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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 21/22-84

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES
PROGRAM STATE BLOCK GRANT GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 170 \(CHAPTER 240 STATUTES OF 2021\)
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS 16585
THROUGH 16589
ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 22-23, DATED MARCH 11, 2022](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program State Block Grant General Fund (GF) allocation. A total of approximately \$222.4 million GF is available based on the Budget Act of 2021, [SB 170 \(Chapter 240, Statutes of 2021\)](#). Of this amount, \$199.0 million is available as a state block grant to counties and tribes that have entered into a Title IV-E agreement with the state. From the budgeted amount of approximately \$199.0 million GF, \$1.0 million is set aside for Title IV-E tribes.

Background

The FFPS Program in California, established in [WIC Sections 16585 through 16589](#), provides the opportunity for CWDs, CPDs, and tribes who choose to opt-in to implement a comprehensive prevention, early intervention, and child well-being system of care. The program supports the implementation of evidence-based prevention services to meet the needs of children and their families before they experience circumstances that result in entry into foster care.

The Budget Act of 2021 includes a one-time appropriation of approximately \$199.0 million GF for a State Block Grant (SBG) for the FFPS Program to be spent over three years by June 30, 2024, to fund county prevention activities consistent with the provisions of [WIC Section 16588](#) and federal requirements. The intent of the SBG is to support counties and tribes with a Title IV-E state agreement in matching federal funds to implement Title IV-E eligible prevention programs, to create and build the infrastructure of services, and to train and build a professional workforce to deliver prevention services to the candidate population, and pregnant and parenting foster youth who will be served under the Title IV-E prevention program. In addition, CWDs, CPDs, and tribes with a Title IV-E state agreement can use the funds for services that support a comprehensive approach to prevention including services not yet eligible for Title IV-E funding.

In accordance with [WIC Section 16588 \(c\)\(3\)\(B\)](#), CWDs, CPDs, and tribes electing to opt into the FFPS Program are required to utilize the funds for the non-federal maintenance of effort for the Title IV-E funded prevention services and allowable administrative activities. Funds may also be used for other services offered pursuant to the comprehensive plan described in [ACL No. 22-23](#).

Funding Distribution

From the budgeted amount of approximately \$199.0 million, \$1.0 million is set aside for tribes with a Title IV-E state agreement. The remaining \$198.0 million is distributed as outlined below.

CWDs

In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, a total of approximately \$171.0 million is distributed as follows:

- Fifty percent of the funds are distributed based on each county's percentage of the total statewide number of children in California, ages 0-17, during 2020, using the most current California Child Welfare Indicators Project data.
- The remaining fifty percent is distributed based on each county's percentage of the total statewide number of California children in poverty, ages 0-17, during 2020, using the most current United States Census Bureau data.
- The allocation is then adjusted to ensure that each county receives a minimum allocation of \$300,000 GF.

CPDs

In consultation with the Chief Probation Officers of California, a total of \$27.0 million is distributed as follows:

- Fifty percent of the funds are distributed based on each county's percentage of the estimated total statewide number of California youth at risk, ages 12-17, during 2018, using the most current Department of Justice's Juvenile Court Probation Statistical System data.
- The remaining fifty percent is distributed based on each county's percentage of the estimated total statewide number of California children in poverty, ages 12-17, during 2020, using the most current United States Census Bureau data.
- A minimum floor adjustment is incorporated to ensure counties receive a minimum allocation of no less than \$75,000 GF.

Counties are required to submit an FFPS Letter of Intent to opt-in to the FFPS Program by April 30, 2022, in order to utilize funds before submission of their comprehensive plan. Please refer to [ACL No. 22-23](#) for further details. Allocations for counties choosing not to opt-in will be redistributed to opt-in counties and will be displayed in a forthcoming FY 2021-22 FFPS SBG final allocation CFL.

A separate letter will be released regarding funding for tribes with Title IV-E state agreements.

Claiming

Detailed claiming instructions will be provided in a forthcoming CFL.

For program-related questions, please contact the Family Centered Services and Support Bureau (formerly the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau) at (916) 651-6160 or at ffpsapreventionservices@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Administration Division

Attachment

COUNTY	CWD ALLOCATION	CPD ALLOCATION	TOTAL ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$5,090,544	\$1,147,337	\$6,237,881
Alpine	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Amador	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Butte	\$944,563	\$75,000	\$1,019,563
Calaveras	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Colusa	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Contra Costa	\$3,783,112	\$476,660	\$4,259,772
Del Norte	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
El Dorado	\$558,471	\$158,922	\$717,393
Fresno	\$6,932,130	\$1,177,336	\$8,109,466
Glenn	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Humboldt	\$555,034	\$78,496	\$633,530
Imperial	\$1,329,144	\$248,686	\$1,577,830
Inyo	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Kern	\$6,487,097	\$2,392,999	\$8,880,096
Kings	\$863,655	\$196,288	\$1,059,943
Lake	\$324,048	\$87,717	\$411,765
Lassen	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Los Angeles	\$43,645,496	\$5,395,436	\$49,040,932
Madera	\$937,519	\$238,155	\$1,175,674
Marin	\$659,164	\$115,913	\$775,077
Mariposa	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Mendocino	\$398,248	\$75,000	\$473,248
Merced	\$1,987,304	\$290,968	\$2,278,272
Modoc	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Mono	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Monterey	\$2,108,707	\$622,053	\$2,730,760
Napa	\$400,261	\$144,408	\$544,669
Nevada	\$300,000	\$79,559	\$379,559
Orange	\$11,093,370	\$1,636,136	\$12,729,506
Placer	\$1,184,770	\$241,774	\$1,426,544
Plumas	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Riverside	\$11,670,622	\$1,281,304	\$12,951,926
Sacramento	\$7,370,122	\$1,724,228	\$9,094,350
San Benito	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
San Bernardino	\$12,786,307	\$1,387,437	\$14,173,744
San Diego	\$11,750,357	\$2,099,332	\$13,849,689
San Francisco	\$1,791,115	\$348,595	\$2,139,710
San Joaquin	\$4,302,599	\$577,540	\$4,880,139
San Luis Obispo	\$768,661	\$82,425	\$851,086
San Mateo	\$2,018,577	\$134,227	\$2,152,804
Santa Barbara	\$1,748,858	\$285,275	\$2,034,133
Santa Clara	\$5,637,360	\$464,144	\$6,101,504
Santa Cruz	\$797,670	\$268,466	\$1,066,136
Shasta	\$795,658	\$274,873	\$1,070,531
Sierra	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Siskiyou	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
Solano	\$1,629,550	\$194,188	\$1,823,738
Sonoma	\$1,421,622	\$154,538	\$1,576,160
Stanislaus	\$3,075,907	\$354,495	\$3,430,402
Sutter	\$502,296	\$75,000	\$577,296
Tehama	\$318,096	\$75,000	\$393,096
Trinity	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000