STATE OF OREGON

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TO: Leo Hegstrom, Director
Department of Human Resources

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SUBJECT: Resources for the Homeless in Portland

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) allows for funds to be provided to eligible entities (i.e., CAPs) to operate programs which would eliminate or alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty.

Every October, soon after Congress appropriates funds for GSBG, Community Services allocates funds to the CAPs based on a formula, taking into account factors such as the number of low income persons in the CAP service areas.

Traditionally, SCSP allocates 95 percent of the funds awarded to Oregon to the CAPs. (The law requires that the state use no more than 5% for administration and pass on at least 90% to eligible entities).

This year in anticipation of special requests for aid for homeless persons, rather than conform to tradition, we allocated 95% plus a modest carry over, less $20,000.

Thus Community Services has $20,000 in unallocated CSBG funds which could be used to assist the homeless. Section 675 (c) (1) (v), and 410-60-005-(b) (E) of the administrative rules state that funds can be used to "obtain emergency assistance ... to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs including the need for ... nutritious food, housing ... assistance".

To summarize, Community Services has CSBG funds in the amount of $20,000 which could be made available to eligible entities to assist the homeless.

Additionally, we have checked on the situation regarding the availability of food in Portland. There is no shortage of USDA commodities made available through Community Services for emergency food boxes. For the homeless however that is limited to cheese because all other foods such as rice and corn meal need to be cooked. The homeless do not have cooking facilities.

There is a shortage developing of foods donated by private sources.

Surplus food for soup kitchens, are available through The Department of General Services. Baloney Joe's has not requested such commodities from General Services.

Please conract me with any questions you might have.

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