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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Anti-hunger Empower-
3 ment Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In 2005 the number of Americans in house-
7 holds facing hunger or food insecurity was
8 35,000,000, which is 4,000,000 more Americans
9 than in 1999. In such year 12,000,000 children,
10 which is 17 percent of all American children, lived
11 in these households.

12 (2) In 2005 according to the United States De-
13 partment of Agriculture, only 60 percent of eligible
14 Americans received benefits from the food stamp
15 program.

16 (3) Administrative burdens involved in securing
17 food stamp benefits are particularly burdensome for
18 working families.

19 (4) In 2005 more than 25,000,000 people in
20 the United States, of whom 9,000,000 were children,
21 were forced to rely upon more than 43,000 soup
22 kitchens, food pantries, and other charitable feeding
23 programs.

24 (5) The charitable food distribution system in
25 the United States would benefit from increased co-
26 ordination and technical assistance.

1 (6) Helping those who use feeding programs to
2 move “beyond the soup kitchen,” by promoting the
3 values of community, opportunity, and responsibility,
4 is a national priority.

5 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
6 **FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977**

7 **SEC. 101. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

8 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE COST SHARING AND QUALITY
9 CONTROL.—Section 16(k) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
10 (7 U.S.C. 2025(k)) is amended by striking subsection (k)
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(k) ADMINISTRATIVE COST FOR INCREASING AC-
13 CESS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
14 tion, the Secretary is authorized to pay to each State
15 agency an amount equal to 75 percent of the administra-
16 tive costs incurred by the State agency in carrying out
17 new activities not previously funded by the State—

18 “(1) to increase the number of hours that food
19 stamp offices are open on weekends and nights if
20 there is neither a decrease in the total number of
21 food stamp offices that are open in the State nor a
22 decrease in the number of hours such offices are
23 open during regular work week;

24 “(2) to conduct verifiable activities to reduce
25 the average wait time that applicants spend at food

1 stamp offices or to reduce the average number of of-
2 fice visits required of applicants;

3 “(3) to accept applications for food stamp ben-
4 efit by means of the Internet;

5 “(4) to upgrade computer systems and tech-
6 nology in ways that specifically increase access to
7 the food stamp program;

8 “(5) at the time of application, to provide appli-
9 cants with a checklist listing all documents required
10 for a complete food stamp application.”.

11 (b) REDUCTION OF BURDENSOME AND DUPLICATIVE
12 OFFICE VISITS; PROHIBITION OF FINGERPRINTING.—
13 Section 11(e)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
14 2020(e)(2)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting “; and”,

17 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (A) by striking “In” and inserting “that
19 in”, and

20 (B) in clause (vii) by striking the period at
21 the end and inserting “; and”,

22 (3) in subparagraph (D) by inserting the fol-
23 lowing before the semicolon at the end: “, and the
24 fingerprint of any member of a household shall not
25 be required for the purpose of participating in the

1 food stamp program or for issuance of benefits for
2 which the household would otherwise be eligible”,

3 (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and
4 (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively, and

5 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(C) that the State agency shall inform house-
8 holds, at the time of application, that—

9 “(i) household members are not required
10 to appear in person at the time of application,
11 or at any other time, unless—

12 “(I) expressly required by this Act; or

13 “(II) in accordance with clause (ii);

14 and

15 “(ii) if the State agency has a basis to rea-
16 sonably believe that information provided by a
17 household is incorrect or that a household has
18 failed to provide information required for par-
19 ticipation in the food stamp program, then the
20 State agency shall—

21 “(I) provide to the household a writ-
22 ten statement notifying the household of
23 such belief; specifying the factual basis of
24 such belief, informing the household of the
25 applicable information that is believed to

1 be incorrect or missing, and instructing the
2 household how to correct or to provide the
3 appropriate information; and

4 “(II) not require any member of such
5 household to appear in person unless either
6 the household fails to provide the appro-
7 priate information or the State agency can-
8 not verify the accuracy of information the
9 household provides in response to the re-
10 quest made under this subparagraph by
11 the State agency;”.

