

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - General Assistance 25400 (STARS 27211)

Program Overview: The General Assistance (GA) program serves as Kansas’ primary safety net for adults with disabilities who do not qualify for any other SRS program. The program provides monthly cash assistance for basic needs, such as clothing, housing, utilities, and transportation to severely low-income adults. To qualify for assistance, adults must have very few assets and little or no income. General Assistance participants are also eligible for food and medical assistance. Applicants and recipients are required to apply for benefits from federally funded disability programs for which they may qualify, such as Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income.

General Assistance applicants are assessed using Social Security disability standards. Those presumed to meet the social security disability standards, Tier 1 cases, receive the broader array of medical services under Medicaid and may remain on assistance for 24 months (or longer if the client’s application in force on the 24th month is being appealed). Those not meeting the federal standards, Tier 2 cases, receive the more limited medical coverage under the state-funded MediKan program, and have a 12-month limit. The General Assistance program is financed by state funds.

Object Codes 5500: Grants and Assistance

Summary: The following tables detail the General Assistance budget. The first table includes the General Assistance enhancement request.

General Assistance Caseload - Including Enhancement

Item	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Current Year	FY 2012 Allocated Budget	Enhancement Restore General Assistance	Resulting FY 2012 Budget
Average Monthly Persons	2,394	2,000	2,000	1,393	3,393
Monthly Cost Per Person	\$133.13	\$126.00	\$126.00		\$186.00
Total Expenditures	\$3,824,373	\$3,024,000	\$3,024,000	\$4,550,106	\$7,574,106
Interim Assistance Revenue Loss	-	-	-	-	-
Net Reduction					
Financing					
State General Funds	\$3,763,672	\$3,024,000	\$3,024,000	\$4,550,106	\$7,574,106
Federal Child Care Fund	\$60,690				
SRS Fee Fund	\$11	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,824,373	\$3,024,000	\$3,024,000	\$4,550,106	\$7,574,106

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
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AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: EES – General Assistance

Current Year FY 2011: \$3,024,000. The General Assistance caseload reflects the Spring 2010 consensus caseload estimate. The reduction in the caseload estimate reflects the 12-month limit placed on General Assistance adults effective January 2010.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$3,024,000. The allocated budget holds the caseload estimate to the FY 2011 level. The first consensus estimate to be made for FY 2012 will occur in Fall 2010. The estimates will be incorporated in the FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report.