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Housing Support Program*

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The intent of the Housing Support Program is to provide evidence-based housing interventions to CalWORKs families to help them obtain and keep permanent housing. Stable housing is recognized as a critical need for self-sufficiency and child well-being. This funding allows CWDs to assist families to obtain permanent housing quickly and to provide wrap-around supports to foster housing retention. Rapid re-housing and targeted homelessness prevention programs have been implemented nationwide as cost-effective strategies to help families exit or avoid homelessness and retain permanent housing.

The core components of a successful Housing Support Program include housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, focused case management, and individualized services based on participant needs. The amount and duration of housing subsidies vary depending on the individual needs of the family. Services could include, but are not limited to, landlord outreach and engagement, housing search and placement, housing barrier assessment, legal services, and credit repair.

Separate from the CalWORKs Housing Support Program, homeless CalWORKs recipients are entitled to receive 16 consecutive days of temporary assistance and/or permanent assistance under the Homeless Assistance Program, limited to once in a 12-month period. Families must meet specific income and resource limitations to be eligible for Homeless Assistance benefits. For more information regarding the Homeless Assistance Program, see the Homeless Assistance Program premise.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on July 1, 2014.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC sections 11330 through 11330.5.
- In FY 2014-15, 20 counties implemented a Housing Support Program. In FY 2015-16, an additional 23 counties implemented a Housing Support Program. In FY 2016-17, five additional counties implemented a Housing Support Program. In 2017-18, one additional county implemented a Housing Support Program.
- The FY 2017-18 allocation is available to 49 counties.
- The total funding is \$47.0 million in FY 2017-18 and \$71.2 million in FY 2018-19.
- Of the total funding, \$325,000 is set aside for state operations in each FY.
- The Housing Support Program Reappropriation reflects unspent funds from the prior FY.
- Unspent funds of \$5.4 million from FY 2016-17 are reappropriated in FY 2017-18.
- Based on calendar year 2017 actual expenditures, it is anticipated that 68.35 percent of expenditures are federal funds and 31.65 percent are GF. Of the total GF, 20.91 percent are non-MOE GF.

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Housing Support Program*

METHODOLOGY:

The funding in each FY reflects total funds less state operations costs. The reappropriation funding is based on the unspent funding in the prior FY.

FUNDING:

Housing Support Program costs for RNE and TANF Timed-Out cases are 100 percent MOE GF. The costs for Safety Net, Long-Term Sanction, Fleeing Felon, TCVAP, and CalWORKs Non-Minor Dependents are 100 percent non-MOE GF. All other costs are 100 percent TANF.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

There is no change in the total HSP funding in FY 2017-18. The FY 2017-18 increase in federal funds and decrease in GF and non-MOE expenditures (displayed in the TANF page) reflect a growth in the projected proportion of services that will be provided to federally eligible families. The FY 2018-19 increase in the total HSP funding reflects a one-time funding augmentation. The FY 2017-18 increase in the reappropriation amount reflects higher unspent funds in FY 2016-17 than previously projected. There is no change in reappropriation funding in FY 2018-19.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

The increase reflects a one-time augmentation. The Housing Support Program reappropriation is assumed to be fully spent in FY 2017-18.

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

<u>FY 2017-18</u>					
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Housing Support Program	\$46,675	\$31,903	\$14,772	\$0	\$0
Housing Support Program – Reappropriation	5,385	3,681	1,704	0	0
TANF Page					
Housing Support Program	-\$9,762	\$0	-\$9,762	\$0	\$0
<u>FY 2018-19</u>					
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Housing Support Program	\$70,838	\$48,418	\$22,420	\$0	\$0
Housing Support Program – Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0
TANF Page					
Housing Support Program	-\$14,815	\$0	-\$14,815	\$0	\$0

