

Access Assistance/Deaf Access Program

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects the costs associated with the Access Assistance/Deaf Access Program. Assistance under this program enables deaf and hearing-impaired persons to access needed social and community services, e.g. employment services, counseling, interpreting services, deafness education, and advocacy.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

The Access Assistance/Deaf Access Program implemented in 1980. The ten percent reduction implemented on July 1, 2008.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC section 10621.
- Currently, eight regional contractors provide services to individuals that are deaf and hard of hearing.
- Services will be provided to a projected 225,510 deaf and hard of hearing Californians in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.
- In FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, the program will be funded with \$2.5 million in Title XX funds, which offsets GF costs by that same amount.
- As a result of the budget balancing reductions in the Budget Act of 2008, there is a ten percent reduction to the funding of the program.
- The Budget Act of 2018 added \$4 million GF to the program on an ongoing basis as a Legislative Augmentation to the program.

METHODOLOGY:

Basic Costs were established through the Budget Act of 1999. The Basic Costs GF amount is held at this level. The estimated savings reflects a ten percent reduction in total funds, which is applied to the Access Assistance/Deaf Access Program - Basic Costs table line and corresponding Title XX Funding budget line. The Total funding for the program reflects the sum of the Basic Costs, the Title XX funding, the ten percent reduction, and the Legislative Augmentation.

FUNDING:

This program is funded with GF and Title XX funds. The Title XX block grant reduces the amount of GF in the program. Title XX funding appears on a separate line as an adjustment. The savings for this premise reflects a ten percent reduction to the GF and the Title XX block grant funds. The Augmentation funds are 100 percent GF.

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CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

There is no change.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

There is no change.

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

<u>FY 2018-19</u>					
Item 151 – Special Programs	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
AA/DAP – Basic Costs	\$5,308	\$0	\$5,308	\$0	\$0
AA/DAP – Title XX Funding	0	2,500	-2,500	0	0
AA/DAP – Reduce Services by Ten Percent	-531	-250	-281	0	0
AA/DAP – Augmentation	4,000	0	4,000	0	0
Total	\$8,777	\$2,250	\$6,527	\$0	\$0

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