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Division of Social Services

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County Managers  
Chairperson, County Boards of Commissioners  
Directors, County Department of Social Services  
County Health Directors  
County Finance Officers

Dear County Partners:

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 108A-88 for county budget estimates, the projected funding available for state fiscal year 2026-2027 for public assistance, social services, and related administration costs have been posted at:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/county-staff-information/budget-information/dss-budget-estimates>

These estimates are based upon law and projected funding levels. Each estimate is subject to change based on final budget authorizations from U.S. Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly.

The documents posted on our website represent a consolidation of data affecting county Departments of Social Services from the DHHS Divisions of Social Services, Child and Family Well-Being, Child Development and Early Education, Aging, and Health Benefits. Please note that the Division of Health Benefits data is shown as separate documents on the website. The Division of Health Benefits documents include Medicaid reporting for the county Departments of Social Services. Reports to local health departments and public ambulance providers will be sent separately, outside of this process.

Estimates do not include programs that are solely funded by county dollars, or programs that are funded or administered by State or federal agencies other than the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

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Thank you for the services that you provide to the people of North Carolina. If you have questions about the county budget estimates, please contact Gloria Waters at [gloria.waters@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:gloria.waters@dhhs.nc.gov). If you have questions about public health or ambulance funds, please contact Chrissy Jackson at [chrissy.jackson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:chrissy.jackson@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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