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This summer, the Boston Office of Multifamily Housing will be partnering with the USDA's Boston Office to identify sites suitable for delivery of their Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This is a federally funded, state administered program that provides meals to low-income children and teens under 18 years old over the summer. Last summer in the Northeast region alone, there were 631 SFSP sponsors and 4,612 meal sites, serving over 24.2 million meals or about 13% of the meals served nationally.

This year, the SFSP program has set a goal of serving 200 million meals to children in need nationwide. The success of this program relies on the ability of sponsors to run the program in their communities and the generosity of a variety of different sites, or the physical places where the food is served, across the country that make it possible to serve children even in the remotest of areas.

The HUD/USDA Boston offices believe that our multifamily developments are important untapped resources that can play a critical role in reaching the 2015 goal set by the SFSP. Because of their detailed knowledge of their tenants, community ties, and care and concern for their residents and communities, experienced owners and management teams are uniquely suited to host successful SFSP sites. By opening up their doors and providing a location that is close to the children and teens that need it most, HUD- insured and assisted developments can help sponsors in their local communities close the nutrition gap and provide meals throughout the summer.

We are setting a goal of identifying 3 suitable sites in each New England state to participate in this program. In order for the program to be implemented in time for the summer we would like to have the sites identified for USDA **by April 2015**. To facilitate recruitment, the Boston MF office has put together a Summer Food Service Program Information Sheet for each state, which can be distributed to multifamily developments. You can find the flyer for your state, which provides a brief overview of the partnership, SFSP, how multifamily developments can get involved, and contact information for the State Agency coordinating the program and the HUD/USDA contacts.

If you have any questions about the partnership or about the SFSP program, please reach out to Carmen Hicks, the HUD contact by email [Carmen.m.hicks@hud.gov](mailto:Carmen.m.hicks@hud.gov) or by phone (617) 994-8552.

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