

Agency Activity Inventory by Agency

Appropriation Period: 2003-05 Activity Version: 2004 Sup w/ Alloc & Activities

Agency: 315 - Dept of Services for the Blind

Agency Management and Administrative Support Services

These staff members provide administrative support and management for the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB). Their functions include budget and accounting, personnel, training, and information technology. The State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind is also supported. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Category: Help prepare disabled adults and refugees for employment opportunities

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,184,320	\$229,064	\$955,256	7.5	\$1,192,320	\$224,464	\$967,856	7.5

Expected Results:

Measure: Ratio of dollars allocated to services to dollars allocated to support. Target: 4.5 service dollars per support dollar.

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Child and Family Program

The Child and Family program provides consultation services to families of approximately 700 blind children (birth to age 14) and to the organizations that serve them, such as pre-schools and schools. The program provides support, advice, and information to families, teachers and others about training, educational programs, and resources unique to the developmental needs of blind children. (General Fund - Federal, General Fund - Private/Local).

Statewide Result Area: Improve student achievement in elementary, middle and high schools

Category: Support special student populations

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$168,116	\$0	\$168,116	3.9	\$178,116	\$0	\$178,116	3.9

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of participants served by Child and Family staff. Target: 600 children

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Deaf Blind Service Center

Funding designated for the Deaf-Blind Service Center, including funds transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services, are administered by DSB. The purpose of this Center is to facilitate the effective access of deaf-blind individuals and their families to programs and services that meet their independent living and vocational rehabilitation needs. The Center offers a single, central entry point in the greater Puget Sound area, allowing them to locate and receive a coordinated set of services, with emphases on services that lead to competitive employment of deaf-blind individuals in integrated settings and coordinated services for deaf-blind individuals with developmental disabilities.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the security of Washington's vulnerable children and adults

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FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$282,788	\$282,788	\$0	0.0	\$282,788	\$282,788	\$0	0.0

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of individuals to be served under this contract. Target: To Be Determined. Measure: Client Satisfaction Survey. Target: 90 percent satisfaction.

Food Service Operations in State Buildings

Both federal and state law give first priority to qualified, legally blind persons for the opportunity to operate food facilities in publicly-owned buildings. The Vending Facility Program is a federal program that is funded entirely by revenues received from vending machines in state and federal buildings (\$900,000 annually). The Business Enterprise Program (BEP) trains and licenses legally blind people to manage snack/gift shops, espresso stands, and food service facilities in government buildings. BEP provides ongoing management assistance and essential food service equipment, and establishes new facilities as opportunities arise. (Business Enterprises Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Category: Help prepare disabled adults and refugees for employment opportunities

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$847,000	\$0	\$847,000	2.5	\$847,000	\$0	\$847,000	2.5

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of participants served by the Business Enterprise Program. Target: 26 Business Operators

Independent Living

The Independent Living Program teaches recently blinded Washingtonians how to continue living in their homes after vision loss. Assigned to designated counties, contractors visit individuals' homes to provide low-cost devices and instruction in blindness techniques, including how to care for self and home, walking with the use of a cane, and how to continue to read and write. While 80,000 people are potentially eligible for these services, the program currently serves 1,200 individuals, most of them who are age 70 and over. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Statewide Result Area: Improve the security of Washington's vulnerable children and adults

Category: Conduct community outreach/education

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$768,434	\$292,792	\$475,642	3.3	\$808,434	\$332,792	\$475,642	3.3

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of participants served by the Independent Living Program. Target: 1,700 participants .

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Telephonic Reading Services

Telephonic Reading Services provides reading services to blind individuals through the use of phone lines. The service is operated by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) out of Baltimore, Maryland. This service is mandated by RCW 74.18.045, based on legislation enacted in 2003. (Business Enterprises Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state

Category: Conduct community outreach/education

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	0.0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	0.0

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of uses of service. Target: To Be Determined

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) enables individuals who are blind or visually impaired by developing their skills, independence, and self-confidence to become competitively employed. Federal law mandates that VR provide comprehensive and individualized services to meet each participant's needs and to support each Individual Plan for Employment (IPE). Services include vocational counseling; assistive technology assessment and training; training of adaptive skills of blindness and adult basic skills; transition services; assistance with small business development; mental health counseling; transportation; assistance with job search, development, and placement; workplace accommodations; and employer follow-up.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Category: Help prepare disabled adults and refugees for employment opportunities

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$6,479,342	\$967,356	\$5,511,986	50.5	\$6,671,342	\$941,956	\$5,729,386	50.3

Expected Results:

Measure: Number of participants served by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Target: 1150 participants Measure: Number of VR participants employed. Target: 125 successful employment outcomes. Measure: Number of participants in competitive jobs Target: 95 percent of successful employment outcomes Measure: Average hourly wage of successful employment outcomes Target: \$11.55 Measure: Number of participants receiving Assistive Technology services.