

DCYF 2022 Supplemental Decision Packages & Agency Request Legislation

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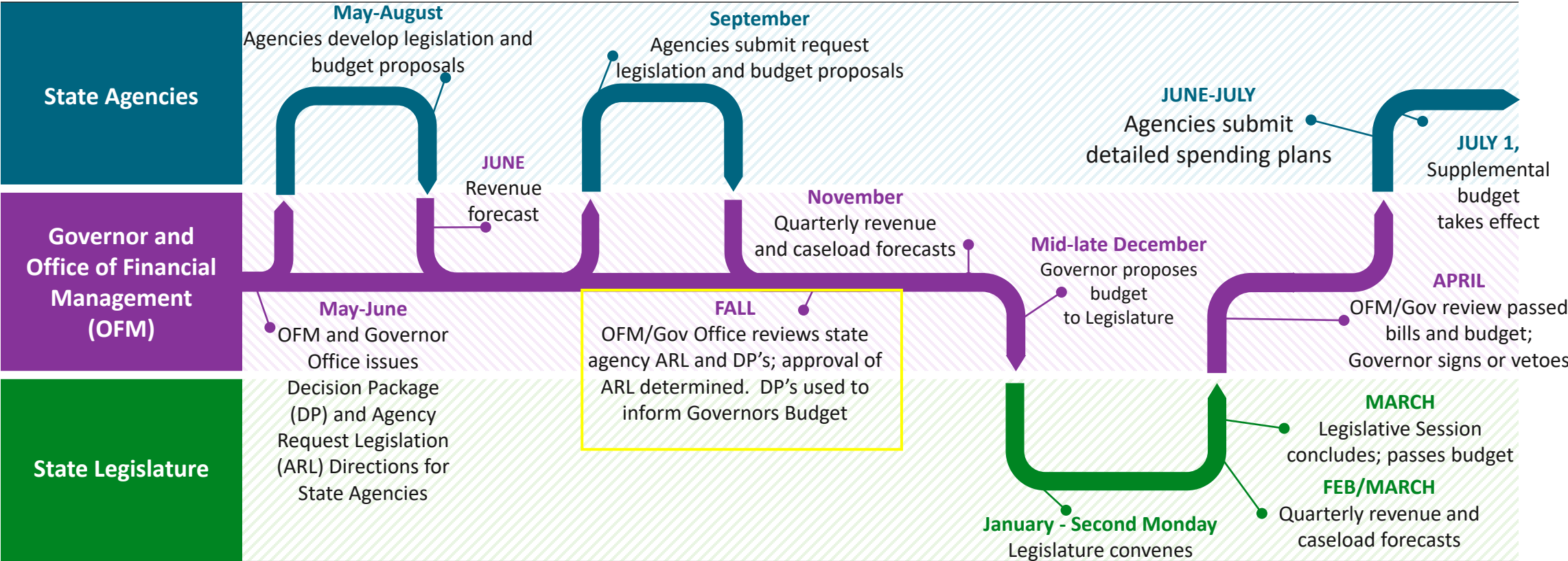
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Agenda