12 **SEC. 102. COMPARATIVE PROGRESS REPORT.**

13 Section 18 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
14 2027) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(g) The Secretary shall submit a single, unified, an-
16 nual report to the appropriate committees of the Congress
17 on the comparative progress of States in improving access
18 to the food stamp program. The following statistics shall
19 be included in the report with respect to each particular
20 State:

21 “(1) The percentage of food stamp program ap-
22 plications processed within the 30-day period re-
23 quired by this Act.

1 “(2) The average number of days required to
2 process expedited applications for food stamp bene-
3 fits.

4 “(3) The average number of days required to
5 process regular applications for food stamp benefits.

6 “(4) The average number of office visits that
7 each applicant makes to receive food stamp benefits.

8 “(5) Statewide negative errors rates.

9 “(6) The overall participation rate of house-
10 holds that are eligible to participate in the food
11 stamp program.

12 “(7) The information specified in paragraphs
13 (1) through (6) for a particular geographical area in
14 such State.”.

15 **TITLE II—ANTI-HUNGER GRANTS** 16 **PROGRAM**

17 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

18 This title may be cited as the “Beyond the Soup
19 Kitchen Grants Program Act of 2007”.

20 **SEC. 202. BEYOND THE SOUP KITCHEN PILOT PROGRAM.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Sec-
22 retary shall establish a pilot program, to be known as the
23 “Beyond the Soup Kitchen Pilot Program”, in accordance
24 with this title.

1 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the pilot program
2 are—

3 (1) to provide grant assistance to a primary
4 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
5 group in each pilot community for purposes of allo-
6 cating subgrants to other community-based non-
7 profit feeding and anti-hunger groups in such com-
8 munity; and

9 (2) to provide technical assistance grants.

10 **SEC. 203. SELECTION OF PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED**
11 **NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER**
12 **GROUPS AND SUBGRANTEES.**

13 (a) GRANTS TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NON-
14 PROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS.—Under
15 the pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
16 award not more than 30 grants to primary community-
17 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in ac-
18 cordance with this section.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for an award of a
20 grant for a fiscal year under this section, a community-
21 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group shall sub-
22 mit to the Secretary an application that contains a de-
23 scription of how the applicant proposes to use the grant
24 funds to implement the components of the pilot program
25 listed in subsection (c) in the pilot community of the com-

1 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group.
2 The application shall be submitted in such form, at such
3 time, and containing such other information as the Sec-
4 retary may require.

5 (c) PILOT PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—An application
6 for a grant under this section shall contain the following
7 components:

8 (1) PROGRAMS COMPONENT.—A program com-
9 ponent that describes, with respect to a target popu-
10 lation of a pilot community and in accordance with
11 section 204, programs designed for the following
12 purposes:

13 (A) To reduce hunger in such target popu-
14 lation.

15 (B) To increase the use of nutrition assist-
16 ance and anti-poverty programs by such target
17 population.

18 (C) To bolster food security within such
19 target population.

20 (D) To assist individuals and families
21 within such target population to develop assets.

22 (E) To promote the economic independence
23 of individuals and families within such target
24 population.

1 (F) To improve the nutrition of such tar-
2 get population.

3 (G) To reduce the occurrence of obesity in
4 such target population.

5 (2) COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL.—A community
6 food council component that describes the formation
7 and operation of a community food council designed
8 to engage emergency feeding groups, Federal, State,
9 and local government agencies, the cooperative ex-
10 tension system, land-grant colleges and universities,
11 and historically African American, Hispanic, and
12 American Indian educational institutes for the pur-
13 poses described under paragraph (1).

14 (3) SUBGRANTS COMPONENT.—A subgrants
15 component that describes a plan for the allocation of
16 grants funds to subgrantees by the primary commu-
17 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group,
18 in accordance with subsection (e).

19 (d) CRITERIA.—In evaluating an application of a
20 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
21 group, the Secretary shall consider, in addition to such
22 other criteria as the Secretary determines appropriate, the
23 extent to which the application of the group demonstrates
24 the following:

1 (1) The capacity to serve as a leader for other
2 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
3 groups in the pilot community and to successfully
4 provide technical assistance and other assistance to
5 the greatest number of such groups.

