

Senate Subcommittee Report

Agency: Department for Children and Families

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Expenditure Summary	Agency Request FY 2023	Governor Recommendation* FY 2023	Senate Subcommittee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:			
State General Fund	\$ 370,190,467	\$ 361,997,495	\$ 10,158,531
Federal Funds	578,409,802	582,532,605	0
Other Funds	29,808,295	27,714,280	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 978,408,564	\$ 972,244,380	\$ 10,158,531
Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 850,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	450,000	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 850,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 979,258,564	\$ 972,694,380	\$ 10,158,531

FTE positions

2,677.9

2,657.9

2.0

*Note: The Governor's recommendation includes GBA No. 2, Item 1, to delete \$2.6 million, including \$6.6 million SGF, to adopt the Spring 2021 Human Services Consensus Caseload estimate in FY 2022.

Agency Request

The **agency** requests FY 2023 expenditures of \$979.3 million, including \$371.0 million SGF. This is an all funds decrease of \$145.4 million, or 12.9 percent, below the FY 2022 revised estimate. This decrease is largely attributable to federal COVID-19 relief funds that are no longer available for FY 2023. This decrease is partially offset by 11 enhancement requests totaling \$23.5 million, including \$15.6 million SGF. This is an SGF increase of \$6.0 million, or 1.6 percent, above the agency's FY 2023 request. The increase is primarily attributable to the agency's 11 enhancement requests.

Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends FY 2023 expenditures of \$972.5 million, including \$367.3 million SGF. This is an all funds decrease of \$6.7 million, or 0.7 percent, below the agency's FY 2023 request. This decrease is primarily attributable to adopting the human services consensus caseloads fall 2021 estimate and not recommending all of the agency's enhancement requests.

In October 2021, the human services consensus caseloads estimate for FY 2023 was a decrease of \$2.3 million federal funds for TANF cash assistance and an increase of \$500,000, including \$1.0 million SGF, for foster care from the prior estimate. The increase in foster care is due to an anticipated fluctuation in contract expenditures based on changing acuity and service needs of children in care. This increase also includes replacing \$3.0 million from special revenue funds that was a one-time reduction as a part of the Governor's reduced resources

budget in FY 2022.

The Governor funds \$18.6 million, including \$10.9 million SGF, of the agency's enhancements. The Governor recommends four of the agency's eleven enhancement requests in full. These enhancements include: protection specialists salary increase (\$3.7 million), Kansas Management Information System replacement (\$3.5 million), Amazon Connect Virtual Call Center (\$1.9 million), and Families First Prevention Services program increase (\$7.0 million). In addition, the Governor recommends partial acceptance of three additional enhancement requests. These enhancements include: Families First Prevention Services SGF only grants (\$1.4 million), Independent Living subsidy for foster youth (\$756,000), and capital improvements budget (\$450,000).

Senate Subcommittee Recommendation

The **Subcommittee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2023, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$10.0 million SGF for workforce recruitment and retention incentives for child placing agencies and licensed facilities, including qualified residential treatment programs, for FY 2023.
2. Add \$158,531 SGF and 2.0 FTE positions for communication access services within the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
3. Add language requiring the agency to provide the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas with \$125,000, from existing resources, for the purpose of purchasing and providing durable medical equipment for individuals with disabilities in the state of Kansas, for FY 2023.
4. Review at Omnibus the potential of adding \$500,000 SGF for Safe Families for Children - Kansas for the purpose of expanding the program, for FY 2023.

Senate Committee Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2023.

Senate Committee of the Whole Recommendation (Sub. for SB 444)

The **Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2023.

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Budget Committee Recommendation

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2023 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million, all SGF, for workforce recruitment and retention incentives for child placing agencies and licensed facilities, including qualified residential treatment programs, for FY 2023. Add language to lapse the SGF funding if the request submitted to the SPARK Advisory Panel for federal COVID funds by the Children's Alliance of Kansas is approved.
2. Add \$500,000, all SGF, for Safe Families for Children - Kansas for the purpose of expanding their program in the Kansas City and Wichita metro areas, as well as, Southeast Kansas area, if able within the funding, for FY 2023. Add language requiring the Secretary for Children and Families to submit a status report to the House Committee on Social Services Budget on or before January 1, 2023. This additional funding would create a total of \$796,240 for Safe Families for Children - Kansas.
3. Add \$450,000, all SGF, to recruit, retain, and train CALM Bonus Social Workers and CALM Super Parents, for FY 2023.
4. Add language requiring the monthly rate for the independent living subsidy to go back to \$350 once the federal Chafee Pandemic Funds are expended, for FY 2023.
5. Add language requiring the agency to provide the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas with \$125,000, from existing resources, for the purpose of purchasing and providing durable medical equipment for individuals with disabilities in the state of Kansas, for FY 2023.
6. The Budget Committee strongly supports the Children's Alliance of Kansas request submitted to the SPARK Advisory Panel for expenditures totaling \$24.0 million for the purposes of emergency child welfare workforce recruitment and retention incentives (\$10.0 million) [including \$5.0 million noted in item #1], establishing a grant fund for child placing agencies to develop pilot programs to serve youth with complex needs who are placed in foster care (\$10.0 million), and workforce needs for psychiatric residential treatment facilities (\$4.0 million).

