

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services** 

Interim Commissioner Kezeli Wold

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Ms. Sarah Hicks, Senior Advisor and Budget Director Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy 1100 San Jacinto, 4th Floor Austin, TX 78701

Mr. Jerry McGinty, Director of Legislative Budget Board Legislative Budget Board 1501 North Congress Avenue, 5th Floor Austin, TX 78701

Dear Ms. Hicks and Mr. McGinty:

Enclosed is the agency's FY 2023 Monthly Financial Report as of October 2022. 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 2023 as of the end of October 2022. Adjustments to Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) appropriation pattern as detailed in the Conference Committee version of S.B.1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session are described below:

A. This adjustment reflects supplemental funding for Foster Care Capacity Improvement appropriated under HB 5, 87th Leg, Second Called Session, 2021, Sec.11.52.

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 (\$145,366)
93.658.050-Title IV-E Foster Care - Administration (\$13,322,275)
93.658.075-Title IV-E Foster Care-Training-75% \$1,326,963
93.659.050-Title IV-E Adoption Assistance - Administration (\$951,777)
93.659.075-Title IV-E Adoption Assistance-Training-75% \$6,089
93.778.003-Medical Assistance Program 50% \$3,969,030

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 FY22 and FY23. Total amounts by CFDA are listed below.

93.556.003 – Title IV-B, Part 2 – Kinship Navigator \$1,831,732
93.556.005 – Title IV-B, Part 2 – FFTA \$14,952,687
93.556.119 – Title IV-B, Part 2 – Coronavirus \$65,000
93.590.000 – Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants – (\$35,127)
93.590.119 – CBCAP, Coronavirus \$6,928,991
93.599.000 – Title IV-E ETV (\$431,886)
93.559.119 – Title IV-E ETV Coronavirus \$680,546
93.669.000 – Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants \$1,903,517
93.669.119 – Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants, Coronavirus \$3,860,658
93.674.000 – Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (\$1,180,994)
93.674.119 – Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, Coronavirus \$1,500,000
93.747.000 – Elder Abuse Prevention Program \$366,574
93.747.119 – Elder Abuse Prevention Program, Coronavirus \$20,712,024
93.870.000 – Home Visiting Grant – Formula (\$137,455)
93.870.119 – Home Visiting Grant, Coronavirus \$2,648,364

- D. This adjustment reflects changes in estimated interagency contracts pursuant to Article IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments.
- G. This adjustment reflects changes in estimated gift revenue collected pursuant to Article IX, Sec 8.01, Acceptance of Gifts of Money.
- I. Pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 18.65. Contingency for Senate Bill (2022-23 GAA), this adjustment reflects CBC Transition Strategy Transfer and additional appropriation for temporary emergency placement purposes.
- J. This adjustment reflects additional budget appropriated under Article II, Special Provision Related to All Health and Human Services Agencies, Sec. 26 (2022-23 GAA).

- K. This adjustment reflects additional budget appropriated under Article IX, Sec. 17.29 Family Finding Collaboration Funding (2022-2023 GAA).
- M. Pursuant to Article II, Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies, Sec 9 (2022-23 GAA), this adjustment reflects the transfer between Health and Human Services and DFPS related to system support services, (letter dated 4/1/2022, HHSC-2022-N-692).
- P. Pursuant to Article II, Rider 30, Contractor Penalties and Incentives (2022-23 GAA), this adjustment reflects the estimated revenue to be utilized for awarding incentives to contractors who exceed contractually specified performance outcomes.
- T. Pursuant to Article II, Rider 9, Appropriation Transfer Between Fiscal Years, this adjustment reflects a carry back of General Revenue funds from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2022 in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments. (DFPS-2022-A-0004).
- V. Pursuant to Article II, House Bill 2. Regular Session, 2021, Sec 65, this adjustment reflects the carry forward of funds from FY 2022 to FY 20233 related to IMPACT upgrades.
- Y. Pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 14.05 Unexpended Balance Authority Between Fiscal Years within the Same Biennium, this adjustment reflects the carry forward of General Revenue in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. (DFPS-2022-A-0005).
- Z. Pursuant to Article II, Rider 27, Limitations: Community Based Care Payments, this adjustment reflects the realignment of appropriations within the CPS Direct Delivery Staff from DFPS legacy staffing to CBC programs. (DFPS-2022-A0005).
- AB. Pursuant to Article II, Rider 57, Foster Care Capacity Improvement, this adjustment reflects the carry forward of unallocated General Revenue related to providing targeted foster care capacity grants across this state to address the existing foster care capacity shortage.

