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Mr. SERRANO 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 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In 2009 the number of Americans facing
7 hunger or food insecurity was 50,200,000, and
8 17,200,000 children lived in these households.

9 (2) According to the United States Department
10 of Agriculture, as of January 2010 more than
11 40,000,000 people participate in the Supplemental
12 Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). In 2009
13 on a monthly average, 33,700,000 people partici-
14 pated in this program, 11 percent of the United
15 States population. SNAP, WIC, and the NSLP are
16 the largest nutrition assistance programs and pro-
17 vided nutrition assistance to 57 percent of the food
18 insecure households.

19 (3) Administrative burdens involved in securing
20 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits are par-
21 ticularly burdensome for working families.

22 (4) In 2009 more than 16,200,000 people in
23 the United States, of whom 5,700,000 were children,
24 were forced to rely on soup kitchens, food pantries,
25 and other charitable feeding programs.

1 the total number of supplemental nutrition assist-
2 ance offices that are open in the State nor a de-
3 crease in the number of hours such offices are open
4 during regular work week;

5 “(2) to conduct verifiable activities to reduce
6 the average wait time that applicants spend at sup-
7 plemental nutrition assistance offices or to reduce
8 the average number of office visits required of appli-
9 cants;

10 “(3) to accept applications for supplemental nu-
11 trition assistance benefit by means of the Internet;

12 “(4) to upgrade computer systems and tech-
13 nology in ways that specifically increase access to
14 the supplemental nutrition assistance program;

15 “(5) at the time of application, to provide appli-
16 cants with a checklist listing all documents required
17 for a complete supplemental nutrition assistance ap-
18 plication.”.

19 (b) REDUCTION OF BURDENSOME AND DUPLICATIVE
20 OFFICE VISITS; PROHIBITION OF FINGERPRINTING.—

21 Section 11(e)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
22 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(2)) is amended—

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

1 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “In” and
2 inserting “that in”,

3 (3) in subparagraph (D) by inserting the fol-
4 lowing before the semicolon at the end: “, and the
5 fingerprint of any member of a household shall not
6 be required for the purpose of participating in the
7 supplemental nutrition assistance program or for
8 issuance of benefits for which the household would
9 otherwise be eligible”,

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 and

22 “(ii) if the State agency has a basis to rea-
23 sonably believe that information provided by a
24 household is incorrect or that a household has
25 failed to provide information required for par-

1 ticipation in the supplemental nutrition assist-
2 ance program, then the State agency shall—

3 “(I) provide to the household a writ-
4 ten statement notifying the household of
5 such belief; specifying the factual basis of
6 such belief, informing the household of the
7 applicable information that is believed to
8 be incorrect or missing, and instructing the
9 household how to correct or to provide the
10 appropriate information; and

11 “(II) not require any member of such
12 household to appear in person unless either
13 the household fails to provide the appro-
14 priate information or the State agency can-
15 not verify the accuracy of information the
16 household provides in response to the re-
17 quest made under this subparagraph by
18 the State agency;”.

19 **SEC. 102. COMPARATIVE PROGRESS REPORT.**

20 Section 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
21 (7 U.S.C. 2027) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(g) The Secretary shall submit a single, unified, an-
24 nual report to the appropriate committees of the Congress
25 on the comparative progress of States in improving access

1 to the supplemental nutrition assistance program. The fol-
2 lowing statistics shall be included in the report with re-
3 spect to each particular State:

4 “(1) The percentage of supplemental nutrition
5 assistance program applications processed within the
6 30-day period required by this Act.

7 “(2) The average number of days required to
8 process expedited applications for supplemental nu-
9 trition assistance benefits.

10 “(3) The average number of days required to
11 process regular applications for supplemental nutri-
12 tion assistance benefits.

13 “(4) The average number of office visits that
14 each applicant makes to receive supplemental nutri-
15 tion assistance benefits.

16 “(5) Statewide negative errors rates.

17 “(6) The overall participation rate of house-
18 holds that are eligible to participate in the supple-
19 mental nutrition assistance program.

20 “(7) The information specified in paragraphs
21 (1) through (6) for a particular geographical area in
22 such State.”.

