



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor
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September 13, 2006

Dear County Director of Social Services

The United States Department of Health and Human Services released \$550 Million SSBG supplemental emergency funds for hurricane relief. North Carolina received \$1,310,272. This allocation was based on the percentage of FEMA registrants for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. North Carolina ranked 11th in the amount of funding received from this source. These funds were allocated to the divisions of Aging and Adult Services, Child Development and Social Services. The Division of Social Services received \$509,272.

Governmental Operations has approved a plan that will allow DHHS to reimburse counties for expenditures incurred as a result of families relocating to North Carolina after being affected by these storms. Funds can only be spent to help meet the needs of people from the Gulf Coast who were affected by these hurricanes and have moved to North Carolina. Allowable expenditures include but are not limited to: housing, child care, mental health services, case management, employment services, meals, or any other social services normally allowed under SSBG. In addition, you must not have already received state or federal reimbursement for these services. Counties will be responsible for producing the necessary records should a review of these expenditures occur. If you have identifiable expenditures for these purposes, you are eligible to receive reimbursement for these costs.

Please complete the attached form and return to Jane Johnson, DSS Budget Office 2417 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-2417 no later than the close of business on October 15, 2006. Reimbursement should follow in November via EFT. Should request exceed the amount of funding available; prorated amounts will be granted based on total dollar request as of October 15, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact your LBL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry S. Bradsher". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a vertical red line.

Sherry S. Bradsher

Attachment
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