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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ALL COUNTY DSS DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Additional Social Services Block Grant Funding

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

The General Assembly of North Carolina Session Law 2019-192, House Bill 961, Section 1.1.(a) provided appropriations from federal block grant funds for each year of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2021, according to the schedule. In addition, Session Law 2019-192, Section 1.1.(t) designates \$893,041 of the allocation in the Social Services Block Grant to the Division of Aging and Adult Services for Adult Protective Services. Please see Section 1.1.(t) below:

Of the funds appropriated in the Social Services Block Grant to the Division of Aging and Adult Services for Adult Protective Services, the sum of eight hundred ninety-three thousand forty-one dollars (\$893,041) shall be used to increase the number of Adult Protective Services workers where these funds can be the most effective. These funds shall be used to pay for salaries and related expenses and shall not be used to supplant any other source of funding for staff. These funds are also exempt from 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3) requiring a local match of twenty-five percent (25%).

The \$893,041 increase in SSBG has been allocated to counties utilizing a funding formula, to include the percent of growth in Adult Protective Services reports (both screened out and screened in), and the Quartile Poverty Level rank of each county as factors in determining the distribution of the funds. The results of the Adult Services Surveys for SFY 2016-2017 and SFY 2017-2018 and data from the Adult Protective Services Register were utilized to obtain each county's data.

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If your county has been allocated additional funds, you will receive a revised SFY 2020 Funding Authorization for your county. Please email or mail a completed signed copy of this Authorization to the DAAS Budget Office by March 16, 2020. If your county has not been allocated additional funds, no action is required.

If you have questions, please contact Hank Bowers at 919-855-3436 or hank.n.bowers@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director

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