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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 07/08-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-08 PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the planning allocation for the FC Program contingent upon approval of the FY 2007-08 State Budget Act. A total of \$15,293,576 General Fund (GF) will be made available for this program. The allocation displayed in Attachment I represents funding for 56 counties as funding for the two Title IV-E Waiver counties will be issued in separate allocation letters.

Beginning in FY 2007-08, an adjustment has been made which reflects the anticipated savings associated with an increase in foster care exits resulting from improved permanency outcomes for children in the Adoptions Program. Funding for the Adoptions Program has been augmented for the purpose of improving adoptions outcomes. As a result, the FC basic allocation premise was reduced by \$322,000 for those counties that receive Adoptions Program funding.

In addition to basic administrative costs, this allocation includes funding for Staff Development, the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), *Rosales v. Thompson*, savings associated with Foster Care Reforms, Improving Adoptions Outcomes, the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) program and the Legacy Systems, as shown on Attachment I.

Attachment II displays the \$4,115,000 GF allocation for the Emergency Assistance (EA) portion of the FC Program. This allocation represents funding for all 58 counties.

Attachment III provides a brief description of these premises and their respective allocation methodologies, and Attachment IV is a listing of applicable program codes for the FC Program. The administrative expenditures charged against this program are tracked through the County Expense Claim.

The transfer of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps will continue to be allowed for the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity. It is anticipated that any surplus

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funds within this small county group will be redistributed at closeout among those counties that overspent their allocations.

Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed by Carleen Kistler for:

