

HOW CWS BASIC IS CURRENTLY BUDGETED

- The CWS Basic budget is built using social worker unit costs multiplied by the number of justified full-time equivalents (FTEs), and applying the hold harmless (no county is funded below their prior year justified FTE level).
- Direct costs, county operated shelter costs, emergency assistance costs, and Title IV-B are then added in to get the amount budgeted.
- Historically, the CWS Basic social worker unit cost was based on the Proposed County Administrative Budget (PCAB) process. The last PCAB process was in FY 2001-02 and was used to establish the base unit cost for budgeting purposes. The social worker unit cost has remained the same since 2001-02.
- The amount budgeted for CWS Basic in FY 2006-07 is \$1.3 billion (\$436 million general fund). The amount budgeted for all other CWS programs is \$1.1 billion (\$350 million general fund).