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Subject: h.965 draft - two suggestions

Hi,
Sorry for the late email. So much has been happening today in various committees. Thanks again for all you doing on the CRF funding. We are appreciating all of it. Below we have two suggestions to slightly tweak the language in your draft from this morning in the food security section. Thanks for considering these changes. John Sayles is available to answer questions in the morning if needed.
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Sec. 19. OUTREACH TO FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

(a) The sum of \$X00,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2021 for distribution to community partners, including partner food shelves and meal sites, for the purpose of providing educational resources to households experiencing food insecurity as a result of unemployment or other financial hardships created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE:

The sum of \$X00,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2021 for distribution to community partners, including current 3SquaresVT Outreach Grantees, for the purpose of providing educational resources and application support to households experiencing food insecurity as a result of unemployment or other financial hardships created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Reason behind the suggested change: we want to name the 3SquaresVT outreach. The language of the 2014 Farm Bill says "Limitation on use of funds authorized to be appropriated under Act." The CRF\$ isn't authorized under the Farm Bill. So, unless there is a specific prohibition in the CRF guidance, we should be able to use this funding for the outreach.

DISTRIBUTION; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

(a) The sum of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2021 to establish a food procurement and distribution system to ensure coordination among the Agencies of Human Services,

Education, and Agriculture, their departments, and community partners serving food insecure households in their response to food insecurity resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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(a) The sum of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2021 for food procurement and distribution to ensure coordination among the Agencies of Human Services, Education, and Agriculture, their departments, and community partners serving food insecure households in their response to food insecurity resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Reason behind the requested change: Everyone has already been working together to establish the system. We just need continued support from the state agencies. This funding will help to offset their costs associated with providing that support. We are all working together to keep this system going and to adjust and innovate as we go forward.