



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a budget transfer to Social Services increasing State revenue by \$189,015, Transfer In revenue (specific to the CalWORKS Memorandum of Understanding Special Revenue Fund) by \$269,326, and Federal revenue by \$148,277 for a total of \$606,618, and increase the associated appropriations, to recognize additional County funding as a result of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 4, 2020, intended to mitigate the economic impact of increased client services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to recognize other State funding augmentations in anticipation of increased caseload costs.

FUNDING: State and Federal funding through California Department of Social Services.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Budget Transfer Request (BTR) to increase revenue and appropriations for FY 2019-20 by \$606,618. This BTR would result in no impact to Net County Cost, as the funding is expected to cover potential increases in cash assistance, supportive services, and staff overtime for increased workloads.

The Budget Transfer Request amounts are comprised of multiple funding augmentations, including:

State Funding totaling \$189,015

- \$129,108: Funding augmentation resulting from the Governor's Executive Order N-29-2020 for the potential increase in CalFresh and CalWORKs caseloads due to COVID-19.

- \$38,207: Funding augmentation for eligibility caseload increases for CalFresh (\$19,059) and CalFresh Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) (\$19,148).

-\$21,700: In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Admin augmentation resulting from the Governor's approval to increase the Admin allocation statewide by \$5M in response to COVID-19. The HHSA share was estimated using a percent to statewide total of the regular IHSS Admin allocation

Federal Funding totaling \$148,277

-\$114,417: Additional Federal funding available due to increased State revenue that was authorized as a result of the Governor's Executive Order.

-\$33,860: Additional Federal funding available due to increased State revenue specifically for increased CalFresh caseloads.

CalWORKS Funding totaling \$269,326

Transfer In revenue from the CalWORKs MOE Special Revenue Fund totaling \$269,326 due to increased State revenue being applied to the CalWORKs MOE Subaccount to be used for potential increased CalWORKs cash assistance costs.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Board decline to authorize this BTR, it would hinder the ability of Social Services program staff to process the increased applications for assistance within the statutory time frames, and also increase General Fund contributions toward CalWORKs cash assistance and supportive services; as the County cannot deny assistance to qualifying beneficiaries based on budgetary restrictions.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Budget Transfer Request.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Obtain signature of Chair on the attached Budget Transfer Request; and
- 2) Submit the BTR to the CAO office for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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