



Dept of Children, Youth, & Families
 2021-23 First Supplemental Budget Session
 Maintenance Level - CS - Central Services Model Fixes

Agency Recommendation Summary

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Program Recommendation Summary

090 - Program Support

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Fiscal Summary

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	2022	2023	2021-23	2024	2025	2023-25
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	\$7,878	\$8,728	\$16,606	\$8,728	\$8,728	\$17,456
Fund 001 - 2	(\$6,589)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,024)	(\$7,435)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,870)
Total Expenditures	\$1,289	\$1,293	\$2,582	\$1,293	\$1,293	\$2,586
Revenue						
001 - 0393	(\$6,589)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,024)	(\$7,435)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,870)
Total Revenue	(\$6,589)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,024)	(\$7,435)	(\$7,435)	(\$14,870)

Decision Package Description

Central Service Model Fund Split Correction

The Central Services Model are funded with a split of 76% General Fund State and 24% General Fund Federal. However, DCYF only earns 20% federal Title IV-E for the Central Services Model. This leads to underfunding General Fund-State for DCYF in the Central Services Model. DCYF is requesting that the funding model be aligned with the amount of Title IV-E that can be earned.

AGO Costs for Inclusion in the Central Service Model

DCYF is transitioning from contracting with local attorneys to using the AGO in Asotin, Walla Walla, and Grays Harbor counties and requests inclusion of these AGO costs in the Central Service Model. Additional legal services are required to provide legal advice and representation in child welfare work in these counties. This transition will facilitate a more consistent statewide approach and help DCYF achieve significant system reforms adopted by the Legislature and comply with its federal reporting requirements. DCYF believes a more consistent statewide approach is needed to help achieve significant system reforms resulting from the enactment of the House Bill (HB) 1194, which changed legal requirements related to parent-child visits in dependency cases, and HB 1227, which will change the standards of removal and for placement with relatives, as well as recent Washington State Supreme Court decisions that clarify and enhance legal requirements in dependency and termination of parental rights cases. Additionally, DCYF uses data from the AGO's data system to report on its compliance with its federal performance improvement plan and would like to have access to this data in more counties.

In July 2019, Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) transitioned to DCYF no additional legal service funds were transferred to support this work. Due to the statutory changes and more complete litigations the demand for legal services has increased significantly, resulting from increased emphasis on JR's work in the Legislature and by legal advocates. In 2019, the Legislature expanded JR's population by providing that every individual convicted of an offense committed prior to age 18 will be in JR custody and eligible to remain there until age 25. This older population JR now serves presents new and different security and programming concerns, and appears more accustomed to asserting legal rights through litigation. Additionally, in the 2021 session, the Legislature passed two bills that require system review and recommendations to the Legislature related to expanding juvenile court jurisdiction (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5118) and education in juvenile facilities (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1295).

Lease Facility Model Fund Split Correction

Lease rates are funded with a split of 76% General Fund State and 24% General Fund Federal in the Lease Facility Model. However, DCYF only earns 20% federal Title IV-E for leases. This leads to underfunding in General Fund State for DCYF. DCYF is requesting the Lease Facility Model be aligned with the amount of Title IV-E that can be earned.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

Not applicable

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

- DCYF only earns 20% Title IV-E on most of the CSM, however 24% Title IV-E is assumed in the CSM and requests a fund swap of \$-5,908,000 from General Fund Federal to General Fund State of \$5,908,000 for State Fiscal Year (SFY)22 and a fund swap of \$-6,748,000 from General Fund Federal to General Fund State of \$6,748,000 for SFY23 to cover this underfunding.
- AGO estimates an additional \$1,052,000 in each SFY in costs to their office based on the increased workload in Asotin, Walla Walla, and Grays Harbor counties and \$237,000 in SFY22 and \$241,000 in SFY23 for JR Legal Services. The AGO estimate is reduced by the contracted costs with local attorneys, given the funding for local prosecutors is currently in DCYF's base funding. In addition, the current prosecutor contracts are funded with a fund split of 76% General Fund State and 24% General Fund Federal, however DCYF only earns 20% Title IV-E for AGO services. Therefore, a fund swap of \$-19,000 from General Fund Federal to General Fund state is requested to cover the transition fund swap need of our existing prosecuting attorney base funding to align with the actual Title IV-E rate earned.
- Lease rates are calculated with a fund split of 76% General Fund State and 24% General Fund Federal in the Lease Model, however DCYF only earns 20% Title IV-E for leases. A fund swap of \$-920,000 from General Fund Federal to General Fund State of \$920,000 for SFY22 and a fund swap of \$-927,000 from General Fund Federal to General Fund State of \$927,000 for SFY23 is requested to cover this underfunding.

Workforce Assumptions:

This request does not include additional FTEs.

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state?

Not applicable

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

This request supports Results Washington Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities.

The move to the AGO will lead to timely permanency placement for children in out of home care.

Performance Outcomes:

Not applicable

Other Collateral Connections

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not Applicable

State Workforce Impacts:

Not Applicable

Intergovernmental:

Not Applicable

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

Not Applicable

Stakeholder Response:

Not Applicable

Changes from Current Law:

Not Applicable

State Facilities Impacts:

Not Applicable

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

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