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MEMORANDUM

TO: All AAA Directors **NOTICE #: 061203-1-I-SWCBS**

FROM: Terry White
Secretary

DATE: June 9, 2003

SUBJECT: Notice of Instruction**:** Maximization of Local Funding Opportunities

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It has come to our attention that funding opportunities available to local communities from sources other than the Department of Elder Affairs for home energy assistance may not be widely known. This means that Area Agencies on Aging may not be tapping into all resources available for services to elders.

Department staff recently attended a Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community Assistance Advisory Council Meeting where a variety of DCA's funding opportunities were shared. Many of these opportunities fit directly into the vision of Communities for a Lifetime and Destination Florida. They include:

- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Community Services Block Grant Program
- Low-Income Emergency Home Repair Program
- Weatherization Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

These programs are described in the attached Department of Community Affairs 2002 – 2003 Program Guide under the Division of Housing and Community Development section. Contacts by agency are attached or are listed by county at the following website:

http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/florida/Florida_map.htm

Another example discussed during that meeting was the under-utilization of DCA's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds by local EHEAP providers. As you are aware, Memorandums of Agreement should be in place between the EHEAP and LIHEAP providers that will ensure coordination of services, avoid duplication of assistance, and increase the quality of services provided to elderly participants. Procedures should also be in place which include referral to other community agencies when EHEAP funds budgeted for a particular time period are exhausted and if consumers are subsequently denied.

Please share this information with your providers. It is essential we maximize all funding opportunities available to ensure we assist elders to age in place, with dignity, purpose, security, and in an elder-friendly community.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Florida's elders. If you require additional information regarding this Notice, please contact your contract manager.

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