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Human Services Department Reaches Out to Lincoln County Flood Victims

Replacement EBT Cards, Emergency Food, Home Repair or Relocation and Other Emergency Assistance Available

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The Human Services Department’s (HSD) Income Support Division (ISD) is encouraging victims of the flood that hit Lincoln County this week to request emergency assistance available to them through the department and other partnering agencies.

“People need to know help is available through HSD and our network of agencies across the state for situations just like this,” said Pamela Hyde, HSD Secretary. “Emergency food and emergency repair funding are just some of the assistance available to many of the victims.”

Current clients who have lost their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards, or food purchased through the Food Stamp program lost or damaged in the flooding can get replacements by visiting the ISD office in Ruidoso Downs at 26387 Highway 70 or by calling (575) 378-1762.

Other services include food through USDA’s The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). HSD partners with New Mexico Association of Food Banks to bring more USDA commodity food to more eligible people across the state. TEFAP foods can include canned fruits and vegetables, juice, canned meat, frozen meat, rice beans and many other products. The First Baptist Church of Ruidoso, located in Ruidoso Downs and the Salvation Army in Roswell are TEFAP distribution sites. The First Baptist Church can be reached at (575) 748-4611 and the Salvation Army can be reached at (575) 625-2030.

HSD is also working with the Community Action Agencies that can provide disaster relief in the effected areas. The Southeast New Mexico Community Action Corporation can assist low-income families with funding for home repair or relocation. The CAAs receive Community Services Block Grant funding for emergencies such as flooding and currently have \$10,000 for assistance, up to \$500 per household.

The Southeast Community Action Corporation is located at 1915 San Jose Blvd in Carlsbad, and can be reached by phone at (888) 743-3428 or (575) 887-3939 x 240 Ms. Gail Ellet.

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