# **BUDGET VARIANCES**

Schedules 1, 4, and 5 of this report reflect the agency's current projections for program expenditures, the 2024-25 LAR 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. Projections for forecasted programs have been further adjusted to reflect anticipated general revenue savings from the enhanced FMAP rates approved through the CARES Act through the end of the calendar year.

The agency has also increased projections to account for federal funds received under HR 748: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) and HR 133: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260).

This report reflects an agency surplus of \$45.7 million all funds consisting in a shortfall of \$58.4 million in General Revenue and a surplus of \$104.1 million in Federal Funds.

- Appropriations that are anticipated to result in lapsed budget authority are expressed as a positive variance:
  - 8008 GR Title IV-E FMAP
  - o 93.558 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - o 93.575 Child Care and Development Block Grant
  - o 93.090.050 Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Administration
  - o 93.090.060 Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance FMAP
  - o 93.658.050 Title IV-E Foster Care Administration
  - o 93.658.060 Title IV-E Foster Care FMAP
  - o 93.658.075 Title IV-E Foster Care-Training
  - o 93.659.050 Title IV-E Adoption Assistance
  - o 93.659.060 Title IV-E Adoption Assistance FMAP
  - o 93.667.000 Title XX Social Services Block Grant
- Appropriations for which expense is projected to exceed the adjusted budget are reflected as a negative variance:
  - o 0001 General Revenue
  - 0758 GR Medicaid Match
  - 93.778.003 Medical Assistance Program 50%
  - o 93.556.001 Title IV-B Part 2 Promoting Safe and Stable Families
  - o 0777 Interagency Contracts

The projected general revenue variances are summarized as follows:

- Entitlement Programs \$41.3 million shortfall.
- Non-Entitlement Programs \$17.1 million shortfall.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

Expenditure projections in strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, has been updated to reflect Legislative Appropriation Request forecast assumptions, including the impact of foster care supplemental payments to expand capacity.

#### **OTHER KEY BUDGET ISSUES**

This month's report reflects the LAR forecast for entitlement programs (Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy/PCA), Contracted Day Care services, and Relative Other Designated Caregiver program. The forecast includes updating the end date for enhanced FMAP rates and incorporates changes in expense type for the Foster Care Payment strategy.

Additional funding appropriated under Article II, Sec. 26, Article IX, Sec. 17.29, and Article IX, Sec. 18.65 are reflected in this report. Supplemental Funding for Foster Care Capacity Improvements appropriated under HB 5, 87<sup>th</sup> Leg, Second Called Session, 2021, Sec. 11.52 is also reflected.

#### CAPITAL BUDGET ISSUES

The budget in Schedule 8 (Capital Projects) reflects the DFPS 2022-2023 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.

- B. This adjustment reflects changes in estimated federal entitlement funds (gains or losses) pursuant to Art IX, Sec 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants Fed Entitlements.
- V. Pursuant to Article II, House Bill 2. Regular Session, 2021, Sec 65, this adjustment reflects the carry forward of funds from FY 2022 to FY 20233 related to IMPACT upgrades.

# 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.

Letter Topic	HHSC/DFPS		
Appropriation Year	Letter Date	LBB	Governor
Request for Authority to Pay Exceptional Rate that Exceeds GAA Rate [DFPS-2023- A-001]	September 20, 2022	-	-
Request Approval to Expend Additional CCDBG Funds [DFPS-2023-A-002]	October 19, 2022	-	-

Please feel free to contact me at 512-929-7426 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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