6 (2) Successful experience—

7 (A) in conducting a program described in
8 section 204(b);

9 (B) in working with a national service,
10 community service, or volunteer service group
11 that conducts a program described in section
12 204(b);

13 (C) in managing and using Federal grant
14 funds, including grants for community food and
15 nutrition programs authorized under section
16 681(a) of the Community Services Block Grant
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 9922(a));

18 (D) in working cooperatively with a nutri-
19 tion assistance and anti-poverty program, other
20 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
21 hunger groups, and faith-based and other com-
22 munity programs in the pilot community; and

23 (E) in researching, monitoring, and evalu-
24 ating the hunger problems in the pilot commu-

1 nity of such organization and nutrition assist-
2 ance and anti-poverty programs.

3 (3) In the case of a community-based nonprofit
4 feeding and anti-hunger group with a large budget,
5 the existence of a financial mechanism to implement
6 the proposal and staff expertise to handle large Fed-
7 eral and private grants, or in the case of a commu-
8 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
9 with a small budget, proven effectiveness in the de-
10 livery and coordination of a program described in
11 section 204(b).

12 (4) The ability to influence other community,
13 government, and private resources to assist in the
14 creation and implementation of the pilot program in
15 the pilot community of the community-based non-
16 profit feeding and anti-hunger group.

17 (e) SUBGRANTS.—

18 (1) SELECTION BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
19 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP RE-
20 QUIRED.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary
21 shall require a primary community-based nonprofit
22 feeding and anti-hunger group that is awarded a
23 grant under subsection (a) to select at least 10, but
24 no more than 200, subgrantees to carry out sub-
25 grants under the grants. Such subgrants shall be

1 used in support of the pilot program in the pilot
2 community of such group, in accordance with section
3 204.

4 (2) SELECTION OF SUBGRANTEES.—A primary
5 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
6 group shall select subgrantees for purposes of para-
7 graph (1)—

8 (A) by selecting the subgrantee in the ap-
9 plication submitted under subsection (b); or

10 (B) in consultation with the Secretary of
11 Agriculture after evaluating proposals sub-
12 mitted by subgrantee applicants.

13 **SEC. 204. USES OF GRANTS.**

14 (a) REQUIRED USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
15 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
16 GROUPS.—A primary community-based nonprofit feeding
17 and anti-hunger group that is awarded a grant under sec-
18 tion 203(a) shall—

19 (1) allocate at least 60 percent of the grant for
20 subgrants in accordance with section 203(e); and

21 (2) spend at least 5 percent of the grant on
22 evaluation of the pilot program in the pilot commu-
23 nity of such group.

24 (b) ELIGIBLE USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
25 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS AND

1 SUBGRANTEES.—Grant funds awarded to a primary com-
2 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group or
3 allocated to a subgrantee under the pilot program may be
4 used for any of the following purposes:

5 (1) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.—With respect to a
6 target population in a pilot community, any of the
7 following programs:

8 (A) A program that informs such popu-
9 lation about benefits under nutrition assistance
10 and anti-poverty programs, pre-screens mem-
11 bers of such population to determine the eligi-
12 bility of such members to receive such benefits,
13 and assists such members to access relevant
14 benefits.

15 (B) A program to assist such population to
16 transition successfully from welfare to work.

17 (C) A program that is likely to result in
18 job creation or that involves job training, readi-
19 ness, placement, or retention activities.

20 (D) A program to increase the supply of
21 donated foods to community-based nonprofit
22 feeding and anti-hunger groups, especially of
23 fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious
24 foods.

1 (E) A program that increases the access of
2 such population to fresh fruits, vegetables, and
3 other nutritious foods.

4 (F) A program that promotes the use of
5 farmers' markets, urban farms, and food-pro-
6 ducing agriculture projects, especially a pro-
7 gram that promotes the use of such markets,
8 farms, and projects by nutrition assistance and
9 anti-poverty programs.

10 (G) A program to assess the flow of food,
11 from production through consumption, in a
12 community.

