

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
Division of the Budget
State of Kansas

AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: Rehabilitation Services Grants, Contracts and Other

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Rehabilitation Services Grants, Contracts and Other – 26900 (STARS 27900)

Program Overview: In addition to case services (see 26400), Rehabilitation Services enters into grants and contracts which extend or enhance services provided to Kansans. Services purchased range from medical consultation, to support for rehabilitation related organizations, to projects which provide innovative solutions to needs of Kansans with disabilities.

Object Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Rehabilitation Services Grants, Contracts, and Other has 1.0 approved non-FTE position. This position is funded with ARRA funds and will not continue past September 2011.

Current Year FY 2011: \$60,084 – The salary request includes market rate adjustments authorized for FY 2011, longevity bonuses, and no shrinkage. All fringe benefit rates conform to the indices issued by the Division of the Budget.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$20,195 – This is a decrease of \$39,889. The amount budgeted maintains staffing at the current level for the first quarter of SFY 2012. The request includes funding for longevity bonuses. All fringe benefits conform to the indices issued by the Division of the Budget.

Object Code 5200: Contractual Services

Summary: Requirements placed on client eligibility by the Federal Rehabilitation Services Administration necessitate information from medical professionals. While counselors are trained in rehabilitation and are often able to find the information they need from the records they receive, sometimes the information requires additional analysis and/or explanation. Rehabilitation Services contracts with about a dozen medical consultants throughout the state to provide this service. Additionally, two statewide medical consultants are located in the central office of Rehabilitation Services. They are available to consult with SRS counselors who have no local consultant, local consultants who need additional assistance with counselor questions, and field staff who need guidance in making payments for medical services purchased by Rehabilitation Services. Beginning in FY 2011, Rehabilitation Services will add state Braille and Low Vision consultants to provide assistance to counselors formerly provided by staff at the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The State Rehabilitation Council of Kansas has responsibilities that are described in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. The mission of the Council is to work in partnership with Rehabilitation Services to help assure that the Vocational Rehabilitation program is consumer oriented, has sufficient resources, and results in quality outcomes. The Council continues to provide opportunities for consumers and other stakeholders to express their views about the services provided by Rehabilitation Services and their overall level of satisfaction with the Vocational Rehabilitation program. Activities have included sponsoring a series of stakeholder meetings throughout the state and periodic surveys. Members of the Council play a

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significant role in developing and maintaining the Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan. One meeting is scheduled to be held annually in each of the six SRS regions for the next two years. With the closure of RCBVI, Governor Parkinson authorized the Kansas Advisory Committee for the Blind and Visually Impaired (KACBVI). This group will begin operating in FY 2011.

The Independent Living Innovation and Expansion contract provides funds to the Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) for its operation and administration. SILCK’s role is to implement, monitor, review, and evaluate the approved State Plan for Independent Living.

The Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (KYEA) was funded in FY 2006 at the direction of the 2005 Legislature. Through a contract agreement KYEA provides outreach activities to young people with disabilities that encourage work over public assistance as a lifestyle. Specific projects and activities conducted are Disability Mentoring Day, the Disability Heritage Project, the annual Youth Leadership Forum and self-advocacy training in developing Individualized Education Plans.

Contractual Services includes workers compensation insurance for consumers of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and assessments at work and tryout sites throughout the state.

In FY 2010, Rehabilitation Services entered into a collaborative project with Wichita USD 259, the Kansas Health Policy Authority/Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, and the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning. The project is designed to inspire, prepare, and support transition-aged youth with disabilities for employment success, whether it be through direct entry into the labor market or through post-secondary education focused on career development. The Rehabilitation Services share of this project is \$77,609 in both FY 2011 and FY 2012.

Current Year FY 2011: \$419,356 - The request is an increase of \$40,127 from FY 2010. The closure of RCBVI accounts for almost 80 percent of this increase. Adding the Advisory Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired accounts for \$18,629 of the increase while the addition of the Braille and Low Vision consultants accounts for \$13,000. Other increases are \$6,060 for current medical consultants and \$1,858 for Workers’ Compensation Insurance.

The following table details the contracts:

Item	FY 2010 Actual		FY 2011 Current		FY 2012 Allocated Budget	
	AF	SGF	AF	SGF	AF	SGF
Contracts & Other						
Rehab Services State Council	18,049	3,844	18,629	3,968	19,916	4,242
Advisory Committee for Blind and Visually Impaired			18,629	3,968	19,916	4,242
Independent Living Innovation & Expansion	100,000	21,300	100,000	21,300	100,000	21,300
KS Youth Empowerment Academy	150,000	150,000	150,000	120,900	150,000	120,900
Rehab Client Services Consultants	26,140	5,568	45,200	9,628	45,200	9,628
Workers' Compensation	7,431	1,583	9,289	1,979	11,611	2,473
Transition Youth	77,609	8,265	77,609	-	77,609	8,265
Total	379,229	190,560	419,356	161,742	424,252	171,050

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Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$424,252 - The request is an increase of \$4,896 from FY 2011. Increases include \$1,287 each for operation of the State Rehab Council and Advisory Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired and \$2,322 for Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance

Rehabilitation Services provides two continuing grants with State General Funds dollars:

- Independent Living Advocacy is grant funding to the Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) for the purposes of advocacy and education regarding the needs of the independent living network for persons with disabilities in Kansas and related activities to support the Statewide Plan for Independent Living.
- Funding is provided to United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas to assist them in the purchase of durable medical equipment or assistive technology for individuals with severe disabilities who are not eligible to be served under the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

In FY 2011 and FY 2012, Rehabilitation Services will fund five one-time grants with ARRA funding:

- Soaring Development
- BVI
- Kansas Employment Initiative
- Assistive Technology
- IT Web Portal

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Current Year FY 2011: \$1,995,313 - The request is an increase of \$1,820,313 from FY 2010. Increases are for projects funded with ARRA funding. These require no SGF.

Grants	FY 2010 Actual		FY 2011 Current		FY 2012 Allocated Budget	
	AF	SGF	AF	SGF	AF	SGF
Independent Living Advocacy	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
United Cerebral Palsy	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Soaring Development - ARRA	0	0	101,444	0	0	0
BVI - ARRA	0	0	382,691	0	0	0
Kansas Employment Initiative - ARRA	0	0	1,200,000	0	300,000	0
Assistive Technology - ARRA	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0
IT Web Portal - ARRA	0	0	116,178	0	0	0
Total	175,000	175,000	1,995,313	175,000	495,000	175,000

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$495,000 - The request is a decrease of \$1,500,313 from FY 2011. The decrease is due to the expiration of the projects funded with ARRA funding.