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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE, AKAKA ANNOUNCE HAWAII WILL RECEIVE  
NEARLY \$500,000 IN STIMULUS FUNDING  
FOR SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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**WASHINGTON—Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka announced today that the State of Hawaii will receive \$485,000, in senior nutritional assistance funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.**

**“The federal funding provides assistance for Hawaii seniors to maintain their health and independence, and helps service providers deal with rising expenses and escalating demand,” said Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka. “These funds will also increase the number of meals available to seniors, a vital lifeline for many during these challenging economic times.”**

**Hawaii will receive \$325,000 for congregate nutrition services programs and \$160,000 for home-delivered nutrition services program.**

**The funding is distributed to States by a population-based formula that takes into account the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III interstate funding formula minimums, and the 60+ population for each state.**

**The funds will assist communities and the national aging services network. Both have been hit hard by rising food costs at a time when demand for**

**services is increasing due to the economic downturn and the growing number of older adults. The funds will provide meals to seniors in need of food, restore nutrition services that have been cut, and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced.**