

COUNTY OF MADERA
 BUDGET UNIT DETAIL
 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Department: DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES
 PUBLIC ASST. PROGRAMS (07530)
 Function: Public Assistance
 Activity: Aids Programs
 Fund: General

	BOARD APPROVED <u>2019-20</u>	CAO BASELINE <u>2020-21</u>	DEPARTMENT REQUEST <u>2020-21</u>	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2020-21</u>
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				
650900 State Intergovernment Revenue	24,568,321	24,568,321	24,689,452	24,689,452
655000 Federal Intergovernment Revenue	17,410,481	17,410,481	17,934,082	17,934,082
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	41,978,802	41,978,802	42,623,534	42,623,534
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES				
662305 FOSTER CARE	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
TOTAL CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
671000 Welfare Misc Revenue	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
680200 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	4,445,208	4,445,208	5,359,270	5,359,270
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4,445,208	4,445,208	5,359,270	5,359,270
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>46,714,010</u>	<u>46,714,010</u>	<u>48,272,804</u>	<u>48,272,804</u>

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EXPENDITURES:				
730101 CalWORKS				
Federal	9,023,754	9,023,754	9,584,774	9,584,774
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	14,627,214	14,627,214	14,562,913	14,562,913
County*	606,435	606,435	619,171	619,171
Total Aid for CalWORKS	24,257,403	24,257,403	24,766,858	24,766,858
730104 Foster Care				
Federal	3,817,837	3,817,837	3,796,851	3,796,851
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	2,812,124	2,812,124	4,176,536	4,176,536
County*	4,218,185	4,218,185	2,874,759	2,874,759
Total Foster Care	10,848,146	10,848,146	10,848,146	10,848,146
730105 Welfare to Work				
Federal	764,100	764,100	509,400	509,400
State	135,900	135,900	90,600	90,600
County*	0	0	0	0
Total Welfare to Work	900,000	900,000	600,000	600,000
730107 In-Home Supportive Service				
County*	4,385,422	4,385,422	5,236,689	5,236,689
Total In-Home Supportive Service	4,385,422	4,385,422	5,236,689	5,236,689
730111 Aid For Adopted Children				
Federal	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,659,072	2,659,072
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,994,304	1,994,304
County*	600,000	600,000	664,768	664,768
Total Aid For Adopted Children	4,800,000	4,800,000	5,318,144	5,318,144

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<u>EXPENDITURES (continued)</u>				
730118 Cal-Learn				
Federal	14,727	14,727	17,538	17,538
State	973	973	1,162	1,162
Total Cal-Learn	15,700	15,700	18,700	18,700
730119 CalWORKS Child Care				
Federal	525,000	525,000	835,506	835,506
State	75,000	75,000	119,358	119,358
Total CalWORKS Child Care	600,000	600,000	954,864	954,864
730125 KIN GAP				
Federal	530,938	530,938	530,938	530,938
State	419,441	419,441	419,441	419,441
County*	111,497	111,497	111,497	111,497
Total KIN GAP	1,061,876	1,061,876	1,061,876	1,061,876
730126 Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants				
State	45,000	45,000	56,250	56,250
Total Cash Assistance for Immigrants	45,000	45,000	56,250	56,250
730129 Housing Assistance/ Transitional Housing Program				
State	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Total Housing Asst/Transitional Housing Program	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	47,123,547	47,123,547	49,071,527	49,071,527
<u>NET COUNTY COST (EXP - REV)</u>	409,537	409,537	798,723	798,723

* County costs are partially offset with other revenue not specific to a Program.

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COMMENTS

This budget provides for direct payments to indigent persons meeting eligibility criteria established by Federal and/or State Welfare laws and regulations.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

In August 1996, the Federal Government passed the Welfare Reform Bill, including regulations regarding TANF. In August 1997, the State of California adopted these TANF regulations into a State Program entitled CalWORKs. An employment program is the principle component of CalWORKs. Counties are required to prepare a detailed plan on how the program will put the maximum number of people into employment. The Federal bill also sets time limits in which an individual can remain on assistance without working and the total amount of time a person has during a lifetime to receive TANF benefits.

