



# Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Commissioner**  
*Stephanie Muth*

December 15, 2023

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Mr. Jerry McGinty, Director of Legislative Budget Board  
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Dear Ms. Hicks and Mr. McGinty:

Enclosed is the agency's FY 2024 Monthly Financial Report as of October 2023. The following is a narrative summary of budget adjustments during the month, budget variances, significant changes from appropriated funding, capital budget issues, and other key budget issues at this time.

Schedules are updated to meet the reporting requirements in Rider 6, Other Reporting Requirements. A.1.1, Statewide Intake Services, and D.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff, are added to Schedule 11, which provides 5-year detail of actual and projected expenditure information by Object of Expense and Method of Finance. Also, in accordance with Rider 6, Other Reporting Requirements, Statewide Intake performance measures are included in Schedule 9, Select Performance Measures. Revenue for Object Code 3770, Administrative Penalties, is included in the Revenue Schedule for Appropriated Receipts (0666) to meet the requirements for Rider 30, Contractor Penalties and Incentives.

## **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

The budget adjustments listed below apply to the appropriation year 2024 as of the end of October 2023. Adjustments to Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) appropriation pattern as detailed in the Conference Committee version of H.B.1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session are described below:

- B. This adjustment reflects changes in estimated federal entitlement funds (gains or losses) pursuant to Article IX, Sec 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants Fed Entitlements. Total amounts by CFDA are listed below.

93.090.050-Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance - Administration \$179,593

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93.658.050-Title IV-E Foster Care – Administration \$2,169,958  
93.658.075-Title IV-E Foster Care-Training-75% (\$561,442)  
93.659.050-Title IV-E Adoption Assistance - Administration \$608,779  
93.659.075-Title IV-E Adoption Assistance-Training-75% \$9,025  
93.778.003-Medical Assistance Program 50% \$1,582,006

C. Pursuant to Article IX, Sec 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants, adjustments have been made to align federal funds/block grants with award amounts and re-budget federal funds/block grants between FY23 and FY24. Total amounts by CFDA are listed below.

93.590.000 – Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants – \$946,300  
93.599.000 – Title IV-E ETV \$631,346  
93.747.119 – Elder Abuse Prevention Program, Coronavirus \$4,234,455  
93.870.000 – MIECHV \$4,623

D. This adjustment reflects changes in estimated interagency contracts pursuant to Article IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments.

F. Pursuant to Article IX, Miscellaneous Provisions Sec. 17.33 (2024-25 GAA), this adjustment reflects additional budget appropriation to provide funding assistance related to Children’s Safe Harbor Facility.

H. This adjustment reflects additional budget appropriated under Article IX, Sec. 18.10 (2024-25 GAA) relating to policies and procedures regarding certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship, investigations by DFPS and parental child safety placements.

I. This adjustment reflects transfers between appropriations within 20 percent limitation to cover projected expense pursuant to Art IX, Sec 14.01(a), Appropriation Transfers (2024-25 GAA).

K. This adjustment reflects additional budget appropriated under Article IX, Sec. 18.30, contingency for House Bill 3765 relating to the establishment of a supply of luggage by the DFPS for the transport of the personal belongings of a foster child (2024-2025 GAA).

L. Pursuant to Art IX, Sec 14.01 (d)(1) Appropriation Transfers, this adjustment reflects transfers from one appropriation item to another appropriation item within the same Indirect Administrative goal without limitation as to the amount of such a transfer.

M. Pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 18.39, Contingency for Senate Bill 24 (2024-25 GAA), this adjustment reflects the powers and duties of the HHSC and the transfer to the commission of certain powers and duties from DFPS.

Q. Pursuant to Article II, Rider 46, Contingent Appropriation: Prevention and Early Intervention (2024-25 GAA), this adjustment reflects the powers and duties of the HHSC and the transfer to the commission of certain powers and duties from DFPS.

AC. These adjustments reflect budget adjustments by 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session Senate Bill 30, Section 3.12 Connecting Technology Services

## **BUDGET VARIANCES**

Schedules 1, 4, and 5 of this report reflect the agency's current projections for program expenditures, the 2024 Conference Committee forecast for entitlement programs (Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy/PCA), Contracted Day Care services, and the Relative Other Designated Caregiver program as well as an entitlement budget adjustment for the enhanced FMAP.

This report reflects an agency shortage of \$27.0 million all funds consisting in a shortage of \$16.1 million in General Revenue and a shortage of \$10.9 million in Federal Funds.

- Appropriations that are anticipated to result in lapsed budget authority are expressed as a positive variance:
  - 93.558 – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - 93.090.050 – Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance – Administration
- Appropriations for which expense is projected to exceed the adjusted budget are reflected as a negative variance:
  - 0001 – General Revenue
  - 8008 – GR Title IV-E – FMAP
  - 93.090.060 – Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance – FMAP
  - 93.658.050 – Title IV-E Foster Care – Administration
  - 93.658.060 – Title IV-E Foster Care – FMAP
  - 93.659.050 – Title IV-E Adoption Assistance
  - 93.659.060 – Title IV-E Adoption Assistance – FMAP

The projected general revenue variances are summarized as follows:

- Entitlement Programs - \$13.7 million shortage.
- Non-Entitlement Programs - \$2.3 million shortage.

## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT**

There are no significant changes from the previous report.

**OTHER KEY BUDGET ISSUES**

Additional funding appropriated under Article II, Rider 46, Article IX, Sec. 17.33, Article IX, Sec. 18.10, Article IX, Sec. 18.30 and Article IX, Sec. 18.39 are reflected in this report.

**CAPITAL BUDGET ISSUES**

The budget in Schedule 8 (Capital Projects) reflects the DFPS 2024-2025 capital appropriation levels. Future adjustments will be reflected in Monthly Financial Reports as revenues are realized and/or actual adjusting entries are processed in the Uniform State Accounting System.

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**STATUS OF PENDING TRANSFERS AND AUTHORITY REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL**

Schedule 10 contains a full listing of request for approval and notifications that DFPS has submitted for the fiscal year. The items listed below are pending approval.

<b>Letter Topic Appropriation Year</b>	<b>HHSC/DFPS Letter Date</b>	<b>LBB</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Request for Authority to Pay Exceptional Care Rate for CBC that Exceeds GAA Rate [DFPS-2024-A-001]	August 23, 2023	-	-
Request authority to transfer funds for B. 1.4 Adoption Purchased Services for Fiscal Year 2022 [DFPS-2024-A-0002]	September 27, 2023		

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Request to Exceed CBC, CCDBG, FFTA  
DFPS-2024-A-003

November 21,  
2023

Please feel free to contact me at 512-919-7463 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Budget Director

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