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Boston, MA 02222

Iwona Ramian, SNAP Administrator
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Dear Ms. ~~Ramian~~ *Iwona*:

Thank you for submitting Rhode Island's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) Plan. This is the first year of the three-year approved plan which covers FFYs 2018-2020. Subject to the availability of Federal funds, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) grants approval of your plan and corresponding budget of \$1,334,026. The FFY 2018 grant funding will be available for expenditure over a two-year period.

The Federal funding is granted with the understanding that this funding supports the implementation of nutrition education activities to improve the likelihood that SNAP recipients and eligibles make healthy food choices and choose a physically active lifestyle. 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.

Please submit a final report on the FFY 2017 activities by January 31, 2018. Additionally, as part of the budget process, States are required to inform FNS by the December 31, 2017 the amount of its prior year allocation that it cannot or does not plan to obligate for SNAP-Ed activities by the end of FFY 2018. Plan amendment requests for the FFY 2018 plan may be submitted up to May 1, 2018.

We are available to provide any needed technical assistance and consultation in developing, implementing and evaluating your SNAP-Ed plan and activities. Please contact Pamela Griffin at (617) 565-6478 or email at Pamela.Griffin@fns.usda.gov if you have any questions or need further technical assistance.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Brathwaite, Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
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cc: Kimberly Nikolaidis
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