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To: Chuck Woodruff, Chief Operating Officer

West Ada School District received a $2,000 for 2015 AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant for utility assistance for under-resourced families.

**How was the AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant used; How many students and families benefited?**

The AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant was used to provide utility assistance to twenty students in nine different families.

**Share brief story about the children or families (do not use names):**

Family #1 received utility assistance due to house they were renting was foreclosed upon and they had to move unexpectedly. Family had unexpected expenses in paying security deposits and last month rent in new housing. This family consists of mother, father, and two children. Father works part-time and mother is employed full-time, thus they are sustainable. Utility assistance allowed family to obtain housing and not become homeless. Family #1 received $300.42 in utility assistance.

Family #2 was referred for utility assistance. Family consists of a mother (single parent) and three children. Mother had an unexpected change of income due to employment change. She is employed part-time due to health issues of one child and obtains social security and child support benefits for her other children. Mother is able to maintain expenses. Utility assistance was able to secure family’s housing and prevent them from becoming homeless. Family #2 received $345.69 in utility assistance.

Family #3 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness. Family consists of a single mom and one child. They had been doubled-up with various friends. Mother was recently approved for disability benefits and was able to move into stable housing. Utility assistance allowed mother to secure housing. Family #3 received $283 in utility assistance.

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Family #4 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness and mother is working to obtain permanent housing. Family #4 consists of a single-mother and four-children. Family became homeless due to mother leaving a domestic violence situation. Family is currently doubled-up with friends. Mother has full-time employment and is working to obtain affordable housing. Utility assistance will help this mother obtain house and remove some financial barriers. Family #4 received $300.00 in utility assistance.

Family #5 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness. The family consists of a mother and three children. Family is doubled-up due to mother losing employment because of health concerns. Mother recently obtained full-time employment and was accepted into a rapid re-housing program. The utility assistance given will allow mother to obtain housing. Family #5 was given $102.43 in utility assistance.

Family #6 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness. Family is a refugee family currently living in a church due to losing housing after an adult child moved out and parent could not afford housing on her fixed income. Family consists of mother and her three children. Mother receives a fixed income through disability benefits. Mother is currently on waiting lists for income-based housing and housing first programs. Utility assistance given will assist mother in being able to secure stable housing. Family #6 received $270 in utility assistance.

Family #7 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness. The family consists of mother, father, and two children. The family is currently moving between hotels as they are unable to secure stable living. Family became homeless due to loss of employment and income by father and were evicted. Father now has full-time employment and is able to afford housing. Family has had difficulty obtaining affordable housing due to credit history. Utility assistance given will assist the family in obtaining stable housing. Family #7 received $200 in utility assistance.

Family #8 was referred for utility assistance due to being behind in bills because of a loss of job of mother and father being placed on short-term disability through work due to a workman's compensation issue. The family consists of a mother, father and 4 children. Father has been able to return to work and gain adequate pay in order to maintain budget and expenses. Utility assistance helped this family from being evicted from their residence and becoming homeless. Family #8 received $141 in utility assistance.

Family #9 was referred for utility assistance because they are currently experiencing homelessness. Family is doubled-up due to losing housing after parent no longer qualified for housing voucher. The family consists of a mother and one child. Mother has obtained full-time employment and is currently
on waiting lists for income-based housing and local Housing First programs. Utility assistance given will assist mother in being able to secure stable housing. Family #9 received $57 in utility assistance.

Thank you for allowing us to receive the AASA grant. The financial assistance ensured student stability and prevented homelessness.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,

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