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Diaper Assistance (AB 480)*

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects the cost for providing diaper assistance as a supportive service for participation in the WTW program. CalWORKs recipients are required to participate in WTW activities as a condition of eligibility for aid and must be provided with the necessary supportive services to do so. Supportive services for WTW activities include child care, personal counseling, transportation costs, and ancillary expenses. Under AB 480 (Chapter 690, Statutes of 2017), a CalWORKs recipient who is participating in a WTW plan is eligible for \$30.00 per month to assist with diaper costs for each child under 36 months of age.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on April 1, 2018.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC 11323.2(a)(2).
- Per statute, diaper assistance of \$30.00 per child under 36 months of age will be provided to cases that are participating in a WTW plan.
- It is assumed that 25 percent of WTW exempt cases will voluntarily participate in a WTW plan and receive diaper assistance.
- Based on data from MEDS and WDTIP, the projected diaper assistance caseload after adjusting for caseload decline is 46,036 in FY 2017-18 and 43,946 in FY 2018-19. For the diaper assistance caseload, the projected number of children under 36 months of age is 52,258 in FY 2017-18 and 49,886 in FY 2018-19.
- Participation in a WTW plan will be verified twice per year and will take five minutes of caseworker time. This verification is assumed to occur during the SAR reporting period and be evenly distributed at one-sixth of cases receiving diaper benefits each month.
- The caseworker cost per hour is \$57.57.
- The cost per verification is \$4.80.
- Until automation is completed, counties must manually track and claim the issuance of the \$30.00 diaper supportive service for eligible recipients. It is anticipated that automation will be completed within 12 months of implementation and that this additional tracking will require an additional 10 minutes of caseworker time at cost of \$9.60 per recipient per month.
- The one-time automation cost to provide diaper assistance payments is \$57,000 in FY 2017-18 and \$788,000 in FY 2018-19.

METHODOLOGY:

The verification cost reflects the diaper assistance caseload multiplied by one-sixth, the cost per verification, and months in the FY. The diaper cost reflects the number of children under 36 months of age multiplied by \$30.00 and the months in the FY. The manual tracking cost reflects the diaper assistance caseload multiplied by the cost to track per recipient and the months applicable in each fiscal year from April 2018 through March 2019. The verification, tracking, and diaper cost is summed to obtain the total diaper assistance cost.

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Diaper Assistance (AB 480)*

FUNDING:

The funding ratios for this premise are consistent with the CalWORKs Employment Services funding ratios. The funding for automation is 100 percent TANF.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

The decrease in services cost for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 reflects a lower caseload than previously projected. The decrease in automation cost for FY 2017-18 and increase in FY 2018-19 reflect the majority of changes to the SAWS Consortia being completed in FY 2018-19.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

The increase in services funding reflects a full year of costs. The increase in automation cost reflects the majority of changes to the SAWS Consortia being completed in FY 2018-19.

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

<u>FY 2017-18</u>					
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Diaper Assistance (AB 480)	\$5,035	\$4,929	\$106	\$0	\$0
Item 141 – Automation					
Diaper Assistance (AB 480)	\$57	\$57	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FY 2018-19</u>					
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Diaper Assistance (AB 480)	\$19,014	\$18,615	\$399	\$0	\$0
Item 141 – Automation					
Diaper Assistance (AB 480)	\$788	\$788	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Educational Incentives*

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects the funding for the CalWORKs Educational Opportunity and Attainment Program. Eligible recipients may receive a one-time award for completion of high school, or its equivalent, or a stipend for enrollment in a term of an educational or training program leading to a career technical certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree.

The educational incentive awards and education stipends are not entitlement benefits and are available to CWDs only to the extent funding for the CalWORKs Educational Opportunity and Attainment program is allocated. The awards and stipends are available to eligible CalWORKs applicants on a first-come first-served basis. When funding is exhausted, CWDs are not required to expend any other funds per the provisions of the program.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on January 1, 2018.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC 11340 through 11346.
- The Budget Act of 2017 appropriated a one-time amount of \$4.0 million for distribution to CalWORKs recipients who receive a high school degree, or enroll into a college education or career training program.
- The funds shall be spent in FY 2017-18.
- The award amount for completion of high school or equivalent is \$500.
- The stipend amount for initial enrollment into a term of college courses or career training program is \$1,000.

METHODOLOGY:

Funding reflects the amount appropriated in the Budget Act of 2017.

FUNDING:

This program is 91.2 percent federal funding. The remaining 8.8 percent will be funded with GF to include cases that are not eligible for federal funding.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

There is no change in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

The decrease reflects the end of one-time funding provided for FY 2017-18.

