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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-26

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 ALLOCATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

This letter informs counties of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 allocation for the administration of the CalFresh Program. A total of \$631 million General Fund (GF) is available for this program based on the Budget Act of 2015.

CalFresh Administration Base

The CalFresh administration base of \$628.6 million GF includes the funding for basic administration, Affordable Care Act impact, Modified Categorical Eligibility and California Food Assistance Program. In conjunction with the County Welfare Directors Associations, the base allocation displayed in Attachment I has been adjusted to ensure that all counties were held harmless to their prior year base allocation or their four most recent quarters' expenditure levels (June 2014 quarter through March 2015 quarter), whichever was greater.

School Lunch (Assembly Bill [AB] 402)

Effective January 1, 2012, Assembly Bill 402 (Chapter 504, Statutes of 2011) allowed local educational agencies to voluntarily implement a process to share select free and reduced-price meal applications with County Welfare Departments (CWD) for the purpose of identifying potentially eligible households interested in CalFresh benefits. Under the AB 402 School Lunch Program, implementation varies by local school districts within a county and is dependent on when a Memorandum of Understanding is reached and free and reduced-price meal application referrals are received by the CWD. The School Lunch funds were distributed to the participating counties based on a percent-to-total of each county's Non-Assistance CalFresh caseload.

Drug Felon Eligibility

The Budget Act of 2015 provided funding for Drug Felons to be eligible for CalFresh benefits. The funds displayed in Attachment I for Drug Felon Eligibility represent the eligibility worker administrative costs. Funds were distributed using a percent-to-total of each county's average monthly caseload during calendar year 2014. The minimum allocation continues to be \$100 to ensure an adequate level of funding for smaller counties.

As a reminder, the County Match waiver phase out process will become effective in FY 2015-16. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 18906.55, the waived portion of the county's share shall be 75 percent in FY 2015-16; therefore, counties are not required to pay 75 percent of the county's share of the non-federal costs that are above their California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Maintenance of Effort (MOE) as required by W&IC section 15204.4.

Attachment II provides a complete listing of program codes available for claiming to the CalFresh administrative allocation. Expenditures charged against these program codes are tracked against the CalFresh administrative ledger on the quarterly county expense claim. Any expenditure exceeding the allocation will be transferred to county share using state use only program code 284.

If you have any questions regarding this CFL, please direct them to the Fiscal Systems Bureau at fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

LILIA YOUNG, Chief
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Attachments

FY 2015-16 CALFRESH ADMINISTRATION GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION

