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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 14/15-20

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-15 ALLOCATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

This letter informs counties of their FY 2014-15 administrative allocation for the CalFresh Program. Attachment I displays a total of \$684.1 million General Fund (GF) that is made available for this program based on the Budget Act of 2014. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 18906.55, counties are not required to pay 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.

CalFresh Administration Base

The CalFresh administration base of \$682.8 million GF includes the funding for basic administration, Affordable Care Act impact, State Utility Assistance Subsidy and California Food Assistance Program. In accordance with the County Welfare Directors Association's recommendation, 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 level (June 2013 quarter through March 2014 quarter), whichever was greater. After distribution of the hold harmless portion of the allocation, the balance of \$85.5 million GF was distributed based on caseload growth from the average monthly caseload of Calendar Year (CY) 2012 to the average monthly caseload of CY 2013.

School Lunch (Assembly Bill [AB] 402)

The School Lunch program provides the option for local school districts or county offices of education to partner with local county CalFresh offices to identify potential new CalFresh applicants. Three counties have been participating in this program since July 2013 and funding for their School Lunch program is included in their CalFresh base caseload trend. The funds displayed in Attachment I represent the eligibility worker

administrative cost for five counties that are starting their School Lunch program in FY 2014-15. The funds were distributed to the four new participating counties based on a percent-to-total of each county's caseload data from the California Department of Education.

Drug Felon Eligibility

The Budget Act of 2014 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 CY 2013.

As a reminder, counties will have the full benefit of FY 2014-15 before the waiver phase out process begins in FY 2015-16. The phase out process will decrease by a percentage each FY until the waiver reaches zero.

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:

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Attachments

FY 2014-15 CALFRESH PROGRAM (CFP) ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION

COUNTY	FY 2014-15 Base CF Administration Base GF Allocation	School Lunch (AB 402) GF Allocation	Drug Felon Eligibility \$100 minimum GF Allocation	TOTAL CALFRESH ADMIN. GF Allocation
Alameda	\$24,575,996	\$0	\$2,376	\$24,578,372
Alpine	\$68,270	\$0	\$100	\$68,370
Amador	\$595,274	\$0	\$100	\$595,374
Butte	\$5,017,034	\$0	\$534	\$5,017,568
Calaveras	\$890,177	\$0	\$100	\$890,277
Colusa	\$278,400	\$0	\$100	\$278,500
Contra Costa	\$15,746,903	\$0	\$1,151	\$15,748,054
Del Norte	\$715,154	\$0	\$100	\$715,254
El Dorado	\$2,390,458	\$0	\$245	\$2,390,703
Fresno	\$24,309,446	\$0	\$3,096	\$24,312,542
Glenn	\$589,911	\$0	\$100	\$590,011
Humboldt	\$5,274,380	\$0	\$325	\$5,274,705
Imperial	\$4,135,142	\$0	\$520	\$4,135,662
Inyo	\$387,747	\$0	\$100	\$387,847
Kern	\$16,121,568	\$110,082	\$2,025	\$16,233,675
Kings	\$2,184,387	\$0	\$313	\$2,184,700
Lake	\$1,669,722	\$0	\$191	\$1,669,913
Lassen	\$485,424	\$0	\$100	\$485,524
Los Angeles	\$200,135,897	\$1,074,654	\$19,388	\$201,229,939
Madera	\$2,367,420	\$0	\$358	\$2,367,778
Marin	\$2,670,751	\$0	\$206	\$2,670,957
Mariposa	\$406,766	\$0	\$100	\$406,866
Mendocino	\$2,518,931	\$0	\$262	\$2,519,193
Merced	\$6,225,862	\$0	\$760	\$6,226,622
Modoc	\$236,434	\$0	\$100	\$236,534
Mono	\$325,020	\$0	\$100	\$325,120
Monterey	\$8,274,279	\$0	\$708	\$8,274,987
Napa	\$1,463,975	\$0	\$121	\$1,464,096
Nevada	\$1,560,889	\$0	\$146	\$1,561,035
Orange	\$33,323,336	\$0	\$3,213	\$33,326,549
Placer	\$4,307,648	\$17,774	\$311	\$4,325,733
Plumas	\$371,471	\$0	\$100	\$371,571
Riverside	\$36,650,534	\$0	\$4,087	\$36,654,621
Sacramento	\$32,910,753	\$0	\$3,215	\$32,913,968
San Benito	\$743,758	\$0	\$100	\$743,858
San Bernardino	\$48,333,868	\$0	\$5,554	\$48,339,422
San Diego	\$46,950,271	\$0	\$4,746	\$46,955,017
San Francisco	\$18,270,284	\$65,830	\$1,198	\$18,337,312
San Joaquin	\$8,717,178	\$0	\$796	\$8,717,974
San Luis Obispo	\$3,751,194	\$0	\$330	\$3,751,524
San Mateo	\$7,857,534	\$0	\$531	\$7,858,065
Santa Barbara	\$6,414,646	\$0	\$506	\$6,415,152
Santa Clara	\$26,122,492	\$0	\$1,855	\$26,124,347
Santa Cruz	\$5,104,843	\$23,660	\$433	\$5,128,936
Shasta	\$3,834,569	\$0	\$428	\$3,834,997
Sierra	\$141,420	\$0	\$100	\$141,520
Siskiyou	\$1,173,059	\$0	\$105	\$1,173,164
Solano	\$8,532,967	\$0	\$730	\$8,533,697
Sonoma	\$6,928,006	\$0	\$690	\$6,928,696
Stanislaus	\$12,455,763	\$0	\$1,464	\$12,457,227
Sutter	\$1,371,367	\$0	\$184	\$1,371,551
Tehama	\$1,365,190	\$0	\$153	\$1,365,343
Trinity	\$335,963	\$0	\$100	\$336,063
Tulare	\$16,499,508	\$0	\$1,586	\$16,501,094
Tuolumne	\$993,620	\$0	\$104	\$993,724
Ventura	\$12,581,301	\$0	\$1,069	\$12,582,370
Yolo	\$3,132,714	\$0	\$285	\$3,132,999
Yuba	\$1,966,126	\$0	\$202	\$1,966,328
TOTAL	\$682,763,000	\$1,292,000	\$68,000	\$684,123,000

FY 2014-15 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 Related
- 814 – SUO MOE Excess CalFresh Admin