1 **TITLE II—ANTI-HUNGER GRANTS**
2 **PROGRAM**

3 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Beyond the Soup
5 Kitchen Grants Program Act of 2011”.

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

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

11 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the pilot program
12 are—

13 (1) to provide grant assistance to a primary
14 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
15 group in each pilot community for purposes of allo-
16 cating subgrants to other community-based non-
17 profit feeding and anti-hunger groups in such com-
18 munity; and

19 (2) to provide technical assistance grants.

20 **SEC. 203. SELECTION OF PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED**
21 **NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER**
22 **GROUPS AND SUBGRANTEES.**

23 (a) GRANTS TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NON-
24 PROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS.—Under
25 the pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall

1 award not more than 30 grants to primary community-
2 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in ac-
3 cordance with this section.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for an award of a
5 grant for a fiscal year under this section, a community-
6 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group shall sub-
7 mit to the Secretary an application that contains a de-
8 scription of how the applicant proposes to use the grant
9 funds to implement the components of the pilot program
10 listed in subsection (c) in the pilot community of the com-
11 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group.
12 The application shall be submitted in such form, at such
13 time, and containing such other information as the Sec-
14 retary may require.

15 (c) PILOT PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—An application
16 for a grant under this section shall contain the following
17 components:

18 (1) PROGRAMS COMPONENT.—A program com-
19 ponent that describes, with respect to a target popu-
20 lation of a pilot community and in accordance with
21 section 204, programs designed for the following
22 purposes:

23 (A) To reduce hunger in such target popu-
24 lation.

1 (B) To increase the use of nutrition assist-
2 ance and anti-poverty programs by such target
3 population.

4 (C) To bolster food security within such
5 target population.

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

8 (E) To promote the economic independence
9 of individuals and families within such target
10 population.

11 (F) To improve the nutrition of such tar-
12 get population.

13 (G) To reduce the occurrence of obesity in
14 such target population.

15 (2) COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL.—A community
16 food council component that describes the formation
17 and operation of a community food council designed
18 to engage emergency feeding groups, Federal, State,
19 and local government agencies, the cooperative ex-
20 tension system, land-grant colleges and universities,
21 and historically African-American, Hispanic, and
22 American Indian educational institutes for the pur-
23 poses described under paragraph (1).

24 (3) SUBGRANTS COMPONENT.—A subgrants
25 component that describes a plan for the allocation of

1 grants funds to subgrantees by the primary commu-
2 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group,
3 in accordance with subsection (e).

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

10 (1) The capacity to serve as a leader for other
11 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
12 groups in the pilot community and to successfully
13 provide technical assistance and other assistance to
14 the greatest number of such groups.

15 (2) Successful experience—

16 (A) in conducting a program described in
17 section 204(b);

18 (B) in working with a national service,
19 community service, or volunteer service group
20 that conducts a program described in section
21 204(b);

22 (C) in managing and using Federal grant
23 funds, including grants for community food and
24 nutrition programs authorized under section

1 681(a) of the Community Services Block Grant
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 9922(a));

3 (D) in working cooperatively with a nutri-
4 tion assistance and anti-poverty program, other
5 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
6 hunger groups, and faith-based and other com-
7 munity programs in the pilot community; and

8 (E) in researching, monitoring, and evalu-
9 ating the hunger problems in the pilot commu-
10 nity of such organization and nutrition assist-
11 ance and anti-poverty programs.

12 (3) In the case of a community-based nonprofit
13 feeding and anti-hunger group with a large budget,
14 the existence of a financial mechanism to implement
15 the proposal and staff expertise to handle large Fed-
16 eral and private grants, or in the case of a commu-
17 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
18 with a small budget, proven effectiveness in the de-
19 livery and coordination of a program described in
20 section 204(b).

21 (4) The ability to influence other community,
22 government, and private resources to assist in the
23 creation and implementation of the pilot program in
24 the pilot community of the community-based non-
25 profit feeding and anti-hunger group.

1 (e) SUBGRANTS.—

2 (1) SELECTION BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
3 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP RE-
4 QUIRED.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary
5 shall require a primary community-based nonprofit
6 feeding and anti-hunger group that is awarded a
7 grant under subsection (a) to select at least 10, but
8 no more than 200, subgrantees to carry out sub-
9 grants under the grants. Such subgrants shall be
10 used in support of the pilot program in the pilot
11 community of such group, in accordance with section
12 204.

