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Subject: Funding Inquiry

Julie,

Fort Bend County Social Services is inquiry about available funding through the Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation to assist with the unprecedented demand for rent/mortgage, and utility assistance from the community, due to COVID-19 incident. In the month of March, Social Services received over 3,000 phone calls. In the last two weeks, Social Services received over 1,500 calls. In the last month, we received two inquiries for day care assistance however, we anticipate receiving more requests in the coming weeks.

We are estimating that by the end of April Social Services would have exhausted all public assistance funds. To that end the County would have expended \$150,000.00 in March and April. An additional \$50,000 has been requested from Commissioner's court (April 14th) to assist with food vouchers.

The County is looking into other funding sources to include Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and CDBG (DR) however, the specifics of these funding sources have not been provided.

Until additional funding is made available Social Services would like to inquire about a grant in the amount of \$125,000 to assist residents with rent/mortgage, utilities and daycare. Funds will be utilized to assist with the following services:

Rent/Mortgage Assistance: \$100,000 – to assist 55 clients/households-maximum assistance \$1,800

Utility Assistance: \$15,000 – to assist 60 clients/households-maximum assistance \$250.00

Childcare Assistance: \$10,000 – to assist 6 clients/households –maximum assistance \$1,500

Should you have any questions regarding the County's inquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you.

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