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| <p><b>Social Services<br/>Block Grant</b></p> <p><b>Dear Colleague Letter</b></p> | <p><b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<br/>Administration for Children and Families<br/>Office of Community Services<br/>Division of State Assistance<br/>330 C Street, S.W., 5th Floor<br/>Mail Room 5425<br/>Washington, DC 20201</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg">www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg</a></p> |
| <p><b>Re: SSBG FY 2016 2nd Quarter Update</b></p>                                 | <p><b>Date: February 9, 2016</b></p>  |

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update on the second quarter Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2016. Today's awards represent the second release of funding to date for FY 2016.

Congress appropriated these funds under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriation Act of 2016, which provided the final budget for FY 2016 and which the President signed into law on December 18, 2015.

The legislation provides for a total available funding of, \$1,700,000,000, which is reduced to \$1,584,400,000 after the application of mandatory sequestration of 6.8% as required under the Budget Control Act of 2011. While the Department of Health and Human Services has taken every step to mitigate cuts, the sequester statutes do not offer flexibility for the Social Services Block Grant.

The second quarter funds for FY 2016 SSBG allotment is being released to all States and Territories for expenditures made available in accordance with the State's plan under title XX of the Social Security Act. For planning purposes, a chart is attached to show the full amounts allocated for FY 2016, as well as the first and second quarter amounts released for each State.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the social services and activities supported with these resources. Again, thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as we work together to continue providing quality service to vulnerable individuals, children and families.

Sincerely,

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