

Sub-strategy Request

Agency Code:	Agency Name:	Prepared by:	Statewide Goal Code:	Strategy Code:		
530	Family and Protective Services	Donna Krueger	03-18	01-02-10-03		
AGENCY GOAL: 01 In collaboration with other public and private entities, protect children, elder adults, and persons with disabilities, from abuse, neglect and/or exploitation by providing integrated service delivery systems that results in quality outcomes, and reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation by maximizing resources for early intervention, prevention, and aftercare.						
OBJECTIVE: 02 By 2009, provide or manage a quality integrated service delivery system for 70 percent of children at risk of abuse/neglect to mitigate the effects of such maltreatment and assure that the confirmed incidence of abuse and neglect does not exceed 7.3 per 1,000 children.						
STRATEGY: 10 Provide financial reimbursement for the care, maintenance, and support of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in licensed, verified childcare facilities; and monetary assistance for children in the relative and other designated caregiver program.						
SUB-STRATEGY: 03 Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program						
Code:	Sub-strategy Request	Expended 2005	Estimated 2006	Budgeted 2007	Requested	
					2008	2009
	Objects of Expense:					
1001	Salaries and Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1002	Other Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	0
2001	Professional Fees and Services	0	0	0	0	0
2002	Fuels and Lubricants	0	0	0	0	0
2003	Consumable Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
2004	Utilities	0	0	0	0	0
2005	Travel	0	0	0	0	0
2006	Rent - Building	0	0	0	0	0
2007	Rent - Machine and Other	0	0	0	0	0
2009	Other Operating Expense	0	0	0	0	0
3001	Client Services	0	2,601,896	6,980,000	4,820,948	4,820,948
3002	Food for Persons - Wards of State	0	0	0	0	0
4000	Grants	0	0	0	0	0
5000	Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
	Total, Objects of Expense	\$0	\$2,601,896	\$6,980,000	\$4,820,948	\$4,820,948
	Method of Financing:					
0001	General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$260,190	\$698,000	\$482,095	\$482,095
	Total, General Revenue Funds	\$0	\$260,190	\$698,000	\$482,095	\$482,095
0555	Federal Funds:					
	CFDA #93.558 TANF State Family Assistance	0	2,341,706	6,282,000	4,338,853	4,338,853
	Total, Federal Funds	\$0	\$2,341,706	\$6,282,000	\$4,338,853	\$4,338,853
	Total, Method of Financing	\$0	\$2,601,896	\$6,980,000	\$4,820,948	\$4,820,948
Number of Positions (FTE)		-	-	-	-	-

Sub-strategy Request (continued)

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Sub-strategy Description and Justification:

SB 6 established the Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program. This program promotes continuity and stability for children in the managing conservatorship of DFPS by placing them with relatives or other designated caregivers. This program provides monetary assistance that includes a one-time cash payment of not more than \$1,000 per family to assist the caregiver in purchasing essential child-care items, and reimbursement of other expenses not to exceed \$500 per year per child. This sub-strategy provides the funding for the monetary assistance associated with this new statewide placement program.

The statutory and/or constitutional provisions for this sub-strategy are the Texas Family Code, Title 5 and the HR Code, Chapters 40 and 42.

External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:

Relative and other designated caregiver placements enable the child to live with people they know and trust, reinforce a child's sense of identify, and help ensure the continuation of lifelong family culture. It helps reduce the stress a child experiences when removed and helps overcome the "foster child" stigma. Providing relative and other designated caregivers with monetary assistance decreases the chances for families to become more deeply involved with the child welfare system and creates placement stability.

The Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program is not a federal entitlement service, and therefore the cost of the forecasted caseload growth for this program could not be included in the base request. Exceptional Item 7, Relative Caregiver Caseload Growth, requests the funds necessary to address projected caseload growth for the FY 2008-2009 biennium.

Costs for the Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program are not eligible for Title IV-E funds. The majority of this cost is chargeable to TANF. State funds are used for the remaining costs.