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RE: Budget Request

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In August of 2008, The Southampton County Health Department was notified that our State Budget allocation for FY09 was \$456,773 and that the corresponding locality match to these funds was \$316,606. Subsequently, the State appropriation has been reduced to \$423,000. As a result, your Local match to those funds may be reduced to \$293,197. **However, the Southampton County Health Department is requesting permission to retain \$23,409 of additional funds as 100% local funds to offset an increased demand for clinical services by county residents over the past fiscal year.**

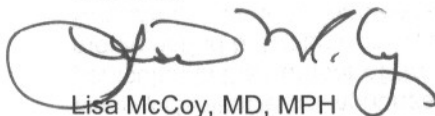
In the past year, the region has seen the closure of multiple wood product and manufacturing businesses; this trend has had a significant impact on the services delivered in our health facility. The Southampton County Health Department has seen a considerable increase in the number of client visits and in particular, in the number of "free-care" or "no-pay" status clients treated by our clinicians. During the six month period between April 1, 2008 and September 30, 2008, the Southampton County Health Department cared for 635 free-care / no-pay clients. During the most recent time period (October 1, 2008 through March 30, 2009) this figure increased to 687, a nearly 10% jump in the number of free-care status clients over the previous six months.

In addition, we have seen a nearly 15% increase in the number of client visits in many of our busiest clinics - Family Planning, HIV Medication Assistance, Adult Immunizations, and Communicable Disease clinics over the past twelve months.

Your approval to retain the additional funds as 100% local dollars would help ensure the availability of these services for all residents of Southampton County throughout this very serious economic downturn. Please provide me with your decision by May 18, 2009, and we will subsequently prepare the annual Local Government Agreement to reflect your local financial commitment.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa McCoy, MD, MPH

cc: Michael Johnson