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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) information related to a second payment from the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund, which was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.



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ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO
SUPPORT THE PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND
PAYMENTS

REFERENCE: [PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND \(SECTION 9201 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, PUBLIC LAW 117-2; SECTION 403\(C\) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT\), ASSEMBLY BILL 135 \(SECTION 18, CHAPTER 4.8 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE\), AND ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER dated July 22, 2021](#)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information related to the state's Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) allotment, which was authorized as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The PEAF provided funding to states, tribes administering a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and five U.S. territories to assist needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In California, these funds were used to provide a one-time payment of \$640, issued on July 10, 2021, to California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipient families to assist them in dealing with added costs caused by the pandemic. Some of the additional costs incurred by CalWORKs families included increased utility costs, the closure of childcare centers, and further costs associated with distance learning.

Due to the nature of relying on caseload estimates in order to project payment amounts to be disbursed to families, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released [subsequent guidance](#) authorizing the use of any remaining, unspent PEAF funds allocated to states. On July 16, 2022, these federal funds will be made available to CWDs to support the costs associated with issuance of the secondary PEAF payments,

hereafter referred to as PEAFF II payments, as part of their regular County Assistance payments for July 2022. The advances are identified as “Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund II” on the AA-190 and are included as Attachment I to this letter. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has determined each county’s advance payment based on CalWORKs case counts from the CA 237 CW report from the month of February 2022, multiplied by the \$47 one-time payment that each eligible CalWORKs Assistance Unit will receive. A five percent increase was added to each county’s case counts to support adequate cashflow. The payment will be issued on July 16, 2022.

Guidance on the treatment of the PEAFF II payments for CalWORKs recipients and the claiming details are issued under a separate All County Letter and County Fiscal Letter.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The CDSS will create a webpage on the [Statewide Outreach website](#) in July to provide information to CalWORKs recipient families and supportive materials for CWDs and community-based organizations serving recipients of programs overseen by the CDSS. The materials will be designed for use by CWDs and other partner organizations to raise awareness of the PEAFF II payment for CalWORKs families and notify clients of the payment. The webpage will include information and resources for:

- Members of the public, including:
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- County Welfare Departments and Community-Based Organizations, including:
 - Email and phone script for CDSS client notification campaign
 - Client Facing Flyer (English and Spanish versions)
 - Social Media Graphics
 - Social Media Post information (English and Spanish)

Fiscal questions regarding this letter may be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding CalWORKs may be directed to the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Attachment I

Advance Amounts for Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds II

County	Stipend Total
Alameda	\$346,155
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$7,661
Butte	\$87,326
Calaveras	\$13,771
Colusa	\$6,110
Contra Costa	\$281,812
Del Norte	\$24,487
El Dorado	\$30,597
Fresno	\$816,766
Glenn	\$13,771
Humboldt	\$52,029
Imperial	\$168,401
Inyo	\$3,055
Kern	\$742,506
Kings	\$109,134
Lake	\$33,840
Lassen	\$16,826
Los Angeles	\$5,178,319
Madera	\$118,064
Marin	\$35,391
Mariposa	\$7,708
Mendocino	\$32,289
Merced	\$255,821
Modoc	\$6,110
Mono	\$1,551
Monterey	\$110,168
Napa	\$13,818
Nevada	\$18,377

County	Stipend Total
Orange	\$583,082
Placer	\$33,699
Plumas	\$6,110
Riverside	\$770,236
Sacramento	\$866,445
San Benito	\$15,463
San Bernardino	\$1,342,085
San Diego	\$701,663
San Francisco	\$143,914
San Joaquin	\$435,784
San Luis Obispo	\$50,807
San Mateo	\$36,049
Santa Barbara	\$121,307
Santa Clara	\$230,488
Santa Cruz	\$59,972
Shasta	\$71,910
Sierra	\$1,551
Siskiyou	\$22,936
Solano	\$147,533
Sonoma	\$60,536
Stanislaus	\$291,353
Sutter	\$53,674
Tehama	\$33,652
Trinity	\$6,110
Tulare	\$479,682
Tuolumne	\$10,716
Ventura	\$153,408
Yolo	\$44,556
Yuba	\$64,343
TOTAL	\$15,370,927