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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor of Hawaii  
The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, Senate President  
✓ The Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker of the House

THROUGH: Jovanie Domingo dela Cruz, Executive Director JOD  
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SUBJECT: CARES Funds via Act 9, SLH 2020 (SB126)  
Status Report: Food Distribution Program

Pursuant to Act 9, which provides that “beginning July 15, 2020, a monthly report that details all allocations be submitted to the governor and legislature”, OCS provides the following status update on the Food Distribution Program established by Act 9, SLH 2020 Part XVII, Section 34.

- **Total Dollars Appropriated, Disbursed and Expended to Date.** Act 9, SLH 2020 Part XVII, Section 34 appropriated \$5,000,000.00 to the Office of Community Services (OCS) to be used for a public-private partnership to provide food assistance to families in need. As of November 30, 2020, a total of \$5,000,000.00 has been expended, 100% of the total budget. Of that total, \$4,772,713.60 was for food expenses and \$227,286.40 was for distribution expenses.
- **Programs/Services or Other Purchases that Have Resulted from the CARES Funds.** Funds have been used to reimburse food banks across the state for food and distribution expenses such as shipping and packing.

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- **Who is Being Served by the Programs/Services or Other Purchases?** Households in Hawaii whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19.

Measure	Total to Date
Number of Events Held	1,711
Number of people in Households impacted by COVID Served	265,725
Total number of People Served	462,384

\* Families may be counted more than once if they attend more than one distribution event.

- **Metrics of performance that have been established to ensure funds will be spent by December 2020.** Performance metrics include the number of distribution events, spend down rate and the number of families served.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Corie Tanida at 586-8686 or [corie.i.tanida@hawaii.gov](mailto:corie.i.tanida@hawaii.gov).

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