13 (2) SELECTION OF SUBGRANTEES.—A primary
14 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
15 group shall select subgrantees for purposes of para-
16 graph (1)—

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

19 (B) in consultation with the Secretary of
20 Agriculture after evaluating proposals sub-
21 mitted by subgrantee applicants.

22 **SEC. 204. USES OF GRANTS.**

23 (a) REQUIRED USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
24 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
25 GROUPS.—A primary community-based nonprofit feeding

1 and anti-hunger group that is awarded a grant under sec-
2 tion 203(a) shall—

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

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

8 (b) ELIGIBLE USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
9 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS AND
10 SUBGRANTEES.—Grant funds awarded to a primary com-
11 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group or
12 allocated to a subgrantee under the pilot program may be
13 used for any of the following purposes:

14 (1) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.—With respect to a
15 target population in a pilot community, any of the
16 following programs:

17 (A) A program that informs such popu-
18 lation about benefits under nutrition assistance
19 and anti-poverty programs, pre-screens mem-
20 bers of such population to determine the eligi-
21 bility of such members to receive such benefits,
22 and assists such members to access relevant
23 benefits.

24 (B) A program to assist such population to
25 transition successfully from welfare to work.

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

4 (D) A program to increase the supply of
5 donated foods to community-based nonprofit
6 feeding and anti-hunger groups, especially of
7 fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious
8 foods.

9 (E) A program that increases the access of
10 such population to fresh fruits, vegetables, and
11 other nutritious foods.

12 (F) A program that promotes the use of
13 farmers' markets, urban farms, and food-pro-
14 ducing agriculture projects, especially a pro-
15 gram that promotes the use of such markets,
16 farms, and projects by nutrition assistance and
17 anti-poverty programs.

18 (G) A program to assess the flow of food,
19 from production through consumption, in a
20 community.

21 (H) A program that involves nutrition edu-
22 cation, obesity reduction, or financial manage-
23 ment activities, especially such activities that
24 have hands-on demonstrations or that promote
25 physical activity.

1 (I) A program that promotes microenter-
2 prise and small business development, especially
3 the development of such a business that is food-
4 related.

5 (J) A program that assists government
6 agencies and nonprofit groups to increase the
7 number of sites (and participation in existing
8 sites) for after-school snacks and meals pro-
9 grams under the summer food service program
10 for children authorized under section 13 of the
11 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 1766) and the child and adult care
13 food program authorized under section 17 of
14 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761).

15 (K) A program that creates a customer ad-
16 visory council at a community-based nonprofit
17 feeding and anti-hunger group to enable an in-
18 dividual who obtains food from such group to
19 consult with the council on ways to improve the
20 operations of such group.

21 (L) A program to increase the assistance
22 of national and community service programs,
23 including AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to
24 America (AmeriCorps–VISTA), Learn and
25 Serve America, Senior Corps, Freedom Corps,

1 and any other volunteer program to aid commu-
2 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
3 groups.

4 (M) A program to increase the involvement
5 of volunteers who have professional skills with
6 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
7 hunger groups and other nonprofit groups.

8 (N) A program that relates nutrition im-
9 provement and the problem of hunger within
10 such population to broader issues within the
11 pilot community, including community develop-
12 ment and economic improvement.

13 (O) A program that promotes the use of
14 individual development accounts, as defined in
15 section 404(5) of the Assets for Independence
16 Act (title IV of Public Law 105–285; 42 U.S.C.
17 604 note), or any other such asset-development
18 program.

19 (P) With respect to a community-based
20 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, a pro-
21 gram to—

22 (i) provide technical assistance to such
23 group to increase the technical capacities
24 of such group; or

1 (ii) enable the group to more effi-
2 ciently and effectively use computer tech-
3 nology, recruit volunteers, write grants, or
4 otherwise increase the fundraising and op-
5 eration of such group.

6 (Q) A program that provides for the provi-
7 sion of technical assistance and informational
8 materials on the Internet that relate to any pro-
9 gram described in subparagraphs (A) through
10 (P).