FRAN MUELLER, Chief
Financial Management & Contracts Branch

Attachments

c: County Welfare Directors Association

**FY 2007-08
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION
STATE FUNDS**

County	Foster Care Administrative Basic	FC Staff Development	AAP	Rosales v Thompson	Foster Care Reforms	Impr. Adoptions Outcomes Savings	Kin-GAP Savings	Legacy Systems Savings	FC STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION
Alameda *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alpine	\$6,795	\$881	\$629	\$500	(\$106)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,699
Amador	\$15,224	\$219	\$2,904	\$500	(\$1,323)	\$0	(\$1,467)	\$0	\$16,057
Butte	\$139,896	\$1,474	\$58,753	\$341	(\$33,531)	\$0	(\$18,826)	\$0	\$148,107
Calaveras	\$13,186	\$390	\$4,949	\$500	(\$4,847)	\$0	(\$1,712)	\$0	\$12,466
Colusa	\$10,149	\$398	\$1,415	\$500	(\$2,993)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,469
Contra Costa	\$709,309	\$5,565	\$137,228	\$841	(\$63,590)	(\$17,940)	(\$55,011)	(\$28,080)	\$688,322
Del Norte	\$19,399	\$3,750	\$11,155	\$500	(\$5,760)	\$0	(\$3,422)	\$0	\$25,622
El Dorado	\$87,125	\$1,177	\$17,362	\$500	(\$11,582)	(\$1,918)	(\$1,223)	\$0	\$91,441
Fresno	\$723,538	\$6,725	\$144,530	\$2,131	(\$107,784)	(\$8,520)	(\$129,338)	(\$19,246)	\$612,036
Glenn	\$26,992	\$926	\$5,971	\$500	(\$3,644)	\$0	(\$1,956)	\$0	\$28,789
Humboldt	\$70,927	\$487	\$24,822	\$500	(\$16,140)	\$0	(\$1,712)	\$0	\$78,884
Imperial	\$69,139	\$233	\$14,610	\$500	(\$13,922)	(\$1,419)	\$0	\$0	\$69,141
Inyo	\$26,326	\$2,072	\$393	\$500	(\$1,027)	\$0	(\$245)	\$0	\$28,019
Kern	\$421,161	\$2,149	\$209,883	\$1,835	(\$113,551)	(\$14,950)	(\$73,104)	\$0	\$433,423
Kings	\$38,674	\$292	\$24,350	\$500	(\$14,218)	\$0	(\$16,870)	\$0	\$32,728
Lake	\$34,195	\$1,701	\$12,178	\$500	(\$10,410)	\$0	(\$6,112)	\$0	\$32,052
Lassen	\$23,406	\$1,548	\$4,791	\$500	(\$5,259)	\$0	(\$1,223)	\$0	\$23,763
Los Angeles *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Madera	\$43,022	\$592	\$15,947	\$346	(\$13,540)	\$0	(\$3,422)	\$0	\$42,945
Marin	\$80,477	\$2,162	\$16,890	\$500	(\$5,866)	(\$2,903)	(\$1,467)	\$0	\$89,793
Mariposa	\$7,192	\$704	\$2,983	\$500	(\$2,332)	\$0	(\$245)	\$0	\$8,802
Mendocino	\$90,557	\$304	\$22,075	\$500	(\$14,799)	\$0	(\$10,758)	\$0	\$87,879
Merced	\$113,645	\$842	\$33,539	\$651	(\$30,088)	(\$3,252)	(\$5,379)	\$0	\$109,958
Modoc	\$4,608	\$125	\$1,101	\$500	(\$585)	\$0	(\$734)	\$0	\$5,015
Mono	\$9,491	\$659	\$50	\$500	(\$450)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,250
Monterey	\$269,107	\$1,097	\$50,115	\$569	(\$23,377)	(\$6,152)	(\$6,357)	\$0	\$285,002
Napa	\$76,636	\$607	\$9,111	\$500	(\$6,474)	\$0	(\$2,933)	\$0	\$77,447
Nevada	\$26,259	\$1,352	\$7,853	\$500	(\$5,826)	\$0	(\$978)	\$0	\$29,160
Orange	\$987,728	\$6,476	\$324,570	\$2,093	(\$102,122)	(\$36,593)	(\$87,530)	(\$49,114)	\$1,045,508
Placer	\$148,508	\$974	\$31,815	\$500	(\$13,728)	(\$2,188)	(\$8,558)	(\$9,255)	\$148,068
Plumas	\$17,791	\$1,025	\$2,983	\$500	(\$3,129)	\$0	(\$1,712)	\$0	\$17,458
Riverside	\$1,583,318	\$11,890	\$292,676	\$2,091	(\$197,409)	(\$18,955)	(\$265,278)	(\$48,799)	\$1,359,534
Sacramento	\$1,867,693	\$13,718	\$361,878	\$1,909	(\$187,477)	(\$25,465)	(\$139,851)	(\$64,784)	\$1,827,621
San Benito	\$19,825	\$1,364	\$3,690	\$500	(\$3,375)	\$0	(\$734)	\$0	\$21,270
San Bernardino	\$1,370,029	\$6,131	\$275,315	\$3,068	(\$202,196)	(\$30,165)	(\$170,902)	(\$39,964)	\$1,211,316
San Diego	\$1,367,550	\$7,083	\$494,786	\$2,529	(\$215,303)	(\$43,609)	(\$138,630)	(\$40,280)	\$1,434,126
San Francisco	\$1,237,614	\$12,251	\$108,087	\$348	(\$82,857)	(\$19,384)	(\$64,057)	(\$26,398)	\$1,165,604
San Joaquin	\$228,371	\$1,366	\$147,204	\$1,256	(\$75,716)	(\$15,855)	(\$18,337)	\$0	\$268,289
San Luis Obispo	\$151,354	\$435	\$35,426	\$500	(\$19,363)	(\$7,721)	(\$9,047)	(\$5,574)	\$146,010
San Mateo	\$492,491	\$11,771	\$39,746	\$500	(\$24,947)	(\$12,453)	(\$4,890)	(\$30,499)	\$471,719
Santa Barbara	\$229,312	\$1,172	\$26,945	\$502	(\$27,572)	(\$3,170)	(\$4,156)	(\$19,351)	\$203,682
Santa Clara	\$1,134,167	\$19,035	\$175,793	\$1,407	(\$78,921)	(\$23,272)	(\$76,039)	(\$65,836)	\$1,086,334
Santa Cruz	\$216,637	\$1,490	\$37,156	\$500	(\$12,879)	(\$4,579)	(\$1,223)	(\$8,729)	\$228,373
Shasta	\$56,137	\$1,361	\$57,815	\$500	(\$24,897)	(\$4,458)	(\$11,980)	\$0	\$74,478
Sierra	\$9,559	\$847	\$315	\$500	(\$623)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,598
Siskiyou	\$27,321	\$959	\$8,796	\$500	(\$6,967)	\$0	(\$734)	\$0	\$29,875
Solano	\$238,807	\$2,106	\$31,028	\$417	(\$23,213)	(\$3,822)	(\$1,223)	(\$16,301)	\$227,799
Sonoma	\$110,320	\$1,049	\$43,672	\$500	(\$20,949)	\$0	(\$5,379)	(\$15,250)	\$113,963
Stanislaus	\$194,942	\$917	\$79,648	\$857	(\$23,445)	(\$4,211)	(\$11,247)	\$0	\$237,461
Sutter	\$19,892	\$504	\$22,468	\$500	(\$7,676)	\$0	(\$1,956)	\$0	\$33,732
Tehama	\$38,902	\$790	\$12,801	\$500	(\$10,785)	\$0	(\$245)	\$0	\$41,963
Trinity	\$5,278	\$229	\$1,966	\$500	(\$1,764)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,209
Tulare	\$286,297	\$1,293	\$95,909	\$1,188	(\$53,011)	(\$5,032)	(\$83,374)	(\$19,667)	\$223,603
Tuolumne	\$29,653	\$661	\$8,403	\$500	(\$6,370)	\$0	(\$734)	\$0	\$32,113
Ventura	\$343,938	\$1,548	\$53,333	\$621	(\$33,093)	(\$4,014)	(\$16,381)	(\$10,622)	\$335,330
Yolo	\$121,551	\$2,766	\$47,290	\$500	(\$20,304)	\$0	(\$4,890)	(\$13,251)	\$133,662
Yuba	\$48,580	\$2,451	\$33,382	\$500	(\$8,885)	\$0	(\$3,419)	\$0	\$72,609
Total	\$15,740,000	\$152,093	\$3,690,483	\$43,000	(\$2,002,000)	(\$322,000)	(\$1,477,000)	(\$531,000)	\$15,293,576

