pay approved, reasonable and necessary administrative costs and are reimbursed for 50 percent of those expenditures by FNS.

The Federal funding is granted with the understanding that this funding supports the implementation of outreach activities to inform low-income households about the availability, eligibility requirements, application procedures and the benefits of SNAP. All expenditures associated with this funding must be reasonable and necessary to carry out the approved plan. Should FNS identify activities and costs that cannot be justified or require further clarification, FNS reserves the right to request additional documentation and/or may withhold funds for any questionable portion of activities.

All programs operating under this plan's approval are subject to Federal review. We will notify you in advance of all review activity during the period of operations.

As a reminder, please submit a final report on the FFY 2017 activities by **December 31, 2017**. A suggested report template can be found in the SNAP Outreach Plan Guidance from 2017. Plan amendment requests for the FFY 2018 plan may be submitted up to July 1, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pamela Griffin, at (617) 565-6478 or Pamela.Griffin@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Brathwaite, Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Northeast Region

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