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# PUBLIC COMMENT SIGNUP SHEET

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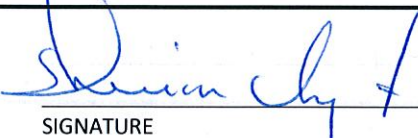
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## **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

October 16, 2013

WIC, a program fully funded by the federal government, provides food and nutrition assistance to low-income pregnant and post-partum women, along with infants and children up to 5 years of age. Certain foods can be bought through WIC, typically through benefit checks to participants. To qualify, women or children must fall under 185 percent of the federal poverty level, generally \$43,568 for a family of four.

### **Funding**

WIC is a public health nutrition program under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). It is a domestic discretionary program funded annually through the U.S. Senate and House Appropriations Committee. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) drafts WIC's annual budget proposal for the Federal fiscal year (Oct 1-Sept 30). Through the funding process Congress determines the level of funding that the Program will receive each year. Once the appropriation passes Congress and is signed into law, grants are provided to each state, and administered at the local level by county and city health centers, or private nonprofits.

### **Effect of Shutdown**

Federal funds set to go to states for WIC benefits in the new fiscal year, which started October 1, were not distributed because of the Federal budget stalemate. Last fiscal year, the U.S. Government paid states and the District of Columbia nearly \$6.5 billion in WIC grants, on average about \$127 million per state.

On October 8, the state of North Carolina notified nearly 264,000 women, infants and children that their benefits would be suspended because of a lack of funds.

About 80 percent of those enrolled in WIC had already received benefits for October. This included clients who had been given vouchers in August and September to be used in October.

On October 10, the state used dollars left over from last fiscal year and some funding from a US. Food and Nutrition Service \$125 million contingency fund made available to continue benefits in all states through October. If this had not happened, 20 percent of our WIC clients would have received no benefits this month.

If the federal funding stalemate is not resolved, many states may be forced to end benefits at the end of October.



# Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

October 16, 2013

## Impact of Program

- On average one out of every two babies born in the U.S. are enrolled in the WIC program.
- In Henderson County, more than 2500 women and children were enrolled in the program as of August 2013.
- North Carolina has the eighth-largest WIC population in the country.
- WIC program benefits used in local stores and markets provides economic stimulus that impacts the broader community through generating jobs and greater spending.
- Last Federal fiscal year, a total of \$1,673,936.16 was paid to local grocery stores for the redemption of WIC vouchers.

## Example of WIC Funding Cuts

During our shutdown, a mother with a very high risk infant was unable to get formula due to WIC benefit cuts the day before. Because of special medical concerns, her doctor had placed the infant on a special formula that is not available in local food banks. The cost of this formula could reach \$350 dollars per month. Without the WIC program, it is highly likely that this infant would be given watered down formula to make it stretch.

## How WIC Helps

- WIC reduces fetal deaths and infant mortality.
- WIC reduces low birth weight rates and increases the duration of pregnancy.
- WIC improves the growth of nutritionally at-risk infants and children.
- WIC decreases the incidence of iron deficiency anemia in children.
- WIC improves the dietary intake of pregnant and postpartum women and improves weight gain in pregnant women.
- Pregnant women participating in WIC receive prenatal care earlier.
- Children enrolled in WIC are more likely to have a regular source of medical care and have more up to date immunizations.
- WIC helps get children ready to start school: children who receive WIC benefits demonstrate improved intellectual development.

October 16, 2013





# Audit Highlights

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- Unmodified opinion
- Cooperative staff



# Audit Process

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- Planning and Risk Assessment
- Interim Procedures
- Final Procedures
- Year Around Process





# Audit Findings

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- Social Services Trust Fund
- Audit Adjustments
- Budgetary Issues
  - General Capital Projects Fund
  - Fire District Fund
  - Travel and Tourism Fund



**General Fund Expenditures**  
**July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

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**Budgeted expenditures:                    \$ 109,063,074**

**Actual expenditures:                    \$ 103,523,164**

**Net expenditures under budget:    \$ 5,539,910**



**General Fund Revenues**  
**July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

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**General Fund revenues:**

Budgeted revenues	\$ 102,758,066
Actual revenues	<u>108,212,482</u>
Net revenues over budget	\$ 5,454,416





