

Program 060

DSHS - Economic Services Administration

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2015-17 Expenditure Authority	4,385.2	854,197	1,274,244	2,128,441
Supplemental Changes				
Notification Changes #		(160)	(5)	(165)
WorkFirst Participation Rate	.8	213		213
Family Child Care Providers		6,830		6,830
ACES Disaster Recovery		1,981	1,322	3,303
TANF/WCCC Caseload Adjustments		28,133		28,133
SSPS Operations		1,320	364	1,684
ESAR Strategic Modernization	1.6	845	5,031	5,876
Child Support Electronic Payments #	.5	16	29	45
Unisys Rehosting		1,048	1,895	2,943
Access to HealthPlanFinder		205	204	409
Lean Management Practices		(1,735)		(1,735)
Medicaid Cost Allocation Correction		1,139		1,139
One-Time Relocation		605	355	960
WorkFirst Fund Balance		(20,595)	20,595	
Technical Corrections		109	41	150
State Data Center Adjustments		336	200	536
Lease Adjustments < 20,000 Square Feet		276	166	442
Workers' Compensation Changes		(86)	(51)	(137)
Mandatory Caseload Adjustments		481	(3,669)	(3,188)
Transfers		(4,552)	(4,418)	(8,970)
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	2.8	16,409	22,059	38,468
Total Proposed Budget	4,388.0	870,606	1,296,303	2,166,909
Difference	2.8	16,409	22,059	38,468
Percent Change	0.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.8%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Notification Changes #

Currently, child support enforcement notices, communicated after the original order, and overpayment notices are sent by certified mail. Savings are incurred by utilizing first class mail, regular mail or email to serve notice of intent to withhold and deliver on overpayment debt, notice of child support debt accrual, and second notices for suspensions and withholdings of State licenses. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

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WorkFirst Participation Rate

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) shall convert the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) families with two parents from a state/federal program to a state-only program, which will require 1.5 FTE staff and one-time information technology system changes. The system changes and staff will allow DSHS to identify and track expenditures for this population separately from other TANF recipients which continue to be funded through both state and federal funds. By fully funding two-parent TANF families with state funds, these families are no longer required to meet federal WorkFirst participation rates.

Family Child Care Providers

The 2015-17 collective bargaining agreement included reopener provisions for fiscal year 2017. The funding provides family child care providers a base rate increase, an increase in tiered reimbursement rates for levels three through five, as well as a slot-based pilot project as provided in the supplemental agreement.

ACES Disaster Recovery

One-time funding is provided to continue implementation of disaster recovery services. If there is an information technology systems failure for mission essential functions supporting cash, food, medical and child care assistance, the disaster recovery services will allow for data recovery, eligibility determinations and benefit issuance within 72 hours. This work meets new federal regulations related to the Affordable Care Act. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

TANF/WCCC Caseload Adjustments

Funding is adjusted to reflect the November 2015 caseload forecasts and per-capita costs for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) programs. The forecast estimates an additional 375 families and per-capita increases due to changes in state law and policies changes. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

SSPS Operations

As long-term care payments shift to the ProviderOne system, the maintenance and operations costs for the Social Service Payment System (SSPS) are reallocated to the remaining users. Child care subsidy payments and other payments will continue to be made through SSPS. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

ESAR Strategic Modernization

Funding is provided for consultation and development of an information technology modernization roadmap. The roadmap will address concerns identified in a 2015 technology architecture assessment and provide recommendations on next steps to integrate Medicaid and public assistance program rules and systems. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Child Support Electronic Payments #

By requiring employers with ten or more employees to remit withheld child support through electronic means, increased efficiencies and cost savings in child support collections are anticipated. One-time funding is provided for 1.0 FTE staff to provide technical support to employers transitioning to electronic payment systems and to make waiver determinations for cases where compliance would cause the employer financial hardship. Savings of \$228,000 (\$78,000 General Fund-State) are anticipated in fiscal year 2018, and \$273,000 (\$93,000 General Fund-State) each year thereafter. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Unisys Rehosting

The current mainframe hosting the Social Service Payment System will reach the end of its useful life on June 30, 2016. An annual \$2 million penalty is incurred for maintaining the software license and support beyond the expiration date. Funding is provided to obtain and migrate to a new mainframe and data center. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Access to HealthPlanFinder

Chapter 4, Laws of 2015, 3rd special session directs the Economic Services Administration (ESA) to access the Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF) online Medicaid application and to assist clients with obtaining a Medicaid eligibility determination. The HPF is operated by the Health Benefit Exchange (HBE). Funding is provided to reimburse the HBE for data/file servers and support services necessary to add an additional 2,000 users within DSHS. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Lean Management Practices

Chapter 4, Laws of 2015, 3rd Special Session directs the Office of Financial Management to reduce agency allotments in the 2015-17 biennium to reflect efficiency savings. The reduced appropriations associated with the efficiency savings are reflected in agency budgets, and the corresponding reduction in the back of the budget is reversed.

Medicaid Cost Allocation Correction

Chapter 4, Laws of 2015, 3rd special session directs the Economic Services Administration (ESA) to assist clients with Medicaid applications through the Healthplanfinder online Medicaid application. The staffing cost allocation model assumes ESA may receive a 75 percent Medicaid reimbursement rate. For federal fiscal year 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services only approved the 75 percent reimbursement rate for specific staff types. The remaining staff may receive a 50 percent Medicaid reimbursement rate. Funding is provided to cover the difference between the assumed and approved Medicaid reimbursement rate.

One-Time Relocation

Funding is provided to cover one-time costs associated with relocating three facilities in Seattle to less costly leased space. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

WorkFirst Fund Balance

A fund swap allows for a one-time reduction of unallocated General Fund-State in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The reduction is offset by using federal TANF funds available during the 2015-17 biennium. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Technical Corrections

Adjustments are made for variances found in the reconciliation of multiple budget steps, including compensation for Administrative, Information Support Services Division and Consolidated Field Services staff who were inadvertently left out of the compensation impact model; leased facilities who were incorrectly funded at the carry-forward level of the budget; and net zero, category transfers between agency programs. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

State Data Center Adjustments

Pursuant to RCW 43.41A.150, the Department of Social and Health Services completed migration of information technology (IT) servers to the State Data Center, which provides critical IT infrastructure and security. Funding is provided for the increase in facility charges. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Lease Adjustments < 20,000 Square Feet

Lease rate adjustments are made to correct funding discrepancies between programs and to fully support lease obligations. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

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Workers' Compensation Changes

The agency's budget is adjusted to reflect increased workers' compensation rates. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

Mandatory Caseload Adjustments

Funding is provided to reflect the November 2015 caseload forecast and per-capita costs for the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Assistance program, Refugee Assistance program, State Food Assistance program, and for Child Support Recoveries. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Transfers

Funding and FTE staff are transferred, with a net effect of zero, between Department of Social and Health Services programs to reflect where the costs are incurred. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)