



FFIS Weekly Update – July 13, 2010

Weekly News:

EDUCATION

July 7, 2010: ED Issues Interim Final Requirements for SAFRA Payments to Loan Servicers

The Department of Education (ED) released interim final requirements for the SAFRA (Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2010) payments to student loan servicers for FYs 2010-2011. ED is requesting comments by August 6, 2010. Click here to access the *Federal Register* notice:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-16372.pdf>

ENVIRONMENT

July 7, 2010: EPA Posts Clean Water SRF 2009 Annual Report

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently posted the 2009 Annual Report for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). Click here to find the new report:

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/annreport-summary.htm>

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1) July 9, 2010: HHS Reallocates \$25 Million for Ryan White ADAP

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it is reallocating \$25 million from several existing programs throughout the department to providing funding to states that have AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waiting lists and other cost containment measures in place. States will receive a letter on how to access the funds. The application deadline is July 26, 2010, and it is anticipated that funds will be available by mid-August. For more information, see:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/07/20100709c.html>

2) July 8, 2010: AOA Awards \$700,000 for Coordinated Legal Service Delivery

The Administration on Aging (AOA) awarded \$700,000 to legal service provider organizations in seven states to enhance access to legal services for older Americans. For more information, see:

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/For_The_Press/pr/archive/2010/July/07_09_10.aspx

3) July 8, 2010: AOA Awards \$1.6 Million for Pension Counseling Projects

AOA announced the award of pension counseling grants to six regional projects, covering 27 states, and one national resource center. To view the awards and states served, see:

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/For_The_Press/pr/archive/2010/July/07_08_10.aspx

4) July 7, 2010: HHS Releases FY 2010 Funds for Hospital Preparedness

HHS announced the FY 2010 awards for the Hospital Preparedness Program administered by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. To view the allocations, go to:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/07/20100707h.html>

5) July 1, 2010: HRSA Awards \$7 Million to Fund Black Lung Clinics

The Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) announced more than \$7 million in grants to

hospitals and other health care entities to help coal miners with black lung disease. To view the awards by state, see:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/pressreleases/100107blacklung7million.html>

6) July 1, 2010: HHS Publishes Compliance Status of Data Bank Requirements

As part of its effort to improve the completeness and accuracy of data reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), HHS has published a report listing government agencies that have failed to meet reporting requirements. To view the information by state, see: <http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/reportingCompliance.html>

7) June 22, 2010: HHS OIG Issues Report on Medicaid DSH Payment Distribution

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a report that examines how Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments are distributed among hospital categories (state-owned Institutions for Mental Disease [IMDs] state-owned hospitals, local public hospitals, and private hospitals) in seven states. To view the full report, click here: <http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region7/70904150.pdf>

HOUSING

1) July 12, 2010: FHA Announces "First Look" Program for NSP Grantees to Purchase Foreclosed Homes

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced a program to give states, local governments, and non-profit organizations that are Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grantees an exclusive option to purchase at a discount its inventory of foreclosed residential properties.

Additional information is available at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/np/firstlooknotice.pdf>

2) July 7, 2010: HUD Announces \$190 Million in Homeless Grants

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced nearly \$190 million in new grants to assist local homeless assistance programs. For more details, go to:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2010/HUDNO.10-144

JUSTICE

July 8, 2010: Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice Seeks Input on Priorities

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recently issued a request for public comments regarding its assessment of federal policy that affect children, youth, and families. For more information, see:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-16696.pdf>

LABOR

July 7, 2010: ETA Releases Evaluation Report of Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Initiatives

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced the release of a report on the use of one-stop career centers by Social Security disability beneficiaries in four states implementing DPN initiatives. For more information and to access to the report, see:

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten2010/ten01-10acc.pdf>

NUTRITION

1) July 9, 2010: FNS Releases Report on SNAP Participation

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released a report on the trends in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation rates from 2001 to 2008. The report finds that in FY 2008, 67% of all who were eligible for SNAP participated, compared with 66% in FY 2007. The full report is available at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/ORA/menu/Published/SNAP/FILES/Participation/Trends2001-2008.pdf>

2) July 6, 2010: FNS Announces New Funding Opportunity for States

FNS announced a new funding opportunity available to state agencies that administer the National

School Lunch Program to implement provisions related to certification of student eligibility. For more information, go to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Grants.htm>

TRANSPORTATION

July 7, 2010: FHWA Issues Notice on FY 2011 Apportionments

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a notice informing states of the anticipated amounts of funds to be apportioned for the federal-aid highway program for the first quarter of FY 2011 (October 1, 2010-December 31, 2010). For more information and to view the apportionment tables, see: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legregs/directives/notices/n4510728.htm>

ARRA:

AGRICULTURE

July 12, 2010: USDA Announces ARRA Funds for Supporting Local and Regional Food Systems

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced ARRA investments for 11 businesses in nine states to strengthen rural economies by supporting local and regional food systems. Click here for more details:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2010/07/0365.xml>

COMMERCE

July 7, 2010: Commerce Announces Second Round ARRA BTOP Grants

The Department of Commerce announced \$404 million in round two grants for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). For more information, including awards by state, click here: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press/2010/07022010BTOP_Round2.html

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1) July 6, 2010: HHS and HUD Release Joint Guidance on Homelessness

HHS and HUD issued a Dear Colleague Letter to states outlining available resources and program coordination opportunities to prevent and end homelessness. The letter highlights ARRA funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). For more information, see:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/policy/colleague-ltr/2010_TANF-HUD.html

2) July 8, 2010: ACF Updates Information on TANF Emergency Funds

ACF updated a chart showing approved TANF Emergency Fund applications by category. To view the information, see: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf/apprTANFemerfund.html>

HOMELAND SECURITY

July 7, 2010: DHS Announces Additional ARRA Funding for Airport Security Technologies

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced approximately \$56 million in ARRA funding for airport security technology projects. These funds are in addition to previous ARRA airport security technology project announcements. For more information, see:

http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1278529289775.shtm