11 (R) A program to coordinate activities of
12 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
13 hunger groups within the pilot community, in-
14 cluding activities that further any of the fol-
15 lowing goals:

16 (i) Creation of joint advertising, com-
17 munications, and referral systems.

18 (ii) Coordination of hours of oper-
19 ations and services provided.

20 (iii) Creation of joint client, funding,
21 and other databases, tracking systems, and
22 benefits referral systems.

23 (iv) Implementation of joint activities
24 to reduce hunger, strengthen local food

1 systems, reduce poverty, improve economic
2 self-sufficiency, and reduce obesity.

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

6 (A) Gathering food.

7 (B) The collection of perishable, but safe,
8 food from entities such as restaurants, caterers,
9 and farms, for distribution to a target popu-
10 lation.

11 (C) Packing food.

12 (D) Sorting food.

13 (E) Processing food.

14 (F) Transportation of food.

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

16 (H) Storage of food.

17 (I) Administrative expenses necessary to
18 increase the supply of nutritious food (especially
19 fresh fruit and vegetables) distributed by com-
20 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
21 groups.

22 (J) Administrative staff and volunteer
23 management for purposes of performing activi-
24 ties listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H).

1 (3) ELIGIBLE STIPENDS.—For the provision of
2 stipends to customers for expenses incurred by such
3 customers for participating in a customer advisory
4 council described in subsection (b)(1)(K).

5 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

6 (1) LIMITATION ON FOOD PURCHASES.—No
7 more than 20 percent of the total amount of grant
8 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
9 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to
10 a subgrantee under the pilot program may be used
11 to directly purchase food.

12 (2) LIMITATION ON FUNDS EXPENDED TO NA-
13 TIONAL OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.—Grant
14 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
15 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to
16 a subgrantee under the pilot program may not be
17 used to provide a volunteer in a national or commu-
18 nity service program listed in subsection (b)(1)(L)
19 with any educational funding, stipend, health care,
20 or child care.

21 **SEC. 205. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

22 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Under the
23 pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
24 award grants to technical assistance community-based

1 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in accordance
2 with this section.

3 (b) APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
4 GRANTS.—To be eligible for an award of a grant under
5 this section, a technical assistance community-based non-
6 profit feeding and anti-hunger group shall submit to the
7 Secretary an application containing a description of how
8 the applicant proposes to use the grant funds to provide
9 technical assistance to all pilot communities. The applica-
10 tion shall be submitted in such form, at such time, and
11 containing such other information as the Secretary may
12 require.

13 (c) CRITERIA TO RECEIVE GRANTS.—In evaluating
14 an application of a technical assistance community-based
15 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, the Secretary
16 shall consider, in addition to such other criteria as the
17 Secretary determines appropriate, the extent to which the
18 application of the technical assistance group demonstrates
19 the following:

20 (1) The ability to provide capacity-building
21 technical assistance to community-based nonprofit
22 feeding and anti-hunger groups.

23 (2) Organizational and staff experience in—
24 (A) national issues related to emergency
25 food programs, food banks, food rescue organi-

1 zations, the hunger problem, food insecurity,
2 anti-poverty programs, and nutrition education;

3 (B) providing technical assistance to com-
4 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
5 groups and conducting outreach programs on
6 nutrition assistance and anti-poverty programs;

7 (C) successfully working with national and
8 community service programs, including such
9 programs listed in section 204(b)(1)(L);

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

13 (E) working with a wide variety of faith-
14 based and community organizations and with
15 community-wide religious and civic organiza-
16 tions.

17 (3) Proven financial control mechanisms and
18 staff expertise to work with large Federal and pri-
19 vate grants, or in the case of a technical assistance
20 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
21 group with a small operating budget, effectiveness in
22 program delivery and coordination.

23 (d) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL AS-
24 SISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary may provide technical
2 CULTURE.—The Secretary may provide technical
3 and evaluation assistance to—

4 (A) a technical assistance community-
5 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
6 awarded a grant under subsection (a);

7 (B) a primary community-based nonprofit
8 feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a grant
9 under section 203(a) or a subgrantee selected
10 under section 203(e); or

11 (C) any community-based nonprofit feed-
12 ing and anti-hunger group or technical assist-
13 ance community-based nonprofit feeding and
14 anti-hunger group that does not receive a grant
15 under this Act, but that carries out activities
16 similar to those of such a group or subgrantee.

