



To: Membership
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President Obama issued a \$3.8 trillion budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2011 on Monday, in which the White House attempts to continue rebuilding the economy while trying to address mounting budget deficit projects over the next ten years. While trying to make sure a possible economic recovery does not stall, the President also recently proposed a three-year freeze starting in FY 2011 on all discretionary spending—a difficult line to walk. Congress will now take up their budget and appropriations process, where the president's budget will act as a guide. It is important to remember that Congress ultimately controls the purse strings, not the President.

Below we've pulled out some of the highlights of the proposed FY 2011 budget regarding the programs we consider important to ensure a more just and sustainable food system for all Americans. While no one ever receives everything they want in the budget, we are happy to report that funding for many of the programs important to CFSC were at least level funded, if not increased, and the budget includes several new initiatives aimed to develop local and regional food systems. To help address the increases in economic and food insecurity caused by the recession, several hunger programs did receive increases.

Please remember though this is just the beginning of process so many of these amounts could still change!

Agriculture/Local and Regional Food Systems

- **Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program**—received \$5 million in mandatory funding as provided by the 2008 Farm Bill
- **Farm to School Tactical Team**—\$2 million was allocated to support work at the USDA between agencies to facilitate the building of supporting linkages between schools and local producers.
- **Healthy Food Financing Initiative** (formerly known as the National Fresh Food Financing Initiative)—\$400 million was proposed as a public-private grant and loan program across the USDA, Treasury, and Health and Human Services for this new program proposal to increase access to healthy food options specifically in urban and rural food deserts.
- **Child Nutrition Reauthorization**—\$10 billion over 10 years was included to increase funding for the upcoming Child Nutrition and WIC reauthorization. We continue to await Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's speech on Feb. 8 where he will detail the administration's priorities in the bill.
- **Rural Development Regional Proposal**—details are not completely available yet, but USDA is proposing to dedicate 5% of several rural development programs to developing local and regional food systems. This comprehensive look at examining existing programs' potential for building regional food systems is welcome.
- **Value-Added Producer Grant Program**—\$20.3 million in discretionary funding, same funding as FY 2010
- **Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center**—\$1 million will continue to be made available as specified in the 2008 Farm Bill to Winrock International
- **School Community Garden Pilot Program**—\$1 million is budgeted to support school gardens
- **Farmers' Market Promotion Program**—\$10 million in mandatory funding as provided by the 2008 Farm Bill



Nutrition/Hunger Programs

- **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**—\$7.6 billion was included to fully serve all eligible individuals. It specifically includes \$83 million to prioritize breastfeeding peer counseling. The proposed amount also includes resources to increase the value of the fruit and vegetable voucher for children by \$2 per family per month, totaling \$104 million annually.
- **WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**—\$20 million was made available
- **Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**—\$21 million was made available
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**—formerly called food stamps—\$68.2 billion in mandatory funding. The proposal also included language raising the current asset level and extending benefits that had been given in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- **SNAP Point of Sale Devices**—\$4 million was proposed to provide point of sale terminals to all farmers' markets nationally to enable redemption of SNAP benefits
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**—\$113 million was allocated to the expanded FFVP
- **Commodity Supplemental Food Program**—\$176.8 million was made available to serve a caseload of 604,900
- **Child and Adult Care Food Program**—\$2.7 billion dollars with an \$87 million increase over 2010
- **Summer Food Service Program**—\$387 million with a \$10 million increase over 2010
- **Emergency Food Assistance Programs**—funded at \$246 million for the purchase of commodities and \$50 million additional for distribution and transportation costs
- **Hunger Free Community Grants**—\$5 million was proposed for the grants to level fund the program
- **Congressional Hunger Center Fellowship**—\$3 million included to level fund the CHC

We also have a more comprehensive list by line item available on the website if you require more detail or information on a program not listed here. We will be updating the document as the FY 2011 budget and appropriations process moves forward through the year.

Please call the CFSC DC Office at (202) 543-8602 with any questions regarding this proposal or as the appropriations process moves forward.