13 (H) A program that involves nutrition edu-
14 cation, obesity reduction, or financial manage-
15 ment activities, especially such activities that
16 have hands-on demonstrations or that promote
17 physical activity.

18 (I) A program that promotes microenter-
19 prise and small business development, especially
20 the development of such a business that is food-
21 related.

22 (J) A program that assists government
23 agencies and nonprofit groups to increase the
24 number of sites (and participation in existing
25 sites) for after-school snacks and meals pro-

1 grams under the summer food service program
2 for children authorized under section 13 of the
3 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 1766) and the child and adult care
5 food program authorized under section 17 of
6 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761).

7 (K) A program that creates a customer ad-
8 visory council at a community-based nonprofit
9 feeding and anti-hunger group to enable an in-
10 dividual who obtains food from such group to
11 consult with the council on ways to improve the
12 operations of such group.

13 (L) A program to increase the assistance
14 of national and community service programs,
15 including AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to
16 America (AmeriCorps-VISTA), Learn and
17 Serve America, Senior Corps, Freedom Corps,
18 and any other volunteer program to aid commu-
19 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
20 groups.

21 (M) A program to increase the involvement
22 of volunteers who have professional skills with
23 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
24 hunger groups and other nonprofit groups.

1 (N) A program that relates nutrition im-
2 provement and the problem of hunger within
3 such population to broader issues within the
4 pilot community, including community develop-
5 ment and economic improvement.

6 (O) A program that promotes the use of
7 individual development accounts, as defined in
8 section 404(5) of the Assets for Independence
9 Act (title IV of Public Law 105–285; 42 U.S.C.
10 604 note), or any other such asset-development
11 program.

12 (P) With respect to a community-based
13 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, a pro-
14 gram to—

15 (i) provide technical assistance to such
16 group to increase the technical capacities
17 of such group; or

18 (ii) enable the group to more effi-
19 ciently and effectively use computer tech-
20 nology, recruit volunteers, write grants, or
21 otherwise increase the fundraising and op-
22 eration of such group.

23 (Q) A program that provides for the provi-
24 sion of technical assistance and informational
25 materials on the Internet that relate to any pro-

1 gram described in subparagraphs (A) through
2 (P).

3 (R) A program to coordinate activities of
4 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
5 hunger groups within the pilot community, in-
6 cluding activities that further any of the fol-
7 lowing goals:

8 (i) Creation of joint advertising, com-
9 munications, and referral systems.

10 (ii) Coordination of hours of oper-
11 ations and services provided.

12 (iii) Creation of joint client, funding,
13 and other databases, tracking systems, and
14 benefits referral systems.

15 (iv) Implementation of joint activities
16 to reduce hunger, strengthen local food
17 systems, reduce poverty, improve economic
18 self-sufficiency, and reduce obesity.

19 (2) ELIGIBLE FOOD-RELATED USES.—Subject
20 to the limitation in subsection (c)(1), any of the fol-
21 lowing food-related purposes:

22 (A) Gathering food.

23 (B) The collection of perishable, but safe,
24 food from entities such as restaurants, caterers,

1 and farms, for distribution to a target popu-
2 lation.

3 (C) Packing food.

4 (D) Sorting food.

5 (E) Processing food.

6 (F) Transportation of food.

7 (G) Heating, cooling, or freezing of food.

8 (H) Storage of food.

9 (I) Administrative expenses necessary to
10 increase the supply of nutritious food (especially
11 fresh fruit and vegetables) distributed by com-
12 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
13 groups.

14 (J) Administrative staff and volunteer
15 management for purposes of performing activi-
16 ties listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H).

17 (3) ELIGIBLE STIPENDS.—For the provision of
18 stipends to customers for expenses incurred by such
19 customers for participating in a customer advisory
20 council described in section 204(b)(1)(K).

21 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

22 (1) LIMITATION ON FOOD PURCHASES.—No
23 more than 20 percent of the total amount of grant
24 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
25 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to

1 a subgrantee under the pilot program may be used
2 to directly purchase food.

