

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

AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: CFS – Independent Living/ETV

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Independent Living – 27800 (STARS 55500)

Program Overview: Independent Living services are available to young people between the ages of 15 and 21, who were in custody and in out-of-home placement for any length of time on or after their 15th birthday, with the exception of youth in detention and locked facilities. The purpose of the program is to ensure that youth have a smooth and successful transition to self-sufficiency as young, independent adults. Available services include assistance with completing secondary and post secondary education, monthly independent living subsidies, life skills training, and leadership opportunities. These services are provided by local SRS offices. Free medical services are available through the Medical Card Extension Program for youth 18 to 21 years of age who were in custody and out-of-home placement on their 18th birthday. The federal government provides an 80.0 percent match for the funds expended.

Additionally, youth eligible for Independent Living can attend Kansas higher education institutions under the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act effective July 1, 2006. Tuition and fees are waived by the schools. No payment from SRS is required. Youth are eligible through the semester they turn 23 years of age.

Object Codes 5200: Contractual Services

Summary: Includes travel costs related to providing services to the youth as well as contract costs for an independent living consultant, computer camps for the youth, and speakers for conferences.

Current Year FY 2011: \$373,030 - Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$10,461. Expenditures are monitored by a program manager to address and prioritize existing and newly identified needs as they arise.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$373,030 – There are no material changes anticipated for FY 2012.

Object Codes 5300: Commodities

Summary: The major components of this category are stationery, office supplies, and computer and related equipment repairs.

Current Year FY 2011: \$7,740 - Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$7,577 and are limited to available funding. Consideration was given to actual expenditure patterns for prior years' history. Additionally, these expenses are also monitored by a program manager to address and prioritize existing and newly identified needs as they arise.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$7,740 - The budget request remains the same as FY 2011.

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Object Codes 5400: Capital Outlay:

Summary: The major components of this category are computer equipment and software.

Current Year FY 2011: \$7,500 – There were no FY 2010 expenditures in this object code. The amount budgeted here represents expected costs for computers and software for participants in the program.

Allocation Budget FY 2012: \$7,500 - The budget request remains the same as FY 2011.

Object Codes 5500: Grants and Assistance

Summary: Direct services include monthly subsidies, tuition assistance, and other miscellaneous services. The miscellaneous services may be direct funded or provided through grants.

Independent Living Caseload

Item	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Current Year	FY 2012 Allocated Budget
Annual Youth Served	779	931	931
Annual Cost per Youth	\$2,051	\$2,051	\$2,051
Total Expenditures	\$1,597,410	\$1,908,189	\$1,908,189
<i>Financing</i>			
State General Funds	\$313,926	\$381,637	\$381,637
Federal IV-E Independent Living Fund	\$784,693	\$928,956	\$928,956
Federal IV-E Education Tuition Voucher Fund	\$498,791	\$597,596	\$597,596
Total	\$1,597,410	\$1,908,189	\$1,908,189

Current Year FY 2011: \$1,908,189 – Expenditures are budgeted to utilize available state and federal funds increasing \$310,779 from FY 2010. The number of youth who can be served increases by 152 in FY 2011, assuming no change in the annual cost per youth. The program is managed by a program manager who controls caseload and costs based on demand. This increase in funding will help the agency ensure that young adults aging out of the system are successful at transitioning to living independently.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$1,908,189 -- The budget request remains the same as FY 2011.