DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Executive Office on Aging

Program: Congregate Nutrition Services

Award: $325,000

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1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:
    a. A brief summary of the program/project, including goals
    Funds associated with the DHHS's Administration on Aging (AoA) support existing nutrition services established by the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, including nutritious meals, nutrition education and other appropriate nutrition services for older Americans in order to maintain health, independence and quality of life. Meals will be served in a congregate setting. Specifically, ARRA funding for Congregate Nutrition Services will augment existing resources, replace revenue lost from local sources due to the economic downturn, and support the continued delivery of meals to vulnerable older Americans. Congregate meals help seniors to maintain their health and avoid hospitalization and nursing home placement.
    b. Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or country agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;
    Funds were appropriated by the Administration on Aging as a formula-grant to the State of Hawaii, Executive office on Aging (EOA). Grant No: 09AAHIC1RR
    c. Whether matching funds are required, and, if so: "Federal participation cannot exceed 85% of the total service costs." Therefore the required match is 15%.
        i. Are they available; Yes. County funds and program income.
        ii. Have they been secured; Yes
        iii. If they have not been secured, why not; and N/A
        iv. Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future; No
    d. If there additional requirements to receive funds, what are they; N/A The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009 – 2010 or FFY 2009 – 2010);
    The award total was $325,000 and must be expended within FFY 2009 - 2010.
    e. What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;
    Funds were intended to provide supplemental funding for existing congregate nutrition programs for the elderly, in this case, managed through Area Agencies on Aging of the counties (AAAs). The project meets program goals by ensuring continued services, providing meals to currently eligible seniors and expanding services to the newly

eligible. Area Agencies on Aging and congregate meal providers in the State of Hawaii will use ARRA funding to hire or retain cooks, dishwashers, food servers, and administrative personnel.

f. Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;
EOA received funds through AoA the same as with Title III Nutrition Services coordinated with county agencies to ensure existing programs met the ARR requirements, and to execute contract to reflect that fact.

g. The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;
The activities under this grant conform to the Nutrition Service Standards for the Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Program, Title III-C of the Older American Act, as revised and issued by the Executive Office on Aging May, 2000.

h. Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;
Activities are identical to and extend the resources for concurrent federally funded nutrition services offered through EOA and AAAs. Services have had waitlists or reduced hours before this grant award. No prior public comment was sought.

i. Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
Normal state and county procurement practices were followed and duly documented.

j. Measures employed to 1) reduce duplication of efforts, 2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and 3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;
The Department of Health has published draft guidance for internal programs as well as an internal ARR Oversight Committee to assure timeliness and accuracy, and to scrutinize for waste, fraud, error, and abuse. This Committee convenes monthly or as needed. In turn, the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism also provide oversight and guidance. The grant funds were awarded by EOA to AAAs in separate contracts for ARRA funds only, and these include all the ARRA Terms and Conditions. These contracts and services are monitored by EOA which also provides technical assistance to the AAAs.

k. Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed; and
Authorization to expend funds was sought and approved. The counties and their sub-contractors have already begun operations in light of additional funding, i.e. staff retained, more meals delivered, etc.

l. Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.

Jobs retained/created cannot be calculated at this time. The long-term public benefit of the project is greater gainful employment and maintenance and improvement in the quality of life and health of seniors in need.