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In Control: Head Start Policy Council Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Correspondence – ACF-PI-HS-23-03 Hurricanes Fiona and Ian Recovery Funds

SUMMARY:

This item presents the following from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership programs for action by the Head Start Policy Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This Program Instruction (PI) outlines the process to request disaster recovery funds for Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including replacement of damaged or destroyed property and facilities following Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. The PI is also intended to assist governing bodies and key management staff in determining the types of assistance and amount of recovery funds that are needed.

President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (H.R. 2617), into law on December 29, 2022. The Act provides \$345,000,000 in emergency funding "for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, including activities authorized under section 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act."

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has the authority to award funds through September 30, 2027 but is subject to end when all funds have been awarded.

ISSUE:

Rules and regulations for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Start-Child Care Partnership grants as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) require the Head Start Policy Council to review programmatic actions to oversee certain key responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund as a result of these actions.

ALTERNATIVES:

The review of the items included in this memorandum are required for program compliance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will present a briefing on this item subject to possible action by the HSPC Committee. Staff recommends review and approval of the items included in this memorandum.