3 (2) LIMITATION ON FUNDS EXPENDED TO NA-
4 TIONAL OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.—Grant
5 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
6 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to
7 a subgrantee under the pilot program may not be
8 used to provide a volunteer in a national or commu-
9 nity service program listed in subsection (b)(1)(L)
10 with any educational funding, stipend, health care,
11 or child care.

12 **SEC. 205. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

13 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Under the
14 pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
15 award grants to technical assistance community-based
16 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in accordance
17 with this section.

18 (b) APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
19 GRANTS.—To be eligible for an award of a grant under
20 this section, a technical assistance community-based non-
21 profit feeding and anti-hunger group shall submit to the
22 Secretary an application containing a description of how
23 the applicant proposes to use the grant funds to provide
24 technical assistance to all pilot communities. The applica-
25 tion shall be submitted in such form, at such time, and

1 containing such other information as the Secretary may
2 require.

3 (c) CRITERIA TO RECEIVE GRANTS.—In evaluating
4 an application of a technical assistance community-based
5 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, the Secretary
6 shall consider, in addition to such other criteria as the
7 Secretary determines appropriate, the extent to which the
8 application of the technical assistance group demonstrates
9 the following:

10 (1) The ability to provide capacity-building
11 technical assistance to community-based nonprofit
12 feeding and anti-hunger groups.

13 (2) Organizational and staff experience in—

14 (A) national issues related to emergency
15 food programs, food banks, food rescue organi-
16 zations, the hunger problem, food insecurity,
17 anti-poverty programs, and nutrition education;

18 (B) providing technical assistance to com-
19 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
20 groups and conducting outreach programs on
21 nutrition assistance and anti-poverty programs;

22 (C) successfully working with national and
23 community service programs, including such
24 programs listed in section 204(b)(1)(L);

1 (D) working cooperatively or in a leader-
2 ship role with other national, regional, State,
3 and local eligible technical entities; and

4 (E) working with a wide variety of faith-
5 based and community organizations and with
6 community-wide religious and civic organiza-
7 tions.

8 (3) Proven financial control mechanisms and
9 staff expertise to work with large Federal and pri-
10 vate grants, or in the case of a technical assistance
11 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
12 group with a small operating budget, effectiveness in
13 program delivery and coordination.

14 (d) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL AS-
15 SISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

16 (1) ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
17 CULTURE.—The Secretary may provide technical
18 and evaluation assistance to—

19 (A) a technical assistance community-
20 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
21 awarded a grant under subsection (a);

22 (B) a primary community-based nonprofit
23 feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a grant
24 under section 203(a) or a subgrantee selected
25 under section 203(e); or

1 (C) any community-based nonprofit feed-
2 ing and anti-hunger group or technical assist-
3 ance community-based nonprofit feeding and
4 anti-hunger group that does not receive a grant
5 under this Act, but that carries out activities
6 similar to those of such a group or subgrantee.

7 (2) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS
8 AND AGENCIES.—The head of any Federal depart-
9 ment or agency may provide technical assistance to
10 a group or subgrantee referred to in subparagraph
11 (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) to carry out activi-
12 ties described in subparagraph (C) of such para-
13 graph.

14 (3) ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND LOCAL
15 AGENCIES AND LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNI-
16 VERSITIES.—The Secretary may encourage any ap-
17 propriate State or local agency or land-grant college
18 or university to provide technical assistance to such
19 groups or subgrantees to carry out such activities.

20 **SEC. 206. ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.**

21 (a) ALLOCATION BY TYPE OF GRANT.—Of the
22 amounts made available to carry out this title for a fiscal
23 year—

1 (1) \$190,000,000 is available for grants to pri-
2 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
3 hunger groups authorized under section 203(a); and

4 (2) \$8,000,000 is available for technical assist-
5 ance grants authorized under section 205(a).

6 (b) ALLOCATION TO PILOT COMMUNITIES.—Of the
7 amounts made available under subsection (a)(1) to pri-
8 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
9 groups for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate such
10 amounts to one primary community-based nonprofit feed-
11 ing and anti-hunger group in each of the pilot commu-
12 nities listed in subsection (c) and may allocate such
13 amounts to one such group in each pilot community des-
14 ignated by the Secretary under subsection (d)(2). The
15 amount allocated to a primary community-based nonprofit
16 feeding and anti-hunger group—

17 (1) shall not be less than \$500,000, nor more
18 than \$20,000,000; and

19 (2) shall be in proportion to the number of indi-
20 viduals and families within the target population of
21 the pilot community involved.