17 (2) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS
18 AND AGENCIES.—The head of any Federal depart-
19 ment or agency may provide technical assistance to
20 a group or subgrantee referred to in subparagraph
21 (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) to carry out activi-
22 ties described in subparagraph (C) of such para-
23 graph.

24 (3) ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND LOCAL
25 AGENCIES AND LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNI-

1 VERSITIES.—The Secretary may encourage any ap-
2 propriate State or local agency or land-grant college
3 or university to provide technical assistance to such
4 groups or subgrantees to carry out such activities.

5 **SEC. 206. ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.**

6 (a) ALLOCATION BY TYPE OF GRANT.—Of the
7 amounts made available to carry out this title for a fiscal
8 year—

9 (1) \$190,000,000 is available for grants to pri-
10 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
11 hunger groups authorized under section 203(a); and

12 (2) \$8,000,000 is available for technical assist-
13 ance grants authorized under section 205(a).

14 (b) ALLOCATION TO PILOT COMMUNITIES.—Of the
15 amounts made available under subsection (a)(1) to pri-
16 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
17 groups for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate such
18 amounts to one primary community-based nonprofit feed-
19 ing and anti-hunger group in each of the pilot commu-
20 nities listed in subsection (c) and may allocate such
21 amounts to one such group in each pilot community des-
22 ignated by the Secretary under subsection (d)(2). The
23 amount allocated to a primary community-based nonprofit
24 feeding and anti-hunger group—

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

3 (2) shall be in proportion to the number of indi-
4 viduals and families within the target population of
5 the pilot community involved.

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

9 (1) New York, New York.

10 (2) Chicago, Illinois.

11 (3) Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

12 (4) Puerto Rico.

13 (5) Indianapolis, Indiana.

14 (6) Des Moines, Iowa.

15 (7) Toledo, Ohio.

16 (8) Savannah, Georgia.

17 (9) New Haven, Connecticut.

18 (10) Roanoke, Virginia.

19 (11) Santa Cruz County, Santa Clara County,
20 and Monterey County in California.

21 (12) Onondaga County in New York.

22 (13) The rural boroughs in Alaska.

23 (14) Washington metropolitan region.

24 (15) Pittsburgh and the suburban and rural
25 areas in southwestern Pennsylvania.

1 (16) Rural counties in eastern Kentucky.

2 (17) Counties in northern West Virginia.

3 (18) Rural counties in southern Texas.

4 (19) Rural counties in southern Missouri.

5 (20) Rural counties in north, west, and central
6 Wisconsin.

7 (d) SPECIFICATION OF AREAS; DESIGNATION OF AD-
8 DITIONAL PILOT COMMUNITIES.—

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

13 (2) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL PILOT COM-
14 MUNITIES.—The Secretary may designate not more
15 than 10 pilot communities in addition to those listed
16 in subsection (c).

17 **SEC. 207. REPORTS AND EVALUATION.**

18 (a) SUBGRANTEE REPORT TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
19 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
20 GROUP.—Not later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal
21 year for which a subgrantee received a subgrant under sec-
22 tion 203(e), the subgrantee shall submit to the primary
23 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
24 that selected the subgrantee under such section a report
25 that evaluates the results of the activities, including finan-

1 cial expenditures, during such fiscal year of the subgrantee
2 in carrying out the subgrant.

3 (b) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEED-
4 ING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP REPORTS TO SEC-
5 RETARY.—Not later than 180 days after the end of the
6 fiscal year for which a primary community-based nonprofit
7 feeding and anti-hunger group received a grant under sec-
8 tion 203(a), the group shall submit to the Secretary a re-
9 port that evaluates the results of the activities, including
10 financial expenditures, during the preceding fiscal year of
11 the group in carrying out the grant. Such report shall in-
12 clude each report submitted to the group by a subgrantee
13 under subsection (a) for such fiscal year.

14 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
15 than October 31 of each of calendar years 2012 through
16 2016, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
17 the progress of the pilot program.

18 (d) FINAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
19 April 30, 2017, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
20 a report that evaluates the successes and challenges of the
21 pilot program and that makes such recommendations as
22 the Secretary considers appropriate for similar future
23 grants programs.

