

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Additional Emergency Assistance Funding (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Social Services)	
MEETING DATE: March 7, 2017	
REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone	
Background information Low Income Energy Assistance Payments (LIEAP) provides assistance to low income households to assist in the cost of heating expenses. Priority is given to households with an elderly person age 60 and above or a person with a disability receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS). This program is administered through a contractual relationship with Eblen Charities.	
Pro's Eligible households receive a one-time LIEAP heating assistance payment made directly to their heating vendor.	Con's None
Funds required in current budget: No county funds required. 100% Federal funding.	
Funds required in future budgets: No county funds required.	
Alternatives None	
Action recommended: To allocate additional benefit dollars in the amount of \$34,809 for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The total amount for this program (including this additional allocation) is \$1,029,109.	