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Educational Incentives^{*}

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

		<u>FY 2017-18</u>			
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Educational Incentives	\$4,000	\$3,646	\$354	\$0	\$0

		<u>FY 2018-19</u>			
Item 101 – CalWORKs Services	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Educational Incentives	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

DESCRIPTION:

This premise represents the costs associated with extending social services and benefits to otherwise ineligible noncitizens who are victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes through the TCVAP. These individuals are eligible for state-funded services and benefits to the same extent as persons who are eligible under the federal Refugee Act of 1980. The state-funded services and benefits include cash and medical assistance for up to eight months, employment services, food assistance (through CFAP), IHSS, and CAPI.

Noncitizen trafficking and crime victims with children are eligible for benefits through a state-funded TCVAP CalWORKs program. Eligible noncitizen trafficking and crime victims who do not have children receive assistance through a state-funded TCVAP Cash Assistance grant.

The TCVAP requires victims of human trafficking to file for a T nonimmigrant visa with the appropriate federal agency as the first step to apply for federal status. This is necessary to demonstrate they are taking steps to meet the conditions for federal eligibility to qualify for state social services. To remain eligible for benefits and services, victims of trafficking must show evidence they have applied for the T visa within one year from the date of application for state social services. Victims of domestic violence and other serious crimes must have filed a formal application for or have received a U nonimmigrant visa to qualify for TCVAP benefits.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on January 1, 2007.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC section 18945.
- No TCVAP recipients are currently receiving CAPI or IHSS benefits.
- The FY 2017-18 services funding is maintained at \$5,527,000 total funds.
- The FY 2017-18 administration funding is maintained at \$1,078,000 total funds.

TCVAP-CalWORKs

- Based on the most recent county survey, the estimated average monthly caseload is 1,681 in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19. Of these cases, 1,592 cases are ongoing cases each month and 89 cases are newly eligible each month.
- The benefits provided to the TCVAP-CalWORKs recipients mirror CalWORKs benefits.
- Based on the actual expenditures from July 2017 through December 2017, the cost of grants for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 is anticipated to be approximately \$4.9 million.
- The TCVAP-CalWORKs recipients are subject to the same WTW requirements and exemptions as other CalWORKs participants, except those recipients who do not have work authorization and are not required to participate in a job search.
- Employment services and child care are provided, as needed, for these recipients participating in qualifying activities.

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Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED):

- Approximately 40.64 percent of the average monthly CalWORKs caseload receives employment services based on the calendar year 2017. The employment services cost per case is \$382.37.
- There are 1.73 children per case and 20.05 percent of the cases participating in employment services utilize child care services, based on the Stage One Child Care take-up rate. The child care cost per case is \$699.72 in FY 2018-19.
- The ongoing administration cost per case is \$33.58 per month and one-time intake administration cost per case for newly eligible cases is \$197.75.

TCVAP Cash Assistance

- The estimated average monthly caseload of TCVAP Cash Assistance is 82 in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.
- All benefits and administration costs for TCVAP Cash Assistance recipients mirror the respective costs for RCA recipients. For more information on the caseload and cost per case assumptions, please refer to the RCA section of the Refugee Programs premise.
- The average TCVAP Cash Assistance monthly grant is \$327.95.
- The average monthly cost per case of TCVAP Employment Services is \$177.49.
- The monthly administration cost per case for a TCVAP Cash Assistance case is \$131.07.

METHODOLOGY:

TCVAP-CalWORKs

- Grant costs are based on the most recent actual expenditures.
- Employment services costs are calculated by multiplying the average monthly caseload by the percentage of cases requiring employment services by the employment services cost per case and by 12 months.
- Child care costs are calculated by multiplying the employment services caseload by the child care take-up rate, and by the average number of children per case. This is then multiplied by the child care cost per case and then by 12 months.
- The ongoing administration costs are calculated by multiplying the average monthly ongoing caseload by the ongoing administration cost per case and then by 12 months. The intake administration costs are calculated by multiplying average monthly newly eligible caseload by the one-time intake administration cost per case and then by 12 months. The total administration cost is calculated by summing ongoing and intake administration costs.

TCVAP Cash Assistance

- Grant costs are calculated by multiplying the average monthly caseload by the average monthly grant and then by 12 months.

