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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: WORK FIRST BLOCK GRANT/TANF MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

The Division is again offering counties some options to assist with meeting Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements for the current fiscal year. If funds are available we will reallocate TANF for SFY 2009.

The County's required Maintenance of Effort consists of the county funds in your Work First Block Grant, and the county match in Child Protective Services IV-E Administration. Counties will be held to the mandate of meeting 100% of MOE this fiscal year (or 90% of original MOE for electing counties). If MOE is not met in full, the Budget Office will reclassify eligible TANF 100% Federal expenditures to county funds for MOE up to the amount of the required MOE. If you are not meeting MOE, a letter of explanation as to why MOE will not be met is required. This letter should be submitted to:

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services
Department of Social Services
2406 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2406

by May 1, 2009. A copy should be sent to:

Sarah Barham, Budget Officer
Department of Social Services
2417 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2417.

Please provide an email copy to your LBL.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

To assist you in meeting MOE, you may request permission from the DSS Budget Office by using the attached form to exercise either or both of the below options. Up to a total of 10% of your MOE in Work First Block Grant (NOT 10% for each option) can be used. You should contact your LBL before making any of these choices.

1. Automation:

You may request to use the cost of automation that has been or will be purchased this fiscal year, and cost allocated on the DSS-1571 (not direct charges).

Note: If you submit a letter to the Controller and receive permission to direct charge the automation to WFBG MOE, that is already counting toward MOE and would not need to be requested under this option. If you are approved to exercise this option, you must submit receipts for the automation expenses to your LBL no later than May 29, 2009 in order to receive the MOE credit at year-end closeout.

2. Excess county spending in CPS IV-E Administration:

You may request to use county dollars spent for CPS IV-E Administration over and above the MOE requirement for CPS IV-E Administration. That is, if you have exhausted the State allocation in CPS IV-E Administration, and you continue to code to this fund source, your county share increases to 50% of your expenditure. It no longer counts as true MOE, but you may request that the Budget Office count the additional county funds under this option, up to the 10% total allowable. Counties must complete the attached request form to receive this credit and forward by email to Kathy.Sommese@ncmail.net, NC DSS Assistant Budget Officer, by May 29, 2009.

TANF Reallocation

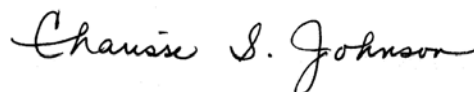
If funds are available, we will attempt a TANF reallocation.

The Division staff will be available to assist counties, as plans are developed to meet the MOE requirement. If you need assistance, please contact your Local Business Liaison.

Sincerely,



Sarah L. Barham, Budget Officer
Budget Office



Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services

Attachment

[MOE Automation Request Form](#)

cc: Sherry Bradsher
Debbie Hawkins
Myra Dixon
Local Business Liaisons
Children's Services Representatives
Family Support Team Leaders
Work First Representatives

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