



DATE: October 12, 2016

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Fran Bessermin

SUBJECT: BRIEFING – FOOD INSECURITY NUTRITION INCENTIVE (FINI) GRANT

Background and Summary:

The Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program supports projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables and improve nutrition among households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

In 2015 the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the Department of Health (along with 60 multi-sector partners) a 5.86 million dollar, four-year FINI grant. Washington's program provides cash incentives for SNAP customers at the point of purchase at farmers markets and grocery stores to increase purchases of healthy fruits and vegetables in areas of the state where food insecurity, poverty, and poor nutrition are the highest.

I have participated on the FINI Advisory Network on behalf of the Board. I have invited Amy Ellings, Healthy Eating Active Living Program Manager, from the Department of Health to provide an update on the program activities.

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