NATIONAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM ASSOCIATION

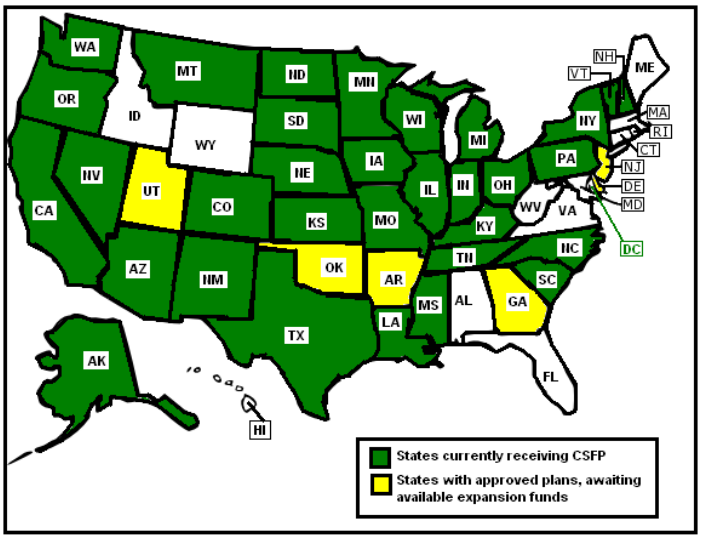
FY10 BUDGET REQUEST
$220 MILLION

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides food to low-income seniors (95% of participants), women, infants and children, who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

CSFP needs $220 million to provide monthly service to 621,347 seniors, women and children. This funding will provide for the caseload requested in 32 states, the District of Columbia, and 2 Indian Tribal Organizations currently offering the program. This level of funding will also finally initiate service to the most vulnerable seniors in 6 additional states that have approved plans with USDA. They are Arkansas – 5,000 (waiting since 2003); Delaware – 2,500 (waiting since 2004); Georgia – 10,000 (approved in 2009); New Jersey- 5,000 (waiting since 2004); Oklahoma- 5,000 (waiting since 2003); and Utah – 10,000 (waiting since 2004.

We request language be included to provide that no less than $200.6 million will support demand in current states and begin operations in six states with USDA approved plans; and additionally, provide up to $19.4 million to replenish and build up food inventory.

We support the increased funding provided to other food and nutrition programs to meet the increased demand in their respective populations. We respectfully request similar consideration to the seniors who desperately need the food and nutrition services provided by CSFP. As the plans for the delivery networks have been in place in some states for six years, these services can make an immediate impact.



"The Managers fully support continued operation of this program and recognize the need for a substantial expansion of CSFP….the Managers encourage the Secretary to approve all remaining states for expansion and to expand caseload in all participating states."
Joint Statement of Managers, H.R. 2419, the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

"CSFP has charms worth considering in designing human service programs….the program's trademarks were its simplicity and accessibility….CSFP in particular represents a guaranteed source of high quality food, delivered in a balanced package."
The Role of CSFP in Nutritional Assistance to Mothers, Infants, Children, and Seniors. The Urban Institute, August 2008.