The Department of Social Services developed and received approval from the California Department of Social Services to implement a local CalWORKs Program.

STATE REALIGNMENT

1991 Realignment - The provisions of AB 948 and AB 1288 have been in effect since July 1, 1991. These bills contained provisions which changed the State and County sharing ratios for a number of Assistance programs. In addition, the State Legislation created the Local Revenue Fund which distributes the revenue from increased Sales Tax and Vehicle License Fees (Realignment Revenue) to counties to offset the net increase in the counties' level of participation. The revenue from Realignment for 2020-21 is estimated at \$8.4 million.

2011 Realignment - The provisions of AB 118 and AB 116 have been in effect since July 1, 2011. These bills contain provisions which shift responsibility for certain programs from the State to the counties, and redirects specified sales tax revenues to fund them. The Assistance programs affected are Foster Care (FC) and Adoption Assistance Payments (AAP). The revenue from Realignment for 2020-21 is estimated at \$4,176,536 and \$1,994,304, respectively, for these two programs. Additional Realignment revenue is estimated at \$14,562,913 to offset the added County share of CalWORKs assistance payments which was State share prior to Realignment.

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For 2020-21, the Department of Social Services' local share of costs for Welfare to Work, CalLEARN incentives, and CalWORKs-Child Care are budgeted in the Social Services Administration Budget as part of the County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to meet State claiming requirements.

CalWORKs

The CalWORKs Program (\$24,766,859) is recommended increased \$955,256. Overall local share is equivalent to 2.5 percent (\$619,171) of program costs. Realignment revenue is estimated at \$14,562,913.

The CalWORKs program provides cash assistance payments for families with dependent children. Assistance payments provide a temporary means of assisting the family while also providing the training and educational support needed by the aided adult to gain employment and become self-sufficient. Under CalWORKs, non-exempt adult recipients must participate in work activities from 30 to 35 hours per week. The CalWORKs Program is broken out into program categories of All Families, Two Parents, Zero Parent, TANF Timed Out and Safety Net Families.

Costs of the CalWORKs Program are divided approximately 26.9% - Federal, 70.6 % - State (Realignment), and 2.5% - County funds.

FOSTER CARE

Appropriations (\$10,848,146) is recommended unchanged. The County share is estimated at \$2,874,759, which is partially offset with revenues not specific to a Program. For 2020-21, 2011 Realignment is estimated at \$4,176,536, which is funded by sales tax revenue.

Included within this budget are funds for Foster Homes, Foster Family Agencies (FFAs), and Group Homes (which are non-residential facilities other than foster homes). Legislation also provides for the cost of reasonable travel for a child to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement. Also, AB 12 legislation allows the extension of foster care to eligible youth up to age 19 effective January 1, 2012, with extension to age 20 effective January 1, 2013.

The Department of Social Services currently provides an additional \$179 to \$651 per month to qualified foster parents who accept children determined to have severe behavioral and mental problems. This decision was based on potentially reducing foster care costs by being able to place difficult juveniles in foster homes rather than in high-cost group homes.

The monthly rate paid to the Resource Family is based on the amount of care and supervision the child needs from the family. Based on five domains (e.g., physical, health, education, behavioral/emotional and permanency/family support).

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FOSTER CARE (continued)

Basic Level of Care:	\$960
Level of Care 2:	\$1,068
Level of Care 3:	\$1,176

WELFARE TO WORK (WTW)

Appropriations (\$600,000) is recommended decreased \$300,000 and will continue to provide for CalWORKs participants' expenses for transportation and other eligible needs under the Program.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

Through IHSS, elderly, disabled receive housekeeping services so they may remain in their homes. The estimated total program cost is \$35,351,772, of which the County share is estimated at \$5,236,689, which is an increase of \$501,267 from FY 2019-20. The increase is due to State mandate. FY 2020-21 MOE amount is \$4,777,689. The preliminary FY 2018-19 IHSS MOE amounts which includes the \$369.4 million increase to the county IHSS MOE costs, and the \$469.5 million state General Fund (GF) mitigation offset, as reflected in the enacted 2017 Budget Act. To help mitigate the impact of the transition to the new county MOE, a total of \$469.5 million GF was appropriated in FY 2018-19. The \$469.5 million is made available through a combination of redirecting the Assembly Bill 85 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2013) funds and the appropriation of GF which is used to offset the IHSS County MOE. The 2017-18 GF allocation for the IHSS county and Public Authority administrative activities which totals \$328.8 GF that was made available based on the Budget Act of 2017. Counties will be billed for the Case Management, Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) Maintenance and Operations (M&O) costs as part of the IHSS MOE totaling \$511,289 after GF offsets are applied.

