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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: DPSS

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 4, 2003

**SUBJECT: Requested Growth Funding for CalWORKs and Foster Care
Categorical Assistance Programs.**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the additional County share required for FY 02/03 Categorical Assistance funding and direct the Auditor-Controller to adjust DPSS' budget and Contingency as follows:

Increase Appropriations for 10000-5100300000-530480 (Categorical Assistance) by \$3,122,225.

Increase Estimated Revenue for 10000-5100300000-750700 (CA-Public Asst. Program) by \$1,638,651.

Decrease Appropriations for 10000-1109000000-581000 (Appropriation for Contingency) by \$1,483,574.

BACKGROUND: The department began using new state guidelines to determine federal funding eligibility for Foster Care cases on January 1 of this year. The new guidelines were issued to comply with federal rules that implement part of the Federal Adoptions and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 2001, which restrict the cases that can be claimed for federal funding. Pursuant to ASFA regulations, all current Foster Care cases must be reviewed to determine compliance with ASFA. Cases that no longer meet federal requirements must be changed to state/county funding retroactive to the beginning of the event that led to non-compliance or a maximum of 18 months.

Dennis J. Boyle, Director

**REQUIRES
4/5 VOTE**

FINANCIAL DATA:

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|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT YEAR COST: | \$ 3,122,225 | ANNUAL COST | \$ 3,122,225 |
| NET COUNTY COST: | \$ 1,483,574 | IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: | No |
| | | BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: | Yes FOR FY: 02/03 |

SOURCE OF FUNDS: State (52.5%) County Funds (47.5%)

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Officer Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
BY 6/4/03
Deputy

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy Policy
Per Executive Office

Prev. Agn. ref.

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BACKGROUND: (Continued)

The department's review of 2,300 cases will result in the reclaiming of approximately \$2 million dollars of previously federally funded Foster Care cases to non-Federal funding. The impact on our NCC from February to June 2003 is \$1.2 million of the \$1.4 million included in this Form 11 for Foster Care. The approximately \$200,000 additional is for caseload growth. The Department is working to ensure that ASFA requirements are met on an ongoing basis and that the impact on NCC is minimized in the future.

The department has also experienced a slight increase in CalWORKs eligibility and Emergency Assistance requiring an additional \$800,000 and \$250,000 respectively, in appropriations for FY 2002/03. The county share of these increases is \$20,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

The impact of these factors is a need for increased appropriations to meet the growth in expenditure levels in FY 2002/03 and an increased county share of cost resulting from the retroactive reclaiming of costs from Federal to State eligibility (see attachment A). The general fund float for these programs is subject to return to the county treasury, two years in arrears, in accordance with the current rules for realignment. However, due to current economic conditions, realignment has not been fully funded in the current year, which creates some uncertainty in predicting whether sufficient revenues will be realized in FY 2004/05 to pay for this growth in expenditures.

This appropriation of funds is required at this time in order for the Department to fulfill its responsibility in issuing Foster Care and CalWORKs payments for the month of June.

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| Requested Appropriations by Program | |
|--|--------------------|
| CalWORKs - | \$795,355 |
| Foster Care - | \$1,946,284 |
| Emergency Assistance - | \$252,428 |
| Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants - | \$89,140 |
| Other Programs - | \$39,018 |
| <u>Total -</u> | <u>\$3,122,225</u> |

| Requested NCC by Program | |
|--|--------------------|
| CalWORKs - | \$20,040 |
| Foster Care - | \$1,405,118 |
| Emergency Assistance - | \$49,796 |
| Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants - | \$0 |
| Other Programs - | \$8,620 |
| <u>Total -</u> | <u>\$1,483,574</u> |

(1) Other Programs includes KinGap, Adoptions Assistance, and Refugee Resettlement.