

**COUNTY OF MADERA
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

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

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<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>				
730101 CalWORKS				
Federal	11,142,203	11,676,000	11,676,000	11,676,000
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	8,396,733	8,799,000	8,799,000	8,799,000
County	500,998	525,000	525,000	525,000
Total Aid for CalWORKS	20,039,934	21,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000
730104 Foster Care				
Federal	1,400,331	1,370,250	1,694,250	1,694,250
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	1,524,805	1,492,050	1,844,850	1,844,850
County	2,261,275	2,437,700	2,960,900	2,960,900
Total Foster Care	5,186,411	5,300,000	6,500,000	6,500,000
730105 Welfare to Work				
Federal	408,298	679,200	594,300	594,300
State	72,618	120,800	105,700	105,700
County	0	0	0	0
Total Welfare to Work	480,916	800,000	700,000	700,000
730107 In-Home Supportive Service				
State	657,636	938,000	0	0
County	4,308,603	3,186,048	3,121,349	3,121,349
Total In-Home Supportive Service	4,966,239	4,124,048	3,121,349	3,121,349
730111 Aid For Adopted Children				
Federal	754,004	1,302,000	930,000	930,000
State	0	0	0	0
2011 Realignment	650,227	1,122,800	802,000	802,000
County	217,283	375,200	268,000	268,000
Total Aid For Adopted Children	1,621,514	2,800,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

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<u>OTHER CHARGES (continued)</u>				
730118 Cal-Learn				
Federal	5,425	18,760	18,760	18,760
State	359	1,240	1,240	1,240
County	0	0	0	0
Total Cal-Learn	5,784	20,000	20,000	20,000
730119 CalWORKS Child Care				
Federal	118,854	350,000	350,000	350,000
State	16,979	50,000	50,000	50,000
County	0	0	0	0
Total CalWORKS Child Care	135,833	400,000	400,000	400,000
730125 KIN GAP				
Federal	41,658	145,200	145,200	145,200
State	10,730	37,400	37,400	37,400
County	10,730	37,400	37,400	37,400
Total KIN GAP	63,118	220,000	220,000	220,000
730126 Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants				
State	16,646	30,000	32,000	32,000
Total Cash Assistance for Immigrants	16,646	30,000	32,000	32,000
730129 Housing Assistance/ Transitional Housing Program				
State	127,920	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total Housing Asst/Transitional Housing Progr	127,920	150,000	150,000	150,000
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	32,644,315	34,844,048	34,143,349	34,143,349
TOTAL - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	32,644,315	34,844,048	34,143,349	34,143,349

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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 2014-15 is estimated at \$5,200,000.

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 2014-15 is estimated at \$1,844,850 and \$802,000, respectively, for these two programs. Additional Realignment revenue is estimated at \$8,799,000 to offset the added County share of CalWORKS assistance payments which was State share prior to Realignment.

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For 2014-15, 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 (\$21,000,000) is recommended unchanged from 2013-14 fiscal year. Overall local share is equivalent to 2.5 percent (\$525,000) of program costs. Realignment revenue is estimated at \$8,799,000.

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 55.6% - Federal, 41.9% - State (Realignment), and 2.5% - County funds.

FOSTER CARE

Appropriations (\$6,500,000) are recommended increased \$1,200,000 from the 2013-14 fiscal year. County share is estimated at \$2,735,900. For 2014-15, 2011 Realignment is estimated at \$1,844,850, which is funded by sales tax revenue. County-only cases are estimated to cost \$225,000, for a total County cost of \$2,960,900.

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 \$110 to \$740 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.

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FOSTER CARE (continued)

The initial clothing allowance for foster care depends on the age of the child:

<u>Age</u>	
0-6 years:	\$215
7-12 years:	\$342
13-20 years:	\$436

WELFARE TO WORK (WTW)

Appropriations (\$700,000) are recommended reduced \$100,000 from 2013-14 fiscal year to provide for CalWORKs participants' expenses for transportation and other eligible needs under the Program.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

Through IHSS, elderly, disabled poor receive housekeeping services so they may remain in their homes.

The estimated total program cost is at \$17,200,000, of which the County MOE share is \$3,121,349, a reduction of \$64,699.

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 \$10.65. 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 we no longer 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. Although this increases provider wages it does not increase county costs because the state does not mandate an MOE increase when shifting corresponding provider health benefit costs to provider wages.

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AID FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

Appropriations (\$2,000,000) are recommended reduced \$800,000 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. County share is estimated at \$268,000, a reduction of \$107,200; 2011 Realignment is estimated to be \$802,000, which is funded by sales tax revenue.

CAL-LEARN

Appropriations (\$20,000) are recommended unchanged. 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.

CaIWORKs CHILD CARE

Child care services are provided to CaIWORK'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.

Appropriations (\$400,000) are recommended unchanged from the 2013-14 fiscal year. For 2014-15, customers are continuing to be exempted from participating in Welfare to Work (WTW) activities, thus diminishing the need for the higher level of child care, and resulting in no change to projected child care costs.

KIN GAP

Appropriations (\$220,000) are 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. The County share of this Program is \$37,400, unchanged from 2013-14.

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CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

Appropriations (\$32,000) are recommended increased \$2,000 based on caseload. 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 (\$150,000) are recommended unchanged. This program is for emancipated youth exiting the Child Welfare System and is 100% State funded. 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

	<u>Estimated 2013-14</u>	<u>Recommended 2014-15</u>
County Share	\$17,975,198	\$18,358,499
Less:		
Other Revenue ⁽¹⁾	(\$186,000)	(\$186,000)
DSS 1991 Realignment	(\$4,600,000)	(\$5,200,000)
DSS 2011 Realignment	(\$11,413,850)	(\$11,445,850)
10% Transfer Health Realignment ⁽²⁾	(\$290,000)	(\$310,000)
10% Transfer BHS Realignment ⁽²⁾	<u>(\$393,240)</u>	<u>(\$385,375)</u>
NET COUNTY COST	\$1,092,108	\$831,274

(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.