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## **Abstract**

This report summarizes research findings from the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Small Grants Program. The Economic Research Service created the program in 1998 to encourage new and innovative studies of food security, hunger, and public- and private-sector efforts to alleviate these problems among low-income residents of the United States through food and nutrition assistance. The report includes summaries of the second set of small grants, which were awarded for 1-year research projects in the summer and fall of 1999.

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## Preface

The Economic Research Service's Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) offers small grants to social science scholars to stimulate new and innovative research on food and nutrition assistance and to broaden participation in research on these issues. To administer the program, ERS partners with five academic institutions and research institutes that competitively award grants for 1-year research projects. Most grants are for \$20,000 to \$40,000. The Small Grants Program seeks to give junior scholars an opportunity to gain experience in conducting food security and food and nutrition assistance research, as well as to encourage more senior scholars to apply their skills and knowledge in these areas.

This report presents summaries of the research findings from the second set of small grants, which were awarded in the summer and fall of 1999. Preliminary findings were presented at a workshop at ERS in Washington, DC, on October 19 and 20, 2000. More information about the Small Grants Program partners and many of the completed research papers can be found on the Web sites of the administering institutions, listed below:

### **Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin**

**Focus:** The effects of food assistance programs on food security, income security and other indicators of well-being among low-income individuals and families.

Web address: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/irp/smgrants/smhome.htm>

### **The Joint Center for Poverty Research, University of Chicago and Northwestern University**

**Focus:** Interactions between food assistance programs and other welfare programs, and the effects of the macroeconomy on the need for food assistance, the level of participation, and costs of food assistance programs.

Web address: <http://www.jcpr.org/>

### **The American Indian Studies Program, University of Arizona**

**Focus:** The relationship between food assistance programs on reservations and family poverty.

Web address: <http://www.w3.arizona.edu/~aisp/food.html>

### **The Department of Nutrition at the University of California, Davis**

**Focus:** The impact of food assistance programs on nutritional risk indicators (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, and dietary), food purchasing practices, and food insecurity.

Web address: <http://www.nutrition.ucdavis.edu/usdaers.html>

### **Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University**

**Focus:** Food assistance research issues for rural people, families, and communities in the South.

Web address: <http://www.ext.msstate.edu/srdc/activities/food.htm>