# General Fund Summary Report

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	<u>Actual</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 108,212,482
Total Expenditures	<u>103,523,164</u>
Revenues over expenditures	<b>4,689,318</b>
Other financing sources	413,539
Installment debt issued	532,916
Transfers in	
Transfers out	<u>(5,763,304)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>(4,816,849)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u><u>\$ (127,531)</u></u>



# Capital Projects Funded

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boyd Property Purchase	\$ 2,007,970
<input type="checkbox"/> HCA&A Center	1,927,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Communications Project	810,898
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackson Park Renovations	324,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 911 Center Relocation Project	110,000

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# Fund Balance Position General Fund

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2013

Unassigned Fund Balance      \$ 25,467,834

BOC Policy Level (12%)      \$ 13,114,376

Amount Over BOC Policy      \$ 12,353,458






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# **Discussion & Questions**



**IMPACT OF FEDERAL SHUTDOWN  
ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE  
HENDERSON COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**





F. Eric Bush, MSW/MA, Director  
October 16, 2013


**THE SHUTDOWN**

- ✘ US Congress Failure to Pass a Continuing Budget Resolution
- ✘ Began October 1<sup>st</sup> - Lapse in Funding
- ✘ Lack of Funds to Reimburse States for Services
- ✘ Requiring States Use of Funds Carried Over from Prior Year, If Available

**PROGRAMS NOT IMPACTED**

- ✘ Family and Children's Medicaid 
- ✘ Adult Medicaid
- ✘ Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance 
- ✘ Child Support Enforcement

**BLOCK GRANTS AFFECTED**

- ✘ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- ✘ Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) 
- ✘ Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)
- ✘ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)



### ~~TANE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS~~

\* Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect

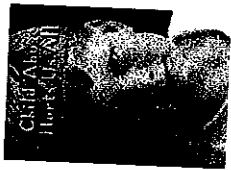
\* In-Home Child Protective Services

\* Foster Care Services

\* Adoption Services

\* Loss of Funds - \$120,000 Monthly

Sept. 2013 - Investigations/Assessments - 89 new Children in Foster Care - 113



### ~~SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS~~

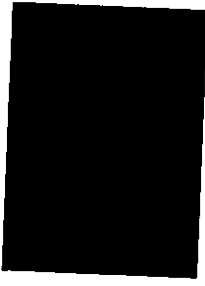
\* Adult Protective Services  
+ Investigation of abuse, neglect and exploitation

\* Guardianship Services

\* In Home Services

\* Child Protective Services

\* Loss of Funds - \$192,000 Monthly



### ~~CHILD CARE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS~~

\* Impact - Loss of Child Care for over 551 children

\* Reassignment of Eligible Children (45) to Funding thru Smart Start

\* Child Care Terminated October 18th

\* Loss of \$205,000 Monthly

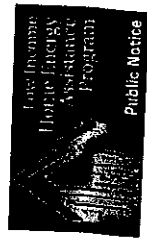


### ~~LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM~~

\* Help families below 130-150% of Poverty

\* State has Sufficient Funds Carried Over from Prior Fiscal Year

\* No Immediate Impact



**WORK FIRST FAMILY ASSISTANCE**

- Cash Assistance Funded by TANF Block Grant
- Payments have been made for October 2013
- State Unable to Make any Work First Family Assistance payments in November 2013

Impact 184 Families

**FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES**



- \* Provides Food Assistance
- \* Serves Over 13,500 Individuals in County
- \* Over \$1,300,000 Monthly
- \* No Funding for November



**CRITICAL SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK**

- \* Continue Provision of -
  - + Investigation of Abuse and Neglect for Children and Adults
  - + Foster Care
  - + In-Home Protective Case Management Services
  - + Guardianship Services
  - + Medication Management

**ACTIONS BY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

- \* Not filling Eight Vacancies During Shutdown - Decreased Level of Services
- \* Reassignment of Staff to Reimbursable Programs
- \* Eliminate Non-Mandated Travel

**ACTIONS BY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

- \* Suspend Child Care Funding
- \* Maximize Funding Thru Smart Start
- \* Charge Allowable Activities to Maintenance of Effort

**OTHER ISSUES**

- \* No assurance of replacement of Federal Funds
- \* No State Funds to Replace Federal Funding
- \* State Worker for Services to the Blind Furloughed (Oct.8)
- \* Information Contradictory and Changing Daily
- \* Resolution on Federal Level will not Result in Immediate State and County Resolution

**FURTHER UPDATES**

- \* As Information is Received we will Share with County Manager and Assistant County Manager

**QUESTIONS???**

