

Program 060

DSHS - Economic Services Administration

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 15 FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	4,195.5	746,717	1,276,812	2,023,529
Supplemental Changes				
Behavioral Intervention Grants	1.0		2,096	2,096
Affordable Care Act Impact on Eligibility Work				
ESAR-Phase II and III	18.5	3,015	16,642	19,657
ACES Disaster Recovery		1,512	672	2,184
Federal Incentive Funds Realignment				
Child Care Performance Audit			300	300
Data Center and Mainframe Costs		1,443	2,342	3,785
TANF/Working Connections Child Care Caseload Adjustment		2,908		2,908
Postage Rate Adjustments		293	167	460
Building Access Control System		226	135	361
Increased Federal Expenditure Authority	2.0		13,885	13,885
Transfers to Align Services		(1,517)	(479)	(1,996)
Mandatory Caseload Adjustments		(722)	909	187
Agency Efficiency Savings		(3,238)		(3,238)
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	21.5	3,920	36,669	40,589
Total Proposed Budget	4,235.5	750,637	1,313,481	2,064,118
Difference	40.0	3,920	36,669	40,589
Percent Change	1.0%	0.5%	2.9%	2.0%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Behavioral Intervention Grants

Federal expenditure authority is increased to allow the agency to draw down federal grant awards to complete a demonstration and evaluation project. One-time funding is provided for this pilot project that will use behavioral economics focusing on engagement, intervention, enforcement and evaluation. (General Fund-Federal)

Affordable Care Act Impact on Eligibility Work

Clients currently access Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid through the Health Benefit Exchange. Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), clients accessed medical benefits, in addition to food and cash benefits, through the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). As a result, DSHS receives less Medicaid revenue to support its administrative costs. Increased federal expenditure authority is provided to cover DSHS administrative costs that will shift from Medicaid to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and Refugee Cash Assistance program. (General Fund-Federal)

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

ESAR-Phase II and III

Funding is provided for Phase II and III of the Eligibility Service and Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) Remediation (ESAR). To implement the ACA, DSHS significantly modified the Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) to design, develop, and incorporate the eligibility system for MAGI Medicaid into existing ACES infrastructure. Funding is provided to fully integrate MAGI Medicaid rules with existing Classic Medicaid and public assistance program rules. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

ACES Disaster Recovery

One-time funding is provided for additional mission essential functions identified by ACES and the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) disaster recovery vendor. This information technology work meets new federal regulations related to the ACA. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Federal Incentive Funds Realignment

An increase in federal expenditure authority and a decrease in private/local expenditure authority are made to accurately reflect funding sources for annual federal incentive awards and federal food stamp overpayment collection incentives. (General Fund-Private/Local, General Fund-Federal)

Child Care Performance Audit

One-time federal expenditure authority is increased to allow the agency to pay the State Auditor's Office to complete a performance audit on reducing and completing the backlog of overpayment cases, including the Working Connections Child Care program. (General Fund-Federal)

Data Center and Mainframe Costs

The current ACES mainframe will be paid off and replaced by a new leased mainframe with superior memory capacity. The servers will be reconfigured and moved into the State Data Center (SDC). The SDC lease includes an increased cost per square foot. One-time costs include \$1,296,000 in General Fund-State and \$2,105,000 in General Fund-Federal. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

TANF/Working Connections Child Care Caseload Adjustment

Adjustments are made to align funding with the November 2014 forecasts for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) programs.

Postage Rate Adjustments

Funding is provided to address the 6.52 percent postage rate increase in 2014 for first-class mail. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Building Access Control System

One-time funding is provided to ensure that all building access control systems are compatible with Windows 7 or higher. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Increased Federal Expenditure Authority

Federal expenditure authority is increased due to new and increased Food and Nutrition Services grants awarded to the state. (General Fund-Federal)

Transfers to Align Services

This transfer aligns support services funding with the program where the cost is incurred. This step is ongoing and nets to zero within the Department of Social and Health Services. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Mandatory Caseload Adjustments

Funding is provided for costs associated with caseload changes projected in the November 2014 forecasts. Changes are made for the following programs: Refugee Cash Assistance; Aged, Blind or Disabled; Pregnant Women Assistance; Retained Child Support; and the Food Assistance Program for Legal Immigrants. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Agency Efficiency Savings

The Legislature directed the Office of Financial Management to reduce agency allotments in the 2013-15 biennium to reflect efficiency savings. Fiscal year 2015 appropriations are reduced in affected agency budgets to reflect these reductions.