

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



May 16, 2001

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-36-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP
COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL 100
PERCENT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2001

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

Reference: ALL-COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 00-41

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recently informed our Department that there is unspent 100 percent federal grant funds rolled over from FFY 2000 that can be used in FFY 2001 for the Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) program. FNS could not tell us the exact amount that is available to California, only that the additional funds are available from a nationwide surplus of employment and training funds which can only be used for FFY 2001 expenditures. Once the state-by-state allocations are known, California's full allocation will be made available and any surplus funds that we request at this time will be deducted from our allocation of rollover funds.

Any FSET county wishing to request additional 100 percent grant funds in the current federal fiscal year must submit an amendment to their current FSET plan for FFY 2001 by June 8, 2001, to:

Tony Pyara
744 P Street, Mail Station 16-33
Sacramento, California 95814
e-mail tpyara@dss.ca.gov
Fax # (916) 654-1048

The amendment must include a brief cover letter showing the total amount of additional funds requested and revised Tables 4 and 5 (please see the enclosed templates). Counties will need to refer to ACL 00-41 for instructions on how to complete the tables. Since we do not know at this time exactly how much California will receive from the nationwide surplus, we are asking counties to estimate how much funding is needed to operate their FSET program. My staff will compile the information and submit an amended FSET state plan for the additional funds.

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When the State's actual rollover allocation is known, we will assess whether there are sufficient funds remaining to warrant issuing another interest letter to the counties. As in the past, counties may spend up to 100 percent of their unmatched federal grant allocation to serve Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) in qualifying activities, i.e., a workfare program or an allowable 20-hour per week work/training program. However, expenditures for non-ABAWDs and ABAWDs in non-qualifying activities, such as Job Club, cannot exceed 20 percent of the 100 percent federal grant allocation. Expenditures above the 20 percent cap for non-qualifying components will be matched with 50 percent federal funds and 50 percent county funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Pyara, Analyst, at (916) 657-2630 or Yvonne Lee, Unit Manager, at (916) 657-5039.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
Charr Lee Metsker on 5/16/01***

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

**REVISED TABLE 4
OPERATING BUDGET
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2001**

COMPONENT	SALARY & BENEFITS	OTHER COSTS (OVERHEAD)	CONTRACT COSTS	DEPEND. CARE	TRANS/ ANCILLARY	TOTAL
Job Search						
Job Club						
Workfare						
Workfare SIP						
Supervised Job Search						
Vocational Training						
Vocational Training/Drug Rehabilitation						
Vocational Train/Alcohol Rehabilitation						
Vocational Training/Job Search						
Vocational Train/Job Club						
OJT						
OJT/Drug Rehabilitation						
OJT/Alcohol Rehabilitation						
Education						
Education/Drug Rehabilitation						
Education/Alcohol Rehabilitation						
Education/Job Search						
Education/Job Club						
Other (Describe)						
Total						

Total Component	
Assessment	
Child Care	
Transportation/Ancillary	
Federal MOE *	
County MOE*	
State MOE *	
Grand Total	

* Counted in Total Component Cost

**REVISED TABLE 5
COUNTY FSET PROGRAM BY FUNDING CATEGORY
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2001**

Categories	Estimate of FFY 2001 Expenditures
1. FSET Grant Funds (100% Federal)	
2. County Overmatch for Administrative Cost 50% Federal 50% County	
3. Federal Maintenance of Effort	
4. State Maintenance of Effort	
5. County Maintenance of Effort	
6. a. Up to \$25 per month for transportation and other costs: 50% Federal 35% State 15% County b. Up to \$200 per dependent per month for dependent care cost: 50% Federal 35% State 15% County c. County Overmatch for Transportation 50% Federal 50% County d. County Overmatch for Dependent Care 50% Federal 50% County	
Grand Total FSET Program Costs (1+2+3+4+5+6)	