House Committee Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2023 with the following notation:

1. Remove language requiring the monthly rate for the independent living subsidy to go back to \$350 once the federal Chafee Pandemic Funds are expended, for FY 2023.

House Committee of the Whole Recommendation (House Sub. for Sub. SB 267)

The **Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2023.

Conference Committee Recommendation (House Sub. for Sub. SB 267)

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2023 with the following recommendations:

1. Add \$7.5 million, all SGF, for workforce recruitment and retention incentives for child placing agencies and licensed facilities, including qualified residential treatment programs, for FY 2023. Add language to lapse the SGF funding if the request submitted to the SPARK Advisory Panel for federal COVID funds by the Children's Alliance of Kansas is approved.
2. Add \$500,000, all SGF, for Safe Families for Children - Kansas for the purpose of expanding their program in the Kansas City and Wichita metro areas, as well as, Southeast Kansas area, if able within the funding, for FY 2023. Add language requiring the Secretary for Children and Families to submit a status report to the House Committee on Social Services Budget on or before January 1, 2023. This additional funding would create a total of \$796,240 for Safe Families for Children - Kansas.
3. Add \$500,000 SGF for FosterAdopt Connect to offer Behavioral Interventionist services for children with behavioral and emotional issues for FY 2023. (Technical adjustment)
4. Add \$450,000, all SGF, to recruit, retain, and train CALM Bonus Social Workers and CALM Super Parents, for FY 2023.
5. Add \$79,000 SGF and 1.0 FTE position for communication access services within the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
6. Add language requiring the agency to provide the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas with \$125,000, from existing resources, for the purpose of purchasing and providing durable medical equipment for individuals with disabilities in the state of Kansas, for FY 2023.

Omnibus Action (HB 2510)

1. Adopt GBA No. 2, Item 1, to add \$150,000, including the deletion of \$5.5 million SGF, for the Spring Human Services Consensus Caseload estimate for FY 2023.
2. Add language requiring the Department for Children and Families to collaborate with community partners and stakeholders to develop a plan for implementation for a set of

performance-based contractors to provide an array of evidence-based prevention and early intervention services for families at risk for an out-of-home placement, families that have a child in out-of-home care, and children who are awaiting adoption for FY 2023. Add language requiring a report to be submitted to the Governor, the House Committee on Children and Seniors, and the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare by January 31, 2023. Add language requiring the Department for Children and Families to submit a proposal to the Governor and Legislature on or before January 31, 2024, for caseloads into evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs designed to prevent the need for or reduce the duration of out-of-home placements.

State Finance Council

1. Add \$5.4 million, including \$3.1 million SGF, for a 5.0 percent salary adjustment for most state employees for FY 2023. This adjustment excludes statewide elected officials, current beneficiaries of the 24/7 pay plan, with other specific limitations for employees who receive salary adjustments in other portions of the appropriations bill.

	Governor's Recommendation FY 2023	Legislative Action	Legislative Approved FY 2023	Governor's Vetoed FY 2023	Final Legislative Approved FY 2023
All Funds					
State Operations	\$ 330,385,512	\$ 5,488,300	\$ 335,873,812	\$ 0	\$ 335,873,812
Aid to Local Units	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assistance	641,858,868	8,950,000	650,808,868	0	650,808,868
<i>Subtotal - Operations</i>	<i>\$ 972,244,380</i>	<i>\$ 14,438,300</i>	<i>\$ 986,682,680</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>	<i>\$ 986,682,680</i>
Capital Improvements	450,000	0	450,000	0	450,000
TOTAL	\$ 972,694,380	\$ 14,438,300	\$ 987,132,680	\$ 0	\$ 987,132,680

State General Fund

State Operations	\$ 126,609,011	\$ 3,169,439	\$ 129,778,450	\$ 0	\$ 129,778,450
Aid to Local Units	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assistance	235,388,484	8,950,000	244,338,484	0	244,338,484
<i>Subtotal - Operating</i>	<i>\$ 361,997,495</i>	<i>\$ 12,119,439</i>	<i>\$ 374,116,934</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>	<i>\$ 374,116,934</i>
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$ 361,997,495	\$ 12,119,439	\$ 374,116,934	\$ 0	\$ 374,116,934

FTE Positions	2,657.9	1.0	2,658.9	0.0	2,658.9
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