Office of State Budget and Management Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions

(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: NC Department of Health and Human Services

Division: Aging and Adult Services

Budget Code: 14411

Center Title: <u>Disaster Preparedness</u>

Center Number: 1110-5800

*** Position Information ***

Proposed Classification: <u>Human Services Planner/Evaluator IV</u> Proposed Salary Grade: <u>74</u>

Salary Range: \$\\$\\$41,802 to \$69,093 **Proposed Effective Date**: 01/01/2007

Number of Positions: 1

	Center Authorized Bud	<u>get</u>	Current Request
Total Budget	\$	\$	75,455
Receipts			75,455
Appropriation	\$	\$	0

Funding Source(s): US Homeland Security, through NC Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

Salary	\$62,375
Soc.Sec	4,772
Retirement	4,454
Medical	3,854
Total	\$75.455

The elderly and persons with disabilities of all ages are especially vulnerable during disasters. Slowed sensory perceptions, slowed physical responses, increased isolation, and increased medical conditions compound response time and recovery abilities. While many resources exist to assist these vulnerable populations prior to, during, and after disasters, access to the resources is limited, often by the variability of their communities in planning for the elderly and persons with disabilities during disasters. The Division of Aging and Adult Services proposes to enhance communities through strengthening the aging network's, the disability network's, and the emergency services network's abilities to equip these populations prior to events and respond to them during and after disasters.

In order to appropriately address the disaster needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities, a multi-agency council and taskforce are being established. Through information gathering meetings, the council and taskforce will review the current disaster-readiness status of these populations, profile best practices, and examine their disaster-readiness needs. It is anticipated that there will be recommendations for enhancing the three networks abilities to assist the elderly and persons

with disabilities in disaster preparation, mitigation, response and recovery. It is also anticipated that there will be a Summit to reveal the work of the council and taskforce in fall 2007.

This position would be lead staff for this disaster initiative. The position would provide assistance to the council and the task force as well as any ensuing committees, organize the regional information meetings, research issues, draft recommendations and position papers, organize the Summit, and provide technical assistance and training to county, regional and State organizations.

Statutory Reference for Request	
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