COUNTY	Base CalFresh Administration Allocation	School Lunch (AB 402) Allocation	Drug Felon Eligibility \$100 minimum Allocation	Total CalFresh Administration General Fund Allocation
Alameda	\$22,628,672	\$248,728	\$3,736	\$22,881,136
Alpine	\$62,863	\$0	\$100	\$62,963
Amador	\$548,104	\$0	\$104	\$548,208
Butte	\$4,619,502	\$0	\$888	\$4,620,390
Calaveras	\$819,641	\$0	\$100	\$819,741
Colusa	\$256,338	\$0	\$100	\$256,438
Contra Costa	\$14,499,167	\$0	\$1,925	\$14,501,092
Del Norte	\$658,489	\$0	\$100	\$658,589
El Dorado	\$2,201,043	\$0	\$414	\$2,201,457
Fresno	\$22,383,243	\$0	\$5,074	\$22,388,317
Glenn	\$543,168	\$0	\$100	\$543,268
Humboldt	\$4,856,452	\$0	\$617	\$4,857,069
Imperial	\$3,807,485	\$0	\$884	\$3,808,369
Inyo	\$357,024	\$0	\$100	\$357,124
Kern	\$14,844,148	\$227,516	\$3,279	\$15,074,943
Kings	\$2,011,305	\$0	\$557	\$2,011,862
Lake	\$1,537,421	\$0	\$319	\$1,537,740
Lassen	\$446,958	\$0	\$100	\$447,058
Los Angeles	\$184,277,748	\$2,218,448	\$31,973	\$186,528,169
Madera	\$2,179,834	\$0	\$616	\$2,180,450
Marin	\$2,459,129	\$0	\$352	\$2,459,481
Mariposa	\$374,533	\$0	\$100	\$374,633
Mendocino	\$2,319,340	\$0	\$435	\$2,319,775
Merced	\$5,732,545	\$0	\$1,272	\$5,733,817
Modoc	\$217,699	\$0	\$100	\$217,799
Mono	\$299,269	\$0	\$100	\$299,369
Monterey	\$7,618,651	\$0	\$1,219	\$7,619,870
Napa	\$1,347,974	\$0	\$205	\$1,348,179
Nevada	\$1,437,211	\$0	\$248	\$1,437,459
Orange	\$30,682,899	\$0	\$5,516	\$30,688,415
Placer	\$3,966,326	\$37,031	\$531	\$4,003,888
Plumas	\$342,035	\$0	\$100	\$342,135
Riverside	\$33,746,462	\$0	\$6,888	\$33,753,350
Sacramento	\$30,303,008	\$0	\$5,363	\$30,308,371
San Benito	\$684,827	\$0	\$155	\$684,982
San Bernardino	\$44,504,043	\$0	\$9,427	\$44,513,470
San Diego	\$43,230,079	\$0	\$8,032	\$43,238,111
San Francisco	\$16,822,606	\$0	\$1,896	\$16,824,502
San Joaquin	\$8,026,456	\$0	\$1,479	\$8,027,935
San Luis Obispo	\$3,453,963	\$0	\$549	\$3,454,512
San Mateo	\$7,234,929	\$0	\$930	\$7,235,859
Santa Barbara	\$5,906,371	\$0	\$845	\$5,907,216
Santa Clara	\$24,052,626	\$214,244	\$3,065	\$24,269,935
Santa Cruz	\$4,700,354	\$50,033	\$723	\$4,751,110
Shasta	\$3,530,727	\$0	\$725	\$3,531,452
Sierra	\$130,216	\$0	\$100	\$130,316
Siskiyou	\$1,080,109	\$0	\$180	\$1,080,289
Solano	\$7,856,842	\$0	\$1,211	\$7,858,053
Sonoma	\$6,379,053	\$0	\$1,114	\$6,380,167
Stanislaus	\$11,468,806	\$0	\$2,363	\$11,471,169
Sutter	\$1,262,702	\$0	\$313	\$1,263,015
Tehama	\$1,257,017	\$0	\$274	\$1,257,291
Trinity	\$309,340	\$0	\$100	\$309,440
Tulare	\$15,192,139	\$0	\$3,122	\$15,195,261
Tuolumne	\$914,888	\$0	\$173	\$915,061
Ventura	\$11,584,401	\$0	\$1,879	\$11,586,280
Yolo	\$2,884,486	\$0	\$500	\$2,884,986
Yuba	\$1,810,334	\$0	\$330	\$1,810,664
TOTAL	\$628,663,000	\$2,996,000	\$113,000	\$631,772,000

FY 2015-16 CALFRESH PROGRAM CODES

Expenditures reported to the following program codes on the quarterly county expense claim capture costs against the CalFresh allocation:

- 211 – CalFresh Issuance
- 218 – Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) – Income Eligibility and Verification System
- 268 – Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program – NACF
- 275 – Early Fraud Detection/Prevention (EFD/P) - NACF
- 310 – NACF - Fraud
- 312 – Fraud – Public Assistance CalFresh
- 341 – EFD/P - NACF (Welfare Fraud Investigator)
- 343 – NACF Eligibility
- 344 – NACF Program Integrity
- 347 – NACF - Quality Control
- 606 – California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) – Families
- 609 – CFAP – Singles
- 611 – NACF - Jail Match (SB 1556)

State Use Only Codes (SUO)

- 284 – SUO – NACF – County Overmatch
- 298 – SUO - NACF SB90 / CalWORKs County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Related
- 814 – SUO MOE Excess CalFresh Admin