24 **SEC. 208. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

25 (a) ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF GRANTS.—

1 (1) BEYOND THE SOUP KITCHEN GRANTS.—

2 Upon the expiration of a grant awarded to a com-
3 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
4 group under section 203(a) and the request of such
5 group, the Secretary, in accordance with procedures
6 established by the Secretary, may extend the dura-
7 tion of the grant once, by one fiscal year, if the Sec-
8 retary determines that the programs established and
9 implemented by such group with the grant resulted
10 in (or are likely to result in) significant progress in
11 satisfying the purposes of the pilot program de-
12 scribed in section 203(c)(1).

13 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Upon

14 the expiration of a grant awarded to a technical as-
15 sistance community-based nonprofit feeding and
16 anti-hunger group under section 205(a) and the re-
17 quest of such entity, the Secretary, in accordance
18 with procedures established by the Secretary, may
19 extend the duration of the grant once, by one fiscal
20 year, if the Secretary determines that such technical
21 assistance group has successfully provided all pilot
22 programs with technical assistance.

23 (b) FORM OF GRANTS.—The Secretary, if the Sec-

24 retary finds it appropriate, may use cooperative agree-
25 ments, as described in section 6305 of title 31, United

1 States Code, for purposes of awarding grants to primary
2 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
3 groups under section 203(a) and to technical assistance
4 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
5 groups under section 205(a).

6 **SEC. 209. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this title:

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

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

13 (3) COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING
14 AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term “community-
15 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group”
16 means an anti-hunger organization, food bank, food
17 pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or commu-
18 nity food security organization that—

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

23 (B) is located in (or regularly provides
24 service to) a pilot community.

1 (4) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT
2 FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term
3 “primary community-based nonprofit feeding and
4 anti-hunger group” means a community-based non-
5 profit feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a
6 grant under section 203(a).

7 (5) SUBGRANTEE.—The term “subgrantee”
8 means a community-based nonprofit feeding and
9 anti-hunger group (other than a primary commu-
10 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
11 group)—

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

15 (B) that is located in (or regularly provides
16 service to) the pilot community in which the
17 primary nonprofit feeding group is located (or
18 to which the primary nonprofit feeding group
19 provides regular service).

20 (6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY-BASED
21 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—
22 The term “technical assistance community-based
23 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group” means a
24 national, State, or local group that—

1 (A) is an anti-hunger group, food bank,
2 food pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or
3 community food security organization;

4 (B) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
6 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
7 and

8 (C) has the capacity to provide technical
9 assistance to all pilot communities.

10 (7) PILOT COMMUNITY.—The term “pilot com-
11 munity” means a community specified in section
12 206(b).

13 (8) TARGET POPULATION.—The term “target
14 population” includes an individual who (or family
15 that)—

16 (A) earns an income below 200 percent of
17 the Federal poverty line;

18 (B) suffers from food insecurity;

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

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

23 (E) is homeless;

24 (F) receives (or recently received) assist-
25 ance under a State program funded under part

1 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
2 U.S.C. et seq.), relating to temporary assistance
3 to needy families; or

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

6 (9) NUTRITION ASSISTANCE AND ANTI-POVERTY
7 PROGRAM.—The term “nutrition assistance and
8 anti-poverty program” means any Federal, State, or
9 local government assistance program offered to low-
10 income individuals or families, including the fol-
11 lowing programs:

12 (A) The supplemental nutrition assistance
13 program established under section 4 of the
14 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
15 2013).

16 (B) A program authorized under the Rich-
17 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or Child Nutrition Act of
19 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), including the
20 national school lunch program, the national
21 school breakfast program, the summer food
22 service program for children, the special supple-
23 mental nutrition program for women, infants,
24 and children, and the child and adult care food
25 program.

1 (C) The earned income tax credit allowed
2 under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code
3 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 32).

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

6 (11) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION.—
7 The term “Washington metropolitan region” in-
8 cludes the District of Columbia, the counties of
9 Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland, and
10 the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the cities
11 of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia.

12 **SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There is authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000
14 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2017 to carry out
15 this title.

16 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

17 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and
19 the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on Oc-
20 tober 1, 2011.

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