



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 22-620, Version: 1

To: Board of Supervisors
From: DHHS: Social Services
Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Year End Supplemental Budget for Foster Care Assistance (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached supplemental budget for Foster Care budget in Fund 1110, Budget Unit 518 for fiscal year 2021-22

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Foster Care budget is used to pay foster care assistance payments that consist of payments to Aid to Adoption and foster care parents, Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP), Foster Family Agencies (FFA), and Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC). The submitted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 did not reflect Statewide increase based on Community Care Rate (CCR) Level of Care (LOC) & licensing of STRTP which has not been finalized at the state level as well as increase in caseload. Assistance payments Care Necessity Index (CNI) estimated at 2.11%. In addition to the increase in assistance payments, additional provisions were implemented at the State and Federal level as a result of COVID-19, to allow foster care youth to remain in foster care from age 18 to 21 and beyond if they were aging out of Foster Care during the pandemic, as a way of preventing homelessness. The supplemental budget before your Board will increase the overall budget for FY 2021-22 to account for these increases.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The supplemental budget will increase the overall budget for fund 1110, budget unit 518-Foster Care by \$4,713,281.00 bringing the overall budget from \$24,265,221 to \$28,978,502. Foster care assistance payments are reported to the state monthly and reimbursed through State, Federal and realignment funds. The county general fund contributes \$432,000 to the foster care assistance payments, which remains unchanged from the adopted budget.

Realignment funds are used as the local shared contribution in an addition to Federal and State Foster Care funds. Realignment funds are deposited into the Local Health and Welfare Trust 3443 and Support Services Account 3742. The increase to the “Transfer In” line will account for the realignment transfers, needed to support the county portion of the increase, the State Foster Care payments will be deposited directly to the State Foster Care Revenue line.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of services

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the supplemental budget request; however, this alternative is not recommended since it would impact DHHS- Social Services ability to accurately represent additional mandated payments from the Foster Care budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

518 FY 2021-22 Supplemental Budget

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: TBD