

**ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Federal Funds – Increased Authority**



**2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Request	FY15	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GF-State	\$0	\$0	\$00	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,789,000</b>	<b>\$11,789,000</b>	<b>\$11,789,000</b>	<b>\$23,578,000</b>

**DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY**

The Economic Services Administration (ESA) requests an increase in federal authority in order to spend federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) grant funds awarded to Washington State. By funding this request, ESA is expected to continue providing a wide range of vital services to low-income individuals and families in need that are funded through several grants from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

In the past few years, ESA has received grant awards for SNAP (known as Basic Food in Washington State) services that are larger than the current federal authority appropriated for these grants. The grants are the SNAP Nutrition Education grant, SNAP Employment and Training grant, and SNAP Education and Assistance grant.

The Nutrition Education Grant provides nutrition education and obesity prevention services throughout the state.

The SNAP Employment and Training grant provides services that help move work-ready adults into employment, offer re-training opportunities to the recently unemployed, and help participants with limited English or low literacy levels move on a path to economic independence. These services include job search, education services, skills training, community service placements, post-employment support services, and other employment opportunities to Basic Food recipients who are not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The SNAP Education and Assistance grant provides food application assistance to low income families.

**PROPOSED SOLUTION**

ESA requests an increase of federal authority that will allow ESA to spend federal SNAP grant funds awarded to the state.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

The budget request supports DSHS Goal 1: Health – Each individual and each community will be healthy.

The decision package is essential to implementing the ESA Strategic Objective 1.1: People below 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will have greater access to Basic Food Assistance.



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This request supports the Results Washington goal of efficient, effective and accountable government.

Granting the additional federal authority will allow ESA to spend the earned federal funds and not overspend the federal appropriation.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

This request will enable ESA to operate these programs as we have currently. ESA does not expect any stakeholders to have any concerns.



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