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To: Welch, Louise; Smith, Austin; Schimsa, Rebecca; Patel, Swati  
Cc: Smith, Mark (ED-Recovery); Graham, Scott A; Sanderson, Jeffrey; Beatty, Dale Mr.  
Subject: RE: as requested

Louise – thanks. This helps get me in the ball park. I would ask you to come back and help me understand the cost of support – spending \$5.9M to this point. I knew you had significant expense, BUT could not have anticipated those numbers in my wildest dreams. It will help me significantly in dealing with the community if I could get a gross order of magnitude by timeframe, but county. Thanks!

Kevin

Governor (she is .Bcc) – BLUF: The Red Cross estimates that through Oct. 27 it has already spent or made commitments to spend \$5.9 million (\$5.8 of that in SC) helping people affected by floods across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. These estimates include the costs of providing food, shelter, blankets, cots, health services, initial casework, and relief supplies. It also includes some of the less visible costs that make relief possible (logistics, staff, technology expenses, etc.).

As of today, the Red Cross has received approximately \$4.7 million in donations and pledge commitments specifically designated for the South Carolina floods.

The Red Cross has received an additional \$1.2 million in donations and pledge commitments designated for Fall Floods, which includes response efforts across North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina

Unlike the total cost estimate, longer-term recovery efforts are not included in the spent and committed figures.

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**"It's a GREAT day in South Carolina!"**

**From:** Welch, Louise [mailto:Louise.Welch@redcross.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:36 PM

**To:** Shwedo, Kevin A

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**Subject:** as requested

Kevin,

We put these in talking point format for you and the Governor. We will review in more detail when you see you. We also have updated information on Recovery for you.

**How much will the Red Cross spend in total helping people affected by the recent floods?**

**A.** Donations to the Red Cross are being used to provide help right now to people in need. As of Oct. 28, our current best estimate is that the Red Cross will spend approximately \$6.3 million helping people affected by floods across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions – the vast majority of these costs are for South Carolina (approximately \$6.2 million).

These figures include the costs of providing food, shelter, blankets, cots, emotional support, health services, initial casework, and relief supplies in

Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. It also includes some of the less visible costs that make relief possible, including logistics, staff and technology expenses. The total cost estimate also includes longer-term recovery efforts.

It's important to remember that these figures are estimates that could change. Our relief operation in South Carolina is still very active with caseworkers meeting directly with affected families to help address immediate disaster-caused needs. While our relief operations are ongoing, it's not easy to project final costs.

**Q. How much has the Red Cross already spent helping people?**

**A.** The Red Cross estimates that through Oct. 27 it has already spent or made commitments to spend \$5.9 million helping people affected by floods across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast – the vast majority of these costs are for South Carolina (\$5.8 million).

These figures include the costs of providing food, shelter, blankets, cots, emotional support, health services, initial casework, and relief supplies in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. It also includes some of the less visible costs that make relief possible, including logistics, staff and technology expenses. Unlike the total cost estimate, longer-term recovery efforts are not included in the spent and committed figures.

It's important to remember that these figures are estimates that could change. Our relief operation in South Carolina is still very active with caseworkers meeting directly with affected families to help address immediate disaster-caused needs. For example, we have not yet received all the bills for our expenses, so some of the final tallies could vary from our current estimates.

**Q. How much money has been donated for the floods?**

**A.** As of Oct. 28, the Red Cross has received approximately \$4.7 million in donations and pledge commitments specifically designated for the South Carolina floods. The Red Cross has received an additional \$1.2 million in donations and pledge commitments designated for Fall Floods, which includes