

**Department of Health and Human Services
Central Management & Support**

Report to Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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The purpose of this report is to consult with the Commission on budgeting Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding appropriated in the SSBG plan for SFY 2003-04 for the North Carolina Interagency Council for the Homeless Programs. These funds remain available to the Department to liquidate obligations related to that program.

The 2003 Session of the General Assembly (S.L. 2003-284 Section 5.1A SSBG item 21) appropriated \$150,000 for the N.C. Interagency Council for Coordination of Homeless Programs (NCICCHP). Executive Order number 56 created the NCICCHP. The Council has made strategic decisions about the best use of the SSBG funds. All funds appropriated for the NCICCHP are committed.

The SSBG Plan for 2004-05 was developed on available funds as of June 30, 2003 (\$3,119,309) plus new federal allocations from the fourth quarter of the FFY 2004 award (\$12,193,829) and the first three quarters of the FFY 2005 award (\$36,581,478). The SSBG plan as submitted totaled \$51,894,616. The total Social Services Block Grant budget appropriated by the 2004 Session of the General Assembly is \$57,894,616, which included transfers from the TANF block grant plan in the amount of \$6,000,000.

Funding authorized for NCICCHP for SFY 2003-04 remains available to liquidate outstanding obligations as of June 30, 2004.

The Department desires to budget the funds authorized in the SFY 2003-04 SSBG plan that remain available for NCICCHP to liquidate the obligations authorized by the Council.