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BALLARD COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Casey Toomay
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REF: Six Month Progress Report, General Fund

Dear Casey Toomay:

I am pleased to submit this progress report for Ballard Community Services.

Ballard Community Services has served 144 households totaling 444 individuals with rent and utility assistance through the Emergency Services Council program year to date in 2011.

As the administrative agency for ESC, Ballard realizes how absolutely vital it is to be strategic with our funding. When a case is beyond our ability to solve, such as when someone has built up a lot of long-term debt on a bill, we strive to find other agencies or programs to help them, and we try to discuss with them how they could increase their income or reduce their household expenses. Our goal is to employ ESC funds to achieve the most long-term impacts, preferring to focus on situations where a little short-term help will close a temporary gap in a family's or individual's overall pattern of self-sufficiency. If we buy someone 30 days only to prolong an inevitable loss of housing or utilities, we deny another family potential long-term housing, an elderly couple on a fixed income continued utility service, or a homeless individual a chance to rebuild their life by helping them obtain housing which may enable them to continue stable employment.

Ballard Community Services is pleased with efficiency of the Emergency Services Council program and anticipates the long term outcomes will continue to grow as the number of applicants increase over the remainder of the year.

If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

Peter Steimle
Chief Operating Officer
Ballard Community Services