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- Training and education of committee members. IHSS is an extremely complicated and ever-changing program. There is a steep initial learning curve and need for ongoing education;
- The need to connect with IHSS consumers for their input on how the program is working through surveys, town halls, brochures, newsletters, social media, and websites. The committees, in order to be the consumers' voice, need to hear from consumers;
- The need to connect with other committees for best practices and brainstorming;
- Funding for stipends, ADA compliance, travel for committee members, etc.;
- Digital upgrades for meetings. Hybrid meetings will greatly help with committee membership;
- A tremendous need for outreach for IHSS providers. There is a huge shortage now, and many consumers are going without needed help. This will take creativity and funding; and
- Consumer education has never taken place. It is vital and funding is needed.

For these reasons, and many more not specified, we the undersigned organizations are requesting the restoration of funding to the original level of \$56,000 per county to enable IHSS Advisory Committees and Governing Boards to function at their maximum capabilities for the benefit of the IHSS consumers and providers.

Sincerely,