During 2002-03, the Board of Supervisors created a Public Authority which is responsible for the administration of the referral and training of Independent Providers. The Authority is also responsible to conduct collective bargaining with the certified organization for wages. (See In-Home Supportive Services - Public Authority budget.) The County currently compensates the independent providers under the IHSS program with an hourly rate of \$13.00. Effective January 1, 2014, the County of Madera is no longer required to pay IHSS providers \$0.60 per hour for health benefits. Therefore, starting with fiscal year 2014-15, there was no longer a need to budget for this expense. Under the old process, the County would pay the \$0.60 per hour and then claim these costs on the Public Authority Claim after which the County would be reimbursed approximately 80% of these costs. Although this new arrangement reduces appropriations, it also reduces the expected revenue. In addition, through the meet and confer process with IHSS providers, the \$0.60 per hour has been shifted to provider wages.

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AID FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

Appropriations (\$5,318,143) are recommended increased \$518,143, based on current caseload for payments to special needs foster care children who have been adopted. Federal subsidies were created by Congress (Public Law 96-272 the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980) to encourage the adoption of special needs children and remove the financial disincentives for families to adopt. AB 12 legislation allows for the extension of Adoption Assistance Program to eligible youth up to age 19 effective January 1, 2012, with extension to age 20 effective January 1, 2013. 2011 Realignment is estimated to be \$1,994,304, which is funded by sales tax revenue.

CAL-LEARN

Appropriations (\$18,700) are recommended increased \$1,700. Cal-Learn is funded by State and Federal funds and provides for intense supportive and counseling services for teenage mothers and pregnant girls. The budget provides payments for supportive services such as transportation, child care, and ancillary expenses.

CalWORKs CHILD CARE

Appropriations (\$954,864) are recommended increased \$354,864. For 2020-21, customers could continue participating in Welfare to Work (WTW) activities, thus increasing the need for the higher level of child care, and resulting in projected child care costs.

Child care services are provided to CalWORK's recipients when they enter a job club/search, or when child care is needed for a recipient to complete the Welfare-to-Work Plan. The family will continue to receive child care services until a family's child care is stabilized, but not more than six (6) months.

KIN GAP

Appropriations (\$1,061,876) is recommended unchanged. This program offers relative care givers of dependent children a new option for providing a permanent home to these children through a subsidy to children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian. To be eligible for the program, the child must have lived with the relative at least six consecutive months. AB 12 legislation allows the extension of Kin Gap to eligible youth up to age 19 effective January 1, 2012, with extension to age 20 effective January 1, 2013.

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CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

Appropriations (\$56,250) is recommended increased \$11,250. This program is for non-citizens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996, and meet Federal definitions of a qualified alien. All costs for this program are 100% State funded.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE/ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Appropriations (\$210,000) are recommended unchanged. This program is for emancipated youth exiting the Child Welfare System and is 100% Realignment. Youths live with host families, and case management services are available to assist in the emancipation process. The goal is to provide participants with safe living environments while helping them learn safe life skills to achieve self-sufficiency.

TOTAL COUNTY COST OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

	Estimated <u>2019-20</u>	Recommended <u>2020-21</u>
County Share	(\$10,328,190)	\$9,506,884
Less:		
Other Revenue ⁽¹⁾	(\$290,000)	(\$290,000)
DSS 1991 Realignment	(\$9,628,654)	(\$8,418,161)
NET COUNTY COST	\$409,537	\$798,723

(1) Other Revenue includes collections received from various sources for overpayments of warrants issued for Foster Care and CalWORKs.

(2) Additional Behavioral Health Services and Public Health Realignment will be recommended brought into the General Fund to further offset Social Services expenditures.