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February 13, 2001

Dear County Director of Social Services

SUBJECT: TANF Reallocations

Many counties have been contacting the Division requesting additional TANF funds in their Work First County Block Grants. A recent analysis of county spending of TANF funds in the Work First grants suggests that some counties will not spend all of their funds by the end of May. In discussion with the representatives of the Directors' Association it was decided to pursue voluntary reversions from counties to allow for reallocations. To accomplish this task, the Division needs information from each county about spending estimates for the rest of the year. We are therefore asking that each county provide the following information to the Division:

- Amount of TANF funds from the Work First Block Grant the county would voluntary release to be reallocated, or
- Amount of additional TANF funds the county needs for costs through May

If funds are released by counties, the Division will then distribute the funds to counties indicating a need for additional funds. Additional funds require a corresponding 10% match which will be added to the county's total MOE requirement. A county must be spending MOE at a rate that assures meeting the MOE requirement before being considered for a reallocation. Any changes occurring from a reallocation this year will not impact next year's reallocation. Please e-mail your information to Kathy Sommese (Kathy.Sommese@ncmail.net) in the DSS Budget Office with a copy to your Local Business Liaison. If you feel you cannot release any funds and are not requesting additional funds, please send that information to Kathy also. We need to receive this information by February 27, 2001 so we can process it and issue any reallocations as quickly as possible.

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I hope you will review your spending carefully and reply to this request. It appears that some counties have experienced serious fiscal issues and this is one mechanism to address local needs. Please feel free to contact your Local Business Liaison or other Division staff if you need assistance with this request.

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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