* Allocation for Two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected on their separate allocation letters.

**FY 2007-08
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION**

County	EA - FC GF
Alameda	\$212,206
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$148
Butte	\$41,656
Calaveras	\$695
Colusa	\$0
Contra Costa	\$91,513
Del Norte	\$1,523
El Dorado	\$774
Fresno	\$35,615
Glenn	\$424
Humboldt	\$7,913
Imperial	\$5,403
Inyo	\$0
Kern	\$48,133
Kings	\$2,239
Lake	\$2,152
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$1,925,290
Madera	\$2,654
Marin	\$1,889
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$28,073
Merced	\$8,954
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$1,049
Monterey	\$4,263
Napa	\$658
Nevada	\$6,333
Orange	\$248,509
Placer	\$18,180
Plumas	\$0
Riverside	\$220,696
Sacramento	\$132,022
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$595,556
San Diego	\$97,225
San Francisco	\$39,010
San Joaquin	\$13,024
San Luis Obispo	\$50,915
San Mateo	\$53,067
Santa Barbara	\$0
Santa Clara	\$64,614
Santa Cruz	\$32,722
Shasta	\$13,020
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$876
Solano	\$22,390
Sonoma	\$28,669
Stanislaus	\$1,737
Sutter	\$1,123
Tehama	\$2,868
Trinity	\$0
Tulare	\$9,045
Tuolumne	\$5,234
Ventura	\$14,703
Yolo	\$12,341
Yuba	\$7,897
Total	\$4,115,000

FY 2007-08 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in the Foster Care Allocation			
PREMISE NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	SAVINGS
FC Administrative Basic *	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program.	X	
FC Staff Development *	This premise reflects the funding for Staff Development. The allocation was calculated by multiplying each county's average percent to total of the 4 most recent quarters (06/06-03/07) FC staff development expenditures and the average FC full-time equivalents (FTEs) eligibility workers for the same time period. An adjustment was made to the allocation to fund the state share of costs for staff training among the 41 counties of the Inter-County Policy and Planning Committee which contracts with the University of California, Davis.	X	
AAP *	AAP funds were allocated using each county's percent to total average monthly caseload from the most recent 12 months (4/06-3/07), as provided by the Adoptions Services Bureau.	X	
Rosales v Thompson *	This premise reflects the results of the approval of California Department of Social Services and Rosales v. Thompson (321 F 3d 835) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly Zero-Parent caseload for CY 2006 from the CA 237, with a guaranteed minimum floor of \$500.	X	
Foster Care Reforms *	This premise reflects an estimated savings due to the reduction of annual FC eligibility redeterminations. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for CY 2006 from the FC 237.		X
Improving Adoptions Outcomes *	This premise reflects the savings associated with an increase in FC exits, resulting from improved permanency outcomes for children in the Adoptions Program. Savings were distributed to those counties that receive Adoptions Program funding, based on each county's percent to total of the Adoptions Program allocation.		X
Kin-GAP Program Savings *	The premise represents an estimated savings of GF in FC due to those cases being diverted from placement and/or services. The distribution was based on a percent to total of each county's actual Kin-GAP caseload for CY 2006.		X
Legacy Savings *	This premise reflects the savings that certain counties will realize following their conversion from the outdated legacy systems to their new automated systems.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to all 58 counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of GF expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/05-03/06) to the statewide total available funding. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocations will be shifted to county share.	X	

* Allocation for the two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected on their separate allocation letters.

PROGRAM CODES

The state share of administration costs reported on the CEC will be charged to the allocation as follows:

FOSTER CARE (FC) DFA 327.4 & 327.5

- 230 – Adoptions Assistance IV-E
- 345 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility
- 613 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility – Voluntary Program
- 300 – STEP Eligibility Determination
- 029 – Rosales v Thompson

FC State Use Only Code

- 612 – Foster Care (including AAP) Overmatch

EA FC DFA 327.4 & 327.5

- 223 – EA FC Eligibility

EA FC State Use Only Code

- 199 – EA Foster Care Overmatch