



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

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January 16, 2001

**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

### **RE: North Carolina Disaster Funds**

The state funds for Housing and Home Repair for homeowners affected by Hurricane Floyd will not be available after February 2001. We have been asked to work with local agencies to assure that all eligible persons with these needs have made applications through the Housing Recovery Assistance Centers. Copies of flyers explaining the program and providing the local contact numbers are enclosed. If you need more flyers, you may make copies or contact Lynda Weaver at 919/733-3055 to receive additional copies.

For counties most impacted by the disaster, the following information may be useful:

1. Some of the same items were eligible for funds from CIP and these funds (e.g. repair or replacement of heating system). Unlike CIP, these funds can reimburse persons for costs they incurred and paid before applying for assistance. The state funds however are for low-income **homeowners** only. You may want to review cases you denied to see if they could have received state assistance.
2. The limits in CIP rules for repair and the heating/cooling requirements also do not apply to these funds.
3. Counties with needs in this area may wish to use the state funds for current applicants and save the CIP funds for the anticipated needs related to high energy costs.
4. Outreach and administrative costs related to finding and assisting these persons can be reimbursed from the state housing funds. This is only available through February. Counties wishing to use these funds will need to use a local code to identify the costs, report them as "non-reimbursed" on the 1571 and then bill the housing funds for this cost. If any county wishes to pursue this option, please contact Nancy Coston or your business liaison for more information.

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We encourage you to utilize this opportunity to serve any appropriate families in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. C. Modlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

E. C. Modlin, ACSW  
Director

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Enclosures

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