

COUNTY OF MADERA
 BUDGET UNIT DETAIL
 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

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

	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2022-23	<u>BOARD</u> <u>APPROVED</u> 2023-24	<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>REQUEST</u> 2024-25	<u>CAO</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u> 2024-25
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				
650900 State Intergovernment Revenue	38,630,904	30,789,072	36,922,153	36,922,153
655000 Federal Intergovernment Revenue	7,639,187	23,849,520	21,777,634	21,777,634
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	46,270,091	54,638,592	58,699,787	58,699,787
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES				
662305 FOSTER CARE	120,973	80,000	80,000	80,000
TOTAL CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	120,973	80,000	80,000	80,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
671000 Welfare Misc Revenue	360,061	210,000	210,000	210,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	360,061	210,000	210,000	210,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
680200 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	4,479,153	5,479,319	4,917,878	4,917,878
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4,479,153	5,479,319	4,917,878	4,917,878
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>51,230,279</u>	<u>60,407,911</u>	<u>63,907,665</u>	<u>63,907,665</u>

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<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>				
730101 CalWORKS				
Federal	11,570,689	13,081,462	17,634,669	17,634,669
2011 Realignment	17,965,017	19,875,710	18,411,038	18,411,038
County*	913,475	845,056	924,249	924,249
Total Aid for CalWORKS	30,449,181	33,802,228	36,969,956	36,969,956
730104 Foster Care				
Federal	2,312,137	2,962,883	3,526,079	3,526,079
2011 Realignment	3,407,360	4,362,164	4,362,164	4,362,164
County*	2,393,265	3,062,195	2,498,999	2,498,999
Total Foster Care	8,112,762	10,387,242	10,387,242	10,387,242
730105 Welfare to Work				
Federal	305,470	509,400	509,400	509,400
State	54,329	90,600	90,600	90,600
Total Welfare to Work	359,799	600,000	600,000	600,000
730107 In-Home Supportive Service				
County*	5,423,901	6,027,797	5,876,891	5,876,891
Total In-Home Supportive Service	5,423,901	6,027,797	5,876,891	5,876,891
73108 Refugee Cash Assistance				
County*	1,644	0	0	0
Total Refugee Cash Assistance	1,644	0	0	0
730111 Aid For Adopted Children				
Federal	2,479,494	3,618,469	3,618,468	3,618,468
2011 Realignment	1,377,498	1,644,759	1,644,759	1,644,759
County*	1,652,996	1,315,807	1,315,807	1,315,807
Total Aid For Adopted Children	5,509,988	6,579,034	6,579,033	6,579,033

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<u>EXPENDITURES (continued)</u>				
730118 Cal-Learn				
Federal	7,446	20,172	11,614	11,614
State	492	1,333	768	768
Total Cal-Learn	7,938	21,505	12,382	12,382
730119 CalWORKS Child Care				
Federal	1,469,823	2,104,050	2,114,885	2,114,885
State	209,975	300,579	302,126	302,126
Total CalWORKS Child Care	1,679,798	2,404,628	2,417,011	2,417,011
730125 KIN GAP				
Federal	571,853	989,888	1,011,824	1,011,824
State	428,891	742,416	758,868	758,868
County*	142,963	247,472	252,956	252,956
Total KIN GAP	1,143,707	1,979,776	2,023,648	2,023,648
730126 Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants				
State	45,606	119,234	175,571	175,571
Total Cash Assistance for Immigrants	45,606	119,234	175,571	175,571
730129 Housing Assistance/ Transitional Housing Program				
2011 Realignment	211,192	358,215	597,459	597,459
Total Housing Asst/Transitional Housing Program	211,192	358,215	597,459	597,459
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	52,945,515	62,279,659	65,639,193	65,639,193
<u>NET COUNTY COST (EXP - REV)</u>	1,715,236	1,871,748	1,731,529	1,731,529

* 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 2024-25 is estimated at \$8.7 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 2024-25 is estimated at \$4,362,164 and \$1,644,759 respectively, for these two programs. Additional revenue is estimated at \$18,423,005 to offset the added County share of CalWORKs assistance payments which was State share prior to Realignment.

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For 2024-25, 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 (\$36,966,955) is recommended increased \$3,167,727. Overall local share is equivalent to 2.5 percent (\$924,249) of program costs. Realignment revenue is estimated at \$16,225,706.

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 47.7% - Federal, 49.8% - State (Realignment), and 2.5% - County funds.

FOSTER CARE

Appropriations (\$10,387,242) is recommended unchanged. The County share is estimated at (\$3,015,928), which is partially offset with revenues not specific to a Program. For 2024-25, 2011 Realignment is estimated at \$4,917,878, which is funded by sales tax revenue.

Included within this budget are funds for Foster Homes, Foster Family Agencies (FFAs), and Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (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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WELFARE TO WORK (WTW)

Appropriations (\$600,000) is recommended unchanged 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 75,592,092, of which the County share is estimated at \$5,876,891. The increase is due to State mandate. FY 24-25 MOE amount is \$5,640,753. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 12306.16 enacted in SB 80 (Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019), the FY 2019-20 IHSS County MOE was rebased to \$1,500,000. Beginning FY 2020-21, an annual inflation factor of four percent is applied to the preliminary MOE. The MOE covers IHSS services, as IHSS administration was moved outside of the MOE and became funded using a capped General Fund (GF) allocation.

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 \$16.50.

AID FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

Appropriations (\$6,579,034) is recommended unchanged, 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 \$1,644,759 which is funded by sales tax revenue.

CAL-LEARN

Appropriations (\$12,382) is recommended decrease of (\$9,123). 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.

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CalWORKs CHILD CARE

Appropriations (\$2,417,011) is recommended increased \$12,383. For 2024-25 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 (\$2,023,647) is recommended increased \$43,871. 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.

CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

Appropriations (\$175,571) is recommended increased \$56,337. 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 (\$597,459) is recommended increased \$239,244. 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.

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TOTAL COUNTY COST OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

	Estimated <u>2023-24</u>	Recommended <u>2024-25</u>
County Share	(\$10,935,130)	(\$11,385,830)
Less:		
Other Revenue ⁽¹⁾	(\$290,000)	(\$290,000)
DSS 1991 Realignment	(\$8,773,382)	(\$9,364,302)
NET COUNTY COST	\$1,871,747	\$1,731,528

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