

Program 060

DSHS - Economic Services Administration

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	4,193.0	807,523	1,242,368	2,049,891
Total Maintenance Level	4,186.0	791,261	1,240,263	2,031,524
Difference	(7.0)	(16,262)	(2,105)	(18,367)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(0.2)%	(2.0)%	(0.2)%	(0.9)%
Performance Changes				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Contingency Funds			13,732	13,732
Family Home Child Care Rate Increase		7,754		7,754
Medicaid Cost Allocation Changes				
Improve WorkFirst Participation	18.0		14,809	14,809
Affordable Care Act Client Eligibility System		1,418	15,263	16,681
Kinship Care Income Disregard #			298	298
Information Technology Disaster Recovery		1,461	1,879	3,340
State Employee Health Insurance		(2,451)	(638)	(3,089)
Subtotal	18.0	8,182	45,343	53,525
Total Proposed Budget	4,204.0	799,443	1,285,606	2,085,049
Difference	11.0	(8,080)	43,238	35,158
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.3%	(1.0)%	3.5%	1.7%

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Contingency Funds

Washington State currently meets the criteria to earn federal contingency funds to support its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. A portion of these one-time funds is appropriated to support Family Assessment Response in the Children's Administration. The remainder is used to support the WorkFirst program. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Family Home Child Care Rate Increase

The collective bargaining agreement with family home child care providers will increase base payment rates by four percent starting July 1, 2014 and another four percent starting January 1, 2015. Funding provided to the Economic Services Administration covers payment increases for the Working Connections Child Care program.

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Medicaid Cost Allocation Changes

Under the Affordable Care Act, responsibility for Modified Adjusted Gross Income Medicaid eligibility moves to the Health Benefit Exchange. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will receive less Medicaid revenue to support its administrative costs. In Fiscal Year 2014, a federal appropriation is provided to cover the DSHS administrative costs that will shift from Medicaid to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and the Refugee Cash Assistance program. An eligibility study, conducted by the Office of Financial Management, shall identify streamlined eligibility processes and potential revenue sources to address lost revenue for Fiscal Year 2015 and beyond. (General Fund-Federal)

Improve WorkFirst Participation

Funding and staffing are provided to improve federal work participation rates in the WorkFirst program. Some of the changes include an orientation for new clients, quicker termination of clients who do not participate, a requirement that both parents in a two-parent household must participate, and incentive grants to households that meet their participation goals. One-time federal funding from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Contingency Fund will cover the cost of the changes. (General Fund-Federal)

Affordable Care Act Client Eligibility System

Funding is provided to continue the design, development, and implementation of the Eligibility Service System for the Health Benefit Exchange and to modify the Automated Client Eligibility System to support and maintain other existing program eligibility rules. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local)

Kinship Care Income Disregard #

Funding is provided for additional caseload in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. When determining eligibility for a child-only case, the department shall not count 50 percent of the caregiver's unearned income. (General Fund-Federal)

Information Technology Disaster Recovery

Effective January 1, 2014, the Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) will no longer be covered under the disaster recovery contract procured by Consolidated Technology Services. The Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) does not currently have a disaster recovery solution. The ESB system facilitates communication between ACES and the Health Benefit Exchange. Funding is provided to develop and implement a disaster recovery strategy. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

State Employee Health Insurance

Funding for state employee health insurance is adjusted from \$763 per month per employee to \$703 per month per employee in Fiscal Year 2015. (General Fund-State, Other Funds)