22 (c) PILOT COMMUNITIES LISTED.—For purposes of
23 subsection (b), a pilot community listed in this subsection
24 is each of the following areas:

25 (1) New York, New York.

- 1 (2) Chicago, Illinois.
- 2 (3) Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 3 (4) Puerto Rico.
- 4 (5) Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 5 (6) Des Moines, Iowa.
- 6 (7) Toledo, Ohio.
- 7 (8) Savannah, Georgia.
- 8 (9) New Haven, Connecticut.
- 9 (10) Roanoke, Virginia.
- 10 (11) Santa Cruz County, Santa Clara County,
- 11 and Monterey County in California.
- 12 (12) Onondaga County in New York.
- 13 (13) The rural boroughs in Alaska.
- 14 (14) Washington metropolitan region.
- 15 (15) Pittsburgh and the suburban and rural
- 16 areas in southwestern Pennsylvania.
- 17 (16) Rural counties in eastern Kentucky.
- 18 (17) Counties in northern West Virginia.
- 19 (18) Rural counties in southern Texas.
- 20 (19) Rural counties in southern Missouri.
- 21 (20) Rural counties in north, west, and central
- 22 Wisconsin.
- 23 (d) SPECIFICATION OF AREAS; DESIGNATION OF AD-
- 24 DITIONAL PILOT COMMUNITIES.—

1 (1) SPECIFICATION OF AREAS.—The Secretary
2 shall specify the counties or other areas to be in-
3 cluded in each of the pilot communities described in
4 paragraphs (15) through (20) of subsection (c).

5 (2) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL PILOT COM-
6 MUNITIES.—The Secretary may designate not more
7 than 10 pilot communities in addition to those listed
8 in subsection (c).

9 **SEC. 207. REPORTS AND EVALUATION.**

10 (a) SUBGRANTEE REPORT TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
11 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
12 GROUP.—Not later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal
13 year for which a subgrantee received a subgrant under sec-
14 tion 203(e), the subgrantee shall submit to the primary
15 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
16 that selected the subgrantee under such section a report
17 that evaluates the results of the activities, including finan-
18 cial expenditures, during such fiscal year of the subgrantee
19 in carrying out the subgrant.

20 (b) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEED-
21 ING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP REPORTS TO SEC-
22 RETARY.—Not later than 180 days after the end of the
23 fiscal year for which a primary community-based nonprofit
24 feeding and anti-hunger group received a grant under sec-
25 tion 203(a), the group shall submit to the Secretary a re-

1 port that evaluates the results of the activities, including
2 financial expenditures, during the preceding fiscal year of
3 the group in carrying out the grant. Such report shall in-
4 clude each report submitted to the group by a subgrantee
5 under subsection (a) for such fiscal year.

6 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
7 than October 31 of each of calendar years 2008 through
8 2012, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
9 the progress of the pilot program.

10 (d) FINAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
11 April 30, 2013, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
12 a report that evaluates the successes and challenges of the
13 pilot program and that makes such recommendations as
14 the Secretary considers appropriate for similar future
15 grants programs.

16 **SEC. 208. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

17 (a) ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF GRANTS.—

18 (1) BEYOND THE SOUP KITCHEN GRANTS.—

19 Upon the expiration of a grant awarded to a com-
20 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
21 group under section 203(a) and the request of such
22 group, the Secretary, in accordance with procedures
23 established by the Secretary, may extend the dura-
24 tion of the grant once, by one fiscal year, if the Sec-
25 retary determines that the programs established and

1 implemented by such group with the grant resulted
2 in (or are likely to result in) significant progress in
3 satisfying the purposes of the pilot program de-
4 scribed in section 203(c)(1).