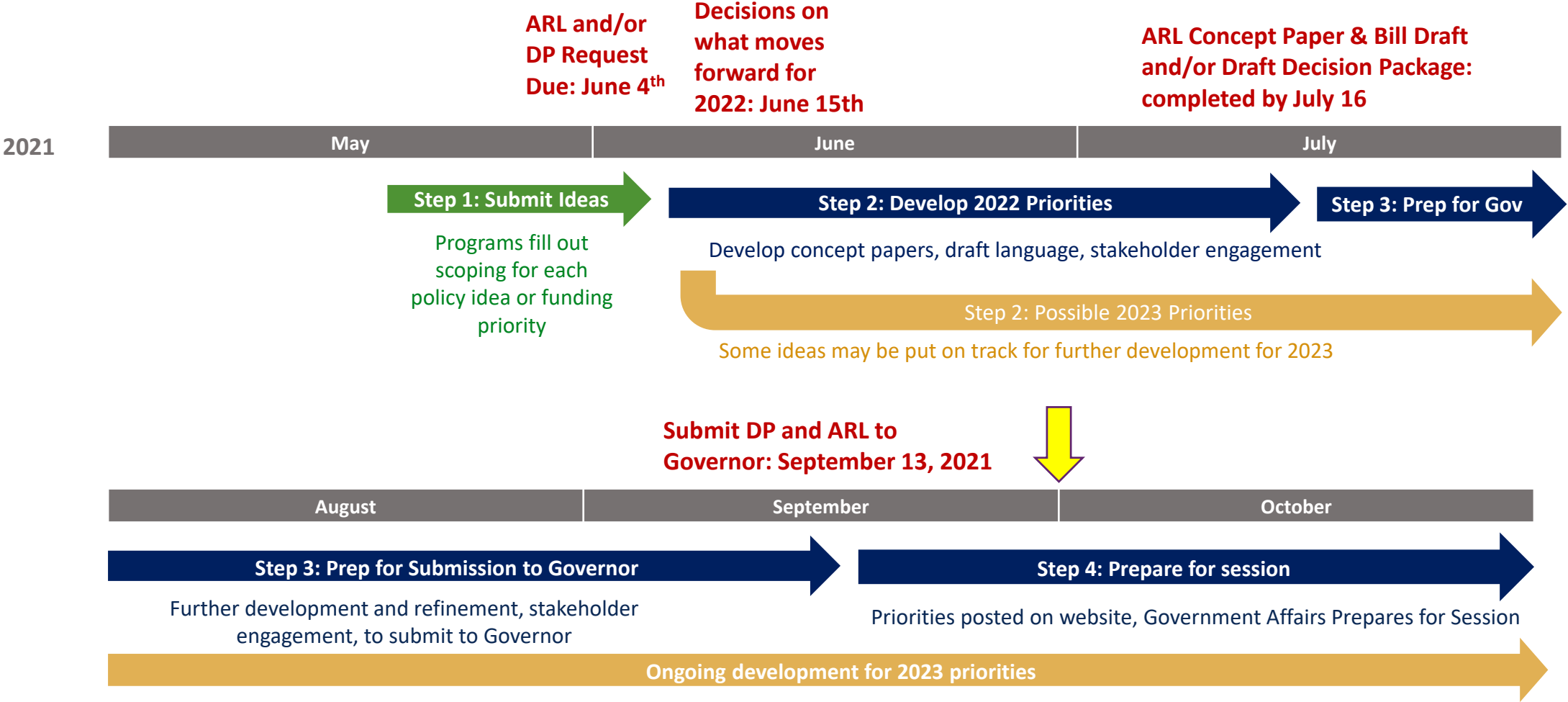
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Preparing for Session Supplemental Budget Year Timeline



