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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 08/09-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL ADOPTIONS SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR
ADOPTIONS PROGRAM BASIC COSTS, IMPROVING
ADOPTIONS OUTCOMES, AND SAFE AND TIMELY
INTERSTATE PLACEMENT

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2008-09 planning allocation for the Adoptions Program Basic costs for FY 2008-09. A total of \$47,672,000 General Fund (GF) was made available upon approval of the FY 2008-09 Budget Act. Please note that this letter does not include a reduction of approximately \$141,000 in GF savings tied to the Resource Family Approval Pilot (Assembly Bill [AB] 340).

The Adoptions Program Basic includes funds for counties performing Agency (relinquishment) Adoptions, which are placements through a licensed county adoption agency that has custody of a child following termination of parental rights by a juvenile court. Also included are funds for those counties performing independent adoptions and placements in which birth parents place a child directly with an adopting family or person of their choice.

Beginning in FY 2006-07, Adoptions Program funding has been augmented for the purpose of improving adoption outcomes for children. These augment funds allow counties to hire additional adoptions caseworkers and increase the number of finalized adoptions. In addition, beginning in FY 2007-08, Adoptions Program funding has been augmented for the purpose of adoptions social workers meeting the new 60-day home study time frame requirement of the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement (STIPFC) of the Foster Care Act of 2006 (H.R. 5403).

The FY 2008-09 Adoptions Program Basic allocation is based on county specific unit cost calculations from FY 2001-02, which were multiplied by each county's performance agreement full-time equivalents to determine each county's individual allocation. Both the FY 2008-09 Improving Adoptions Outcomes and STIPFC allocations are distributed

based on each county's percent of the total FY 2008-09 Adoptions Program Basic allocation.

Adoptions program and staff development costs reported on the County Expense Claim should be charged to the following Program Codes:

- 117 – Adoptions, Case Management, and Training
- 118 – Adoptions, Independent
- 123 – Adoptions, Federal Direct Costs

Any expenditures exceeding the allocation will be shifted to county share using State Use Only Code 191.

AB 340 (Chapter 464, Statutes of 2007) requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with stakeholders and interested parties, to implement a three-year pilot program in up to five counties, to establish a single comprehensive resource family pilot approval process for foster care and adoption. This single process would replace the existing separate processes for licensing foster family homes, approving relatives and Non-Relative Extended Family Members, and approving adoptive families.

AB 340 results in a savings premise for the Adoptions Program Basic allocation. Savings for the AB 340 premise will be allocated in a separate CFL after the participating counties have been chosen by CDSS and will result in a reduction to the participating counties' Adoptions Program Basic allocation. Accordingly, corresponding funding for AB 340 will be augmented in the participating counties' Child Welfare Services allocation.

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

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

FRAN MUELLER, Chief
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

c: County Welfare Directors Association

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 ADOPTIONS PROGRAM PLANNING ALLOCATION

COUNTY	ADOPTIONS BASIC GF ALLOCATION	IMPROVING ADOPTIONS OUTCOMES GF ALLOCATION	SAFE & TIMELY INTERSTATE PLACEMENT GF ALLOCATION	TOTAL ADOPTIONS GF ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$1,588,555	\$248,718	\$7,585	\$1,844,858
Alpine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amador	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Butte	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Calaveras	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colusa	\$0	0.000	\$0	\$0
Contra Costa	\$1,433,965	\$224,514	\$6,847	\$1,665,326
Del Norte	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
El Dorado	\$152,251	\$23,838	\$727	\$176,816
Fresno	\$680,921	\$106,611	\$3,251	\$790,783
Glenn	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Humboldt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Imperial	\$113,418	\$17,758	\$542	\$131,718
Inyo	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kern	\$1,195,306	\$187,148	\$5,707	\$1,388,161
Kings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lake	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lassen	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Los Angeles	\$13,754,082	\$2,153,463	\$65,673	\$15,973,218
Madera	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marin	\$231,886	\$36,306	\$1,107	\$269,299
Mariposa	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mendocino	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Merced	\$257,418	\$40,304	\$1,229	\$298,951
Modoc	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mono	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Monterey	\$487,252	\$76,288	\$2,327	\$565,867
Napa	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nevada	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Orange	\$2,997,480	\$469,312	\$14,312	\$3,481,104
Placer	\$175,320	\$27,450	\$837	\$203,607
Plumas	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Riverside	\$1,511,014	\$236,578	\$7,215	\$1,754,807
Sacramento	\$1,993,463	\$312,114	\$9,518	\$2,315,095
San Benito	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
San Bernardino	\$2,383,346	\$373,158	\$11,380	\$2,767,884
San Diego	\$3,509,156	\$549,425	\$16,755	\$4,075,336
San Francisco	\$1,522,877	\$238,435	\$7,271	\$1,768,583
San Joaquin	\$1,263,858	\$197,881	\$6,035	\$1,467,774
San Luis Obispo	\$625,751	\$97,973	\$2,988	\$726,712
San Mateo	\$984,724	\$154,177	\$4,702	\$1,143,603
Santa Barbara	\$248,141	\$38,851	\$1,185	\$288,177
Santa Clara	\$1,844,537	\$288,797	\$8,807	\$2,142,141
Santa Cruz	\$361,313	\$56,570	\$1,725	\$419,608
Shasta	\$359,384	\$56,268	\$1,716	\$417,368
Sierra	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Siskiyou	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solano	\$312,219	\$48,884	\$1,491	\$362,594
Sonoma	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stanislaus	\$337,833	\$52,894	\$1,613	\$392,340
Sutter	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tehama	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trinity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tulare	\$406,016	\$63,569	\$1,939	\$471,524
Tuolumne	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ventura	\$317,514	\$49,716	\$1,516	\$368,746
Yolo	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Yuba	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$41,049,000	\$6,427,000	\$196,000	\$47,672,000