May 1, 2020

Ms. Babette Roberts
Director
Community Services Division
Washington Department of Social and Health Services
712 Pear Street South East
Olympia, Washington 98504-5440

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This letter transmits the denial of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services’ request, dated March 24, 2020, to use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nutrition Education (SNAP-Ed) funding to pay for SNAP-Ed staff to perform work for other Federal programs, such as school meal distribution sites.

To be allocable to SNAP-Ed, as authorized by Section 28 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities and associated costs, including staff time, must meet the requirements of Federal regulations at 2 CFR 200.405(c) and (d) and directly support SNAP-Ed authorized activities. In addition, as provided in 31 USC 1301(a), funds are available only for the purpose for which Congress appropriated the funds. As a result, SNAP-Ed funding may not be used to pay staff who perform functions for other programs, such as participating in school meal distribution sites.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will provide technical assistance to State agencies as they seek to maintain operations and serve applicants and participants during the current Public Health Emergency. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your FNS Regional Office.

Sincerely,

5/1/2020

X  Ronald K. Ward

Ronald K. Ward
Director, Program Accountability and Administration
Signed by: Department of Agriculture