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To: Area Agencies on Aging SCSEP Directors
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On January 29, 2010, the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) was awarded \$657,582 in additional funding for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Security Administration for the grant term of January 31, 2010 - June 30, 2011. Approximately \$632,000 (roughly 46 positions) of additional funding will be made available to subgrantees. Attached is a funding opportunity for subgrantees of (SCSEP) to apply for funds to provide SCSEP services.

The following Alert is attached:

ALERT

FUND SOURCE/TYPE

ALERT SFY-10-11H Other Funds – SFY 2010 SCSEP Supplemental Funding Opportunity

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ALERT SFY- 10 – 11H

**Other Funds
for SFY-2010**

This alert applies to Area Agency on Aging, Region One Inc., Pima Council on Aging, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, and Mohave County Career Center One-Stop for the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) for SFY 2010.

This Alert is being provided to non-participating regions as information only.

On January 29, 2010, the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) was awarded \$657,582 in additional funding for SCSEP by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Security Administration for the grant term of January 31, 2010 - June 30, 2011. Approximately \$632,000 (roughly 46 positions) of additional funding will be made available to subgrantees. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117) provided \$225 million to serve unemployed low income seniors in these difficult economic times, especially those who cannot be served by regular funding or when Recovery Act funding expires. These additional funds are meant to supplement, not supplant, ongoing SCSEP funding.

A minimum of three mini-grants will be made available to subgrantees that apply for the additional funds to be used to provide the following direct SCSEP services:

- Provide SCSEP services within some or all of the same counties/geographic areas as currently authorized in Program Year 2009 (SFY 2010) contracts;
- Recruit and enroll new participants according to SCSEP eligibility rules;
- Recruit new host agencies or expanding opportunities at existing host agencies;
- Provide on-going SCSEP services, as needed, to current participants for whom funding may not be available;
- Protect against maintenance of effort violations;
- Track participation and document program activities using the SCSEP Performance and Results QPR (SPARQ) data collection and performance reporting system; and
- Track 2010 additional funds separately from Regular and Recovery Act SCSEP grant funds and submit all required billings in a timely manner.

All current SCSEP policies and rules apply to these funds.

SCSEP grant training slots are generally distributed based on the Equitable Distribution Report. This report provides a “snapshot” of the actual distribution of all of the authorized positions within the State, grantee-by-grantee, and the optimum number of participant positions in each designated area based on the latest available Census data. It provides a basis for improving the distribution of SCSEP positions within the State. (See Older Americans Act §508). **Equitable Distribution does not apply to these additional funds. Grantees are not required to serve in every area currently authorized.**

Additional information:

- The funding covers the period January 31, 2010 - June 30, 2011 (17 months).
- Participants funded through this new grant will be enrolled in the Regular SCSEP for performance purposes.
- Performance will be split between Program Year 2009 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) and Program Year 2010 (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011) and included in those respective years' Regular program Quarterly Performance and Results (QPR) reports.
- Participants currently enrolled in the Recovery Act program will be able to transfer to the Regular program as Recovery Act funds are depleted. Transfers are subject to the SCSEP Transfer Policy found at http://scsep.mathematica-mpr.com/Documentation/Transfer_Policy.doc.
- Funding is based on a per participant cost of \$13,743 for 17 months.
- A 10% non-federal cash or non-federal in-kind match is required.

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Interested subgrantees are requested to develop a project overview of not more than one page (single spaced with a minimum 11 point typeface with 1” margins) and a budget. At a minimum, the project overview must address the following items:

1. Total number of participants to be enrolled by July 1, 2010, including the anticipated number of Recovery Act transfers
2. Anticipated date by which Recovery Act funds will be fully expended
3. Total number of participants to be enrolled for the duration of the program
4. Geographic focus for the provision of service
5. Recruitment plan for new host agencies
6. Industries targeted for unsubsidized placements
7. Unique training strategies that will be incorporated in the Individual Employment Plans for program participants
8. How will the subgrantee ensure that programmatic goals be met?
9. Strategies to ensure that allocated funds will be expended by June 30, 2011

Preference will be given to applicants based on the following criteria:

- Highest percentage of Recovery Act grant funds expended as of February 8, 2010
- Highest percentage of Regular PY08 (SFY09) grant funds expended
- Highest percentage of Regular PY09 (SFY10) grant funds expended as of February 8, 2010
- Meeting or exceeding Final PY08 (SFY09) QPR program performance goals
- Meeting or exceeding PY09 (SFY10) second quarter QPR (as of February 8, 2010) program performance goals

Subgrantees that would like to participate in this funding opportunity are requested to electronically submit the project overview and budget to Joel Millman at the following e-mail address joelmillman@azdes.gov by February 19, 2010. Awards will be announced in the February 26, 2010 Alert.

Should you have any questions regarding the funding opportunity, please contact Joel Millman, DAAS Mature Worker Program Coordinator, at 602-542-6335 or email at joelmillman@azdes.gov.