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First State Aid Certification

On September 15 the Pension Division of the State Auditor's Office certified 610 relief associations and pension entities as eligible for receipt of their 2006 state aid. This was the highest number of entities certified for the first round of state aid payments since the fall of 2003 (for the 2002 reporting year). Most relief associations will notice an increase in state aid this year, which is a nice surprise considering that a decrease in aid was initially projected. A list of the state aid amounts is provided on the State Auditor's website at www.auditor.state.mn.us. For relief associations that were certified in the first round of payments, the aid will be disbursed to your affiliated municipality on or about October 1.

Reporting Reminders

Please remember that all financial and investment reporting information should be provided to the Pension Division of the State Auditor's Office. The Legislative Auditor's Office, a separate governmental agency, has been conducting a survey this summer and fall for use in preparing a legislative report. We apologize for any confusion caused by the Legislative Auditor's survey and ask that you please make sure to submit all forms and correspondence directly to the State Auditor's Office.

Online Reporting Forms

The State Auditor would like to thank the more than 325 relief associations that filed using the new online reporting forms. The response to the online forms has exceeded expectations and we look forward to working with you this upcoming year to make the reporting process even more efficient. The online forms are still available for download from our website for those relief associations that have yet to complete the 2005 forms or 2006 Schedule.

We will begin work this winter on prepopulating membership information for the 2007 Schedule for relief associations that have lump sum plans. Prepopulation eliminates the need to manually enter most of the data on the form. The 2007 form cannot be prepopulated until we receive your 2006 Schedule and conduct a preliminary review of the data. **Please upload your 2006 Schedule as soon as possible** – taking time now to upload will save you time next year when completing the 2007 form.

Late Reporting Forms

There are 94 relief associations that are still missing some or all of their 2005 reporting forms. Forms must be submitted immediately so that they can be reviewed and any identified issues resolved before the second state aid certification deadline on November 1.

If you have questions as to what form or forms are still missing, please contact Gail Richie at (651) 282-6110 or Gail.Richie@state.mn.us.

Relief Associations Missing Forms

Ada	Fosston	Mound
Albert Lea	Fulda	Nassau
Appleton	Glyndon	New Auburn
Backus	Gnesen	New Munich
Bagley	Goodland	Orr
Baudette	Granite Falls	Palisade
Bethel	Greenbush	Palo
Bigelow	Grygla	Pelican Rapids
Blackhoof	Harris	Randolph
Braham	Hendrum	Rice Lake
Breckenridge	Hibbing	Royalton
Brownsville	Hill City	Scandia Valley
Brownton	Holland	Scanlon
Buffalo	Ironton	Sedan
Buyck	Ivanhoe	Shelly
Campbell	Keewatin	Silver Lake
Cleveland	Kenyon	Squaw Lake
Clifton	Kilkenny	St. Bonifacius
Cotton	Lake George	Thief River Falls
Cromwell	Lakeport	Tyler
Cyrus	Long Lake	Upsala
Dakota	Lonsdale	Waldorf
Dalbo	Makinen	Walters
Dalton	Mapleview	Warren
Dassel	Marine-On-St Croix	Warroad
Dover	Mayer	Waubun
Dunnell	Mc Gregor	Waverly
Eitzen	Medicine Lake	Wendell
Embarrass	Milan	Westbrook
Emmons	Mission	Winger
Finland	Moose Lake	Woodstock
Floodwood		

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