Process and Timeline 2022



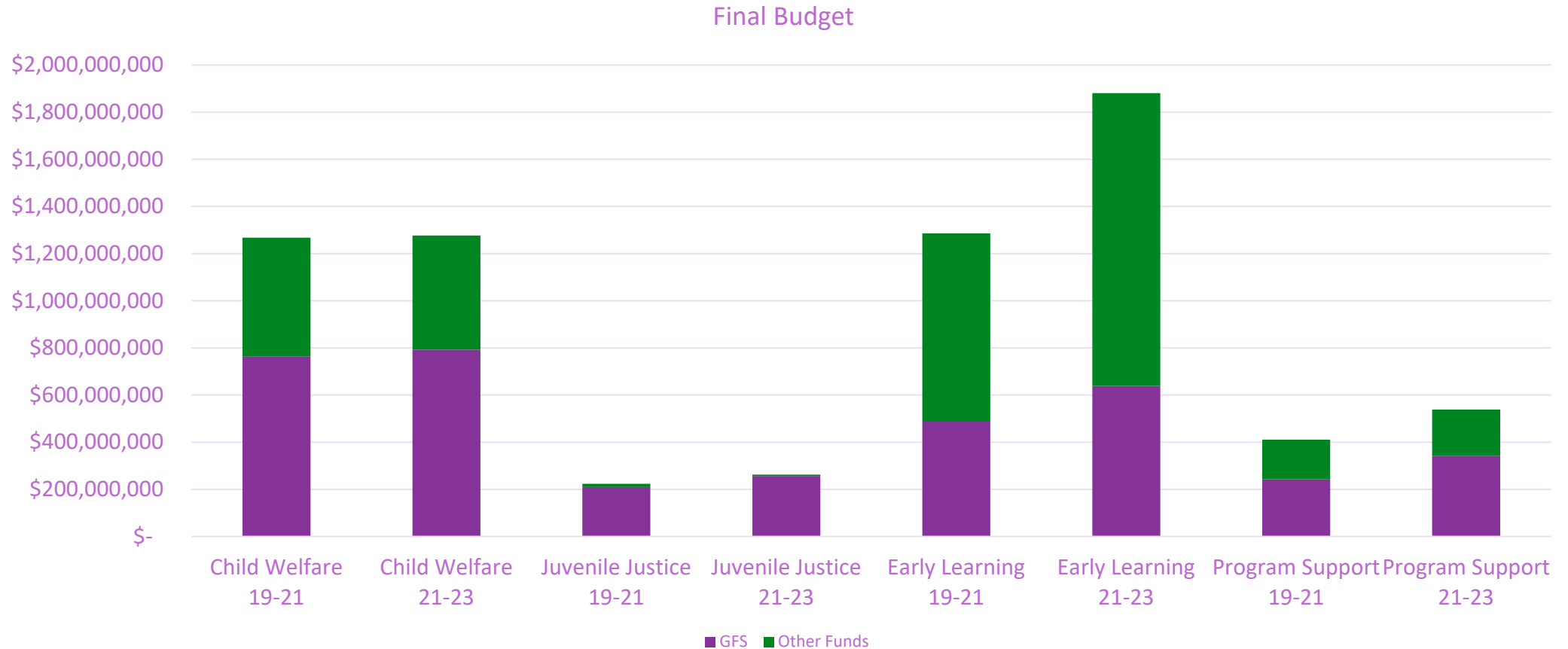
Realities of the 2022 Legislative session

- It is a supplemental budget year – intended to make tweaks to the budgets and amend recently passed legislation.
- State wide revenues are up; the economy is strong.
- DCYF has huge implementation tasks to deliver on
- Legislature made significant investments in Early Learning programs and Juvenile Rehabilitation in recent years.
- DCYF is focused on critical and foundational services with limited spending asks – all in the prevention and child welfare service line.



DCYF budget increases significantly in the 2021-23 Biennium

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DCYF Strategic Priorities

EQUITY	Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
INTENTION	Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care by half
	Create successful transitions into adulthood for youth and young adults in our care
	Create high quality integrated B-8 system
CAPACITY	Improve quality and intention of our practice
	Improve quality and availability of provider services



ICWA Notice Reason to Know

In 2020 and 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court issued decisions with significant impacts on how DCYF is how required to apply the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Washington State Child Welfare Act (WICWA.)

- *In re Dependency of Z.J.G. and M.E.J.G.:* the court expanded the application of when there is “reason to know” that a child is an Indian Child.
- *In re Dependency of G.J.A* which clarified the “active efforts” DCYF must make to provide culturally appropriate services.

Tribal Affairs has been working closely with tribes to seek input on needed policy changes to address Indian Child Welfare compliance and these decisions



ICWA Notice Reason to Know:

- Need for 30 additional case workers and 9 “active efforts specialists”
- Changes and additional staffing for the Native American Inquiry Response (NAIR) system
- Increased Attorney General’s Office (AGO) costs for legal notification and legal representation
- Training needs for culturally appropriate services including: all case carrying staff and supervisors, licensors, caregivers, Child Placing Agencies, QEW, etc.
- Need to complete additional home studies and train licensors, CPAs, and foster parents in culturally appropriate services
- 10% increase in contracts with tribes for culturally relevant services and to respond to an increased volume of legal notifications

Request: \$20.1 million for 2021-23 biennium

DCYF Strategic Priorities:

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Improve quality and intention of our practice



Placement Continuum – Exceptional Placements

Placement exceptions have grown in the last 5 years resulting in Office and Hotel Stays and the lawsuit brought by Disability Rights Washington.

DCYF is on a path to eliminate Hotel and Office Stays as required under the settlement. This will require additional resources to develop appropriate settings for placement for these youth.

