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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Human Services Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fraud Framework

On April 18, 2019, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, in the amount of \$750,000 over two years to help address recipient fraud in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The Department's grant proposal identifies a mix of information technology-related and people-related investments to support program improvements or strategies. These include implementing a new case management system, purchasing Surface Pro equipment for staff, improving the fraud hotline, producing new educational materials, and hiring three limited duration positions to support business redesign.

The federal dollars do not require state cost-sharing or matching. The Department's grant application is due April 26, 2019 with awards expected to be made by mid-June.

If DHS is awarded the grant funding, the agency will submit a future request for any needed Federal Funds expenditure limitation or position authority.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.