5 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Upon
6 the expiration of a grant awarded to a technical as-
7 sistance community-based nonprofit feeding and
8 anti-hunger group under section 205(a) and the re-
9 quest of such entity, the Secretary, in accordance
10 with procedures established by the Secretary, may
11 extend the duration of the grant once, by one fiscal
12 year, if the Secretary determines that such technical
13 assistance group has successfully provided all pilot
14 programs with technical assistance.

15 (b) FORM OF GRANTS.—The Secretary, if the Sec-
16 retary finds it appropriate, may use cooperative agree-
17 ments, as described in section 6305 of title 31, United
18 States Code, for purposes of awarding grants to primary
19 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
20 groups under section 203(a) and to technical assistance
21 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
22 groups under section 205(a).

23 **SEC. 209. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this title:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture.

3 (2) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “pilot pro-
4 gram” means the Beyond the Soup Kitchen Pilot
5 Program established under section 202(a).

6 (3) COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING
7 AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term “community-
8 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group”
9 means an anti-hunger organization, food bank, food
10 pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or commu-
11 nity food security organization that—

12 (A) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
14 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
15 and

16 (B) is located in (or regularly provides
17 service to) a pilot community.

18 (4) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT
19 FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term
20 “primary community-based nonprofit feeding and
21 anti-hunger group” means a community-based non-
22 profit feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a
23 grant under section 203(a).

24 (5) SUBGRANTEE.—The term “subgrantee”
25 means a community-based nonprofit feeding and

1 anti-hunger group (other than a primary commu-
2 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
3 group)—

4 (A) that is selected under section 203(e)
5 by a primary community-based nonprofit feed-
6 ing and anti-hunger group; and

7 (B) that is located in (or regularly provides
8 service to) the pilot community in which the
9 primary nonprofit feeding group is located (or
10 to which the primary nonprofit feeding group
11 provides regular service).

12 (6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY-BASED
13 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—

14 The term “technical assistance community-based
15 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group” means a
16 national, State, or local group that—

17 (A) is an anti-hunger group, food bank,
18 food pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or
19 community food security organization;

20 (B) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
22 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
23 and

24 (C) has the capacity to provide technical
25 assistance to all pilot communities.

1 (7) PILOT COMMUNITY.—The term “pilot com-
2 munity” means a community specified in section
3 206(b).

4 (8) TARGET POPULATION.—The term “target
5 population” includes an individual who (or family
6 that)—

7 (A) earns an income below 200 percent of
8 the Federal poverty line;

9 (B) suffers from food insecurity;

10 (C) earns insufficient income to ensure
11 food security for such individual or family;

12 (D) lives in a community that suffers from
13 poverty, hunger, or food insecurity;

14 (E) is homeless;

15 (F) receives (or recently received) assist-
16 ance under a State program funded under part
17 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. et seq.), relating to temporary assistance
19 to needy families; or

20 (G) is eligible for benefits under any nutri-
21 tion assistance or anti-poverty program.

22 (9) NUTRITION ASSISTANCE AND ANTI-POVERTY
23 PROGRAM.—The term “nutrition assistance and
24 anti-poverty program” means any Federal, State, or
25 local government assistance program offered to low-

1 income individuals or families, including the fol-
2 lowing programs:

3 (A) The food stamp program established
4 under section 4 of the Food Stamp Act of 1964
5 (7 U.S.C. 2013).

6 (B) A program authorized under the Rich-
7 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or Child Nutrition Act of
9 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), including the
10 national school lunch program, the national
11 school breakfast program, the summer food
12 service program for children, the special supple-
13 mental nutrition program for women, infants,
14 and children, and the child and adult care food
15 program.

16 (C) The earned income tax credit allowed
17 under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code
18 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 32).

19 (10) FOOD INSECURITY.—The term “food inse-
20 curity” means a lack of consistent access to food.

21 (11) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION.—
22 The term “Washington metropolitan region” in-
23 cludes the District of Columbia, the counties of
24 Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland, and

1 the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the cities
2 of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia.

3 **SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000
5 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 to carry out
6 this title.

7 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

8 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and
10 the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on Oc-
11 tober 1, 2007.

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