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Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

METHODOLOGY (CONTINUED):

TCVAP Cash Assistance (continued):

- Employment services costs are calculated by multiplying the average monthly caseload of TCVAP cash assistance recipients by the TCVAP employment services cost per case and then by 12 months.
- Administration costs are calculated by multiplying the average monthly caseload by the administration cost per case and then by 12 months.

Total TCVAP Costs

- The total TCVAP grant cost is calculated by summing TCVAP-CalWORKs and TCVAP Cash Assistance grants.
- The total employment services cost is calculated by summing TCVAP-CalWORKs employment services, child care, and TCVAP Cash Assistance employment services costs.
- The total TCVAP administration cost is calculated by summing TCVAP-CalWORKs and TCVAP Cash Assistance administration costs.

FUNDING:

The TCVAP grants are funded with 97.5 percent GF and 2.5 percent county fund. The TCVAP employment services, administration, and child care are funded with 100 percent GF. Under Title 45 of the CFR Part 263.2(b), these costs are not MOE eligible.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

The FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 increase in grant costs reflects higher TCVAP-CalWORKs grants based on the most recent actuals. There is no change in services and administration funding in FY 2017-18. The decrease in services funding in FY 2018-19 reflects lower TCVAP Cash Assistance social services cost per case. The increase in administration funding in FY 2018-19 reflects higher TCVAP Cash Assistance caseload than previously projected.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

There is no change in grant cost. The decrease in services and administration costs reflects a decline in TCVAP Cash Assistance caseload.

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

Item 101 – TCVAP	FY 2017-18				
	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
Grants	\$5,248	\$0	\$5,117	\$131	\$0
Services	5,527	0	5,527	0	0
Administration	1,078	0	1,078	0	0
Total	\$11,853	\$0	\$11,722	\$131	\$0

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Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)*

EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):

(in 000s)

Item 101 – TCVAP	Total	Federal	<u>FY 2018-19</u>		Reimb.
			State	County	
Grants	\$5,248	\$0	\$5,117	\$131	\$0
Services	5,295	0	5,295	0	0
Administration	982	0	982	0	0
Total	\$11,525	\$0	\$11,394	\$131	\$0

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County Expense Claim Reporting Information System*

DESCRIPTION:

This premise reflects the replacement of the existing County Expense Claim and County Assistance Claim databases with one integrated system. The new County Expense Claim Reporting Information System will improve data access, analysis, and the accuracy of administrative and assistance expenditures data.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This premise implemented on February 14, 2012.

KEY DATA/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Authorizing statute: W&IC section 10604.
- The IT project contract services costs include Organizational Change Management, Financial Systems Auditor, Independent Validation and Verification, User Training Vendor, County Subject Matter Expert, and the vendor cost for development and implementation.
- The Special Project Report Two was approved by the California Department of Technology on April 1, 2016. The approval of the Implementation Advance Planning Document by ACF to obtain FFP was effective January 2017.

METHODOLOGY:

The costs reflect contracted services and solution development costs consistent with the CECRIS Special Project Report Two, which has been updated to reflect current cost projections and assumptions.

FUNDING:

The funding comes from various sources, determined by the sharing ratios of the benefiting programs. Federal funds include the standard shares of SNAP, Title IV-E, and Refugee Resettlement program funding. The Medi-Cal costs are eligible for Title XIX federal funding, which is disbursed through the DHCS' budget upon approval of an interagency agreement. Based on the cost allocation plan, the federal share of the CalWORKs program is funded entirely by the TANF block grant. The non-federal funding is 100 percent general fund. With the federal approval, funding ratios are adjusted to reflect FFP beginning January 2017.

CHANGE FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

The FY 2017-18 decrease and FY 2018-19 increase reflect shifting project training vendor costs from FY 2017-18 to FY 2018-19. The FY 2018-19 increase also reflects additional resources for business systems analysis and testing activities.

REASON FOR YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE:

The increase reflects shifting project training vendor costs, a full year of business systems analysis, and testing activities costs.

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County Expense Claim Reporting Information System *

EXPENDITURES:

(in 000s)

		<u>FY 2017-18</u>			
Item 141 – Automation	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
County Expense Claim Reporting Information System	\$1,824	\$789	\$732	\$0	\$303

		<u>FY 2018-19</u>			
Item 141 – Automation	Total	Federal	State	County	Reimb.
County Expense Claim Reporting Information System	\$2,436	\$1,054	\$977	\$0	\$405

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