

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



ITEM
3.30
(ID # 8387)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Recommended Increase to the General Assistance Program., District: All. [FY18/19 Estimated Cost Increase \$6,000,000; Total FY18/19 cost \$8,200,000 - 100% General Fund](4/5ths Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Increase the maximum reimbursable amount of the General Assistance Program by \$6,000,000, for a total maximum reimbursable amount of \$8,200,000.
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments increasing appropriations for DPSS and decreasing appropriations for contingency by \$6,000,000, as outlined in Schedule A.

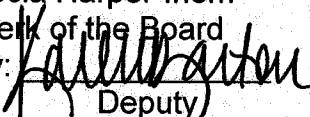
ACTION: (4/5 Vote Required) 4/5 Vote Required, Policy


Sarah S Mack, Asst. County Executive Officer 11/29/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 11, 2018
xc: DPSS, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$6,000,000	N/A	\$8,200,000	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$6,000,000	N/A	\$8,200,000	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 18/19	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside County's General Assistance (GA) program is designed to provide financial support to indigent adults receiving no other support, such as: social security income, disability assistance, unemployment insurance benefits or other public assistance programs.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 17000, et seq., outlines basic standards requiring each county establish, fund, regulate and maintain its own GA program. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 17000 and supporting case law, the GA program is a county obligation funded by county general fund dollars.

On April 24, 2018 (agenda item 3.31), the Board of Supervisors adopted a series of GA program changes, which took effect July 1, 2018. Following analysis of first quarter program activity and expenditures, DPSS updated GA program estimates, based on actual trends, and recalculated program impacts accordingly:

Client Benefits - Increase in the estimated average monthly caseload to 2,900 which is 2,419 cases over the budgeted caseload of 481.

Administrative Costs - As a result of the increased caseload, the department projects an increase in the GA staffing above the FY 18/19 budgeted levels. DPSS will continue monitoring expenditures related to the GA staffing costs and will provide an update and any additional budget adjustments in the Mid-Year Budget Report.

SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

The Department of Public Social Services is requesting a \$6,000,000 budget adjustment for the GA program. The \$6,000,000 request represents approximately half of the projected funding required to maintain the current GA program caseload. DPSS will continue monitoring expenditures related to the program and will provide an update and any additional budget adjustments in the Mid-Year Budget Report. At this time, the following budget adjustment is

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necessary to ensure appropriations are available, pending development of the Mid-Year Budget Report:

Decrease appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriations for Contingency	\$6,000,000
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Increase unassigned fund balance:

10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	6,000,000
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Increase appropriations:

10000-5100400000-530520	Co Funded Assistance	6,000,000
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Use of unassigned fund balance:

10000-5100400000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	6,000,000
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Jennifer Sargent, Principal Management Analyst 12/4/2018