Decision Packages from Health Care Authority we are supporting:

- Children’s Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) - \$15 million (in 2021-23)
- Continuum of Care – Residential Crisis Stabilization Program - \$10 million (in 2023-25)

Placement Continuum – Exceptional Placements

Additionally, DCYF has an urgent need for resources to develop appropriate placement settings for youth with high behavioral health service needs:

- Behavior Rehabilitative Services (BRS) rate increase
- Case aid hourly rate increase
- Treatment Foster Homes
- Family Team Decision Making (FTDM) case management
- Pilot project for emergency adolescent housing program (ages 16-17)

Request: \$23.5 million for the biennium

DCYF Strategic Priorities:

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- Improve quality and intention of our practice



Combined In-Home Services

CIHS delivers tailored services that increase a parent's ability to safely parent their child. Increasing rates will help to expand and stabilize the provider workforce and capacity.

Request: Placeholder request based on a cost study

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Family Time Rates Decision Package

The Family Time contracted line of service has evolved significantly since contract was first created. During the recession, mileage reimbursement was cut for travel below 60 miles. Rates were also cut. There has never been an hourly rate increase for this line of service.

Additional resources are needed to stabilize contracted visitation.

- Increase the hourly reimbursement rate
- Reimbursement at mile zero
- Quality Service Delivery Enhancement

Request: \$28 million for the 2021-23 biennium

DCYF Strategic Priorities:

- Improve quality and availability of provider services
- Safely reduce the number/rate of children in out-of-home care



Kinship Caregiver Engagement Unit

Kin caregivers need additional support navigating through different systems when kin children are placed with them through formal care.

- The Caregiver Engagement pilot (funded with \$500k in 2019) data shows an increase in licensing kinship caregivers and an increase in timeliness for home study completion which would yield to timely permanency for children.
- Currently operating in Regions 1 and 2
- The DP request is for statewide implementation.

Request: \$1.85 million for 2021-23 biennium

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Agency Request Legislation: Repeal of Parent Pay

- RCW 13.40.220 (the “Parent Pay” statute) requires parents to pay a percentage of their gross income to DCYF for the cost of their child’s support, treatment, and confinement in the department’s juvenile rehabilitation residential facilities, which disproportionately harms parents with lower incomes and communities of color.
- Eliminating parents’ financial obligation to pay for their child’s incarceration will advance racial equity and help support a successful transition to adulthood for young people in the department’s care.

Request: \$1.9 million for 2021-23 biennium

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- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity
- Create successful transitions to adulthood for youth and young adults in our care



Maintenance Level Decision Packages

Topic	Brief Summary	Funding Requested
Mandatory Caseload Adjustment (CW, EL, and JR)	To request funding in forecasted program areas as projected by the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC).	Placeholder Request
JR Requests to Maintain Day to Day Operations of Residential Facilities	Request funding for equipment replacement, food and medical inflation, facility maintenance costs, and meal reimbursement at Green Hill School.	\$4,814,000 GF-State New Funding Request
Transfers	Request for funding and FTE transfers between program areas in the 2022 Supplemental Budget to align the organizational structure and business operation.	Transfer (\$0 cost)
Clark County Relocations	Unanticipated relocation project in Clark County.	\$1,765,000 (\$1,059,000 GF-State) New Funding Request



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Topic	Brief Summary	Funding Requested
Central Service Model Correction and Updates	To correct the fund split and include AGO costs in the Central Service Model (CSM) and correct the fund split of facility lease costs in the Lease Facility Model.	\$2,582,000 (\$16,606,000 GF-State) \$2.582 mil New Funding Request Remaining Funding Transfer
ECEAP Slot Conversion and Rate Increase	A rate increase to cover the actual costs of service, funding for slots that more effectively serve the needs of families, and for quality supports that are no longer funded by private philanthropy.	\$16,090,000 GF-State New Funding Request
Home Visiting Funding Adjustment	The additional authority is necessary to reflect the actual revenue and HVSA account balance that currently is not authorized to be budgeted or expensed.	Home Visiting Services Account-State (HVSA) expenditure authority of \$1,500,000 (\$0 cost) No New Funding, Technical Correction
IT Gated Pool Funding Transfer	Requesting continued access to Information Technology (IT) Gated Pool Funding for the Foster Parent Application Portal and Mandatory Reporter Online Portal projects.	\$1,471,000 (\$0 cost) Information Technology Investment Revolving Account No New Funding, Funding Transfer

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