

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

AGENCY NAME: KS Department of 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

Program Overview: In addition to case services (see Program 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.

FY 2012: \$14,717 – This is a decrease of \$28,731. All fringe benefit rates conform to the indices issued by the Division of the Budget. Since the position is 100% funded with ARRA funds, it is only budgeted here through September 30, 2011. Effective October 1, 2011, the position is moved to Rehabilitation Services Administration (Program 26100).

FY 2013: \$ -0- This is a decrease of \$14,717. As noted above, the position previously funded in this section was moved to Rehabilitation Services Administration (see 26100) effective October 1, 2011.

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. Two statewide medical consultants are located in the central office of Rehabilitation Services. They are available to consult with SRS counselors who need additional assistance with counselor questions, and field staff who need guidance in making payments for medical services purchased by Rehabilitation Services.

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 significant role in developing and maintaining the Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan.

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On January 26, 2010, Governor Parkinson accepted the recommendations by the Kansas Facilities Closure and Realignment Commission, and the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (RCBVI) was closed June 30, 2010. With the closure of RCBVI, Governor Parkinson authorized the Kansas Advisory Committee for the Blind and Visually Impaired (KACBVI) by Executive Order 10-2. The Committee is responsible to provide advice and counsel to the Secretary of SRS on issues that improve opportunities for employment and independent living of Kansans who are blind or visually impaired. The Committee is also directed to serve as an advisory body for SRS and, as such, will advise the Secretary and the staff of SRS in matters affecting policies, programs, priorities and a long-term, strategic direction for the state's services to Kansans who are blind or visually impaired. This group began 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 2011, five special projects were funded with VR ARRA funding. The Great Expectations Initiative was to improve employment outcomes for persons with developmental disabilities. The Blind and Visually Impaired project was to provide services previously provided by the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. This project is funded with both VR and Independent Living (Program 26500) funding but only the VR funding is included here. The assistive technology project was to provide a central distribution point for these items. Soaring Development was to fund transitional youth services. The IT Portal project was for programming to upgrade internet services for clients. Two projects - Soaring Development, and the IT web portal - were funded for FY 2011 only with 100% VR ARRA funding. The other three projects - Great Expectations Initiative, Blind and Visually Impaired project, and Assistive Technology – were funded 100% VR ARRA for FY 2011 and VR Title I with SGF match for FY 2012.

FY 2012: \$798,899 - Decreases totaling \$841,719 are projected in the Independent Living Innovation & Expansion contract (\$3,000), the Transition Youth project with USD 259 (\$77,609), other Title I services (\$4,772), the Great Expectations Initiative (\$422,855), the Blind and Visually Impaired project (\$29,350), the Assistive Technology project (\$87,056), the IT Web Portal (\$116,178), and the Soaring Development project (\$100,899). Increases totaling \$36,236 are projected for medical consultant fees (\$9,645), the State Rehabilitation Council (\$11,813), the Kansas Advisory Council for the Blind & Visually Impaired (\$8,959), the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (\$5,575) and Worker's Compensation (\$244). The request is a net decrease of \$805,483 from FY 2011.

In FY 2011, the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy was paid the \$150,000 contracted. In FY 2012, their contract is being reduced by 3%

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(\$4,500) to \$145,500. Due to an accounting system error, this appears to be a \$5,575 increase.

The following table details the contracts:

Item	FY 2011 Actual		FY 2012 Current		FY 2013 Allocated Budget	
	AF	SGF	AF	SGF	AF	SGF
Contracts & Other						
Rehab Client Services Consultants	35,555	7,573	45,200	9,628	45,200	9,628
State Rehabilitation Council	10,840	2,308	22,653	4,825	22,653	4,825
Kansas Advisory Council for the Blind & Visually Impaired	8,220	1,751	17,179	3,659	17,179	3,659
Independent Living Innovation & Expansion	100,000	21,300	97,000	20,661	97,000	20,661
Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy	139,925	110,825	145,500	116,400	145,500	116,400
Workers' Compensation	11,367	2,421	11,611	2,473	11,611	2,473
Transition Youth	77,609	-	-	-	-	-
Other Title I Services	4,772	(1,372)	-	-	-	-
Special Contracts						
Great Expectations Initiative	640,695	-	217,840	46,400	-	-
Blind & Visually Impaired	203,330	-	173,980	37,058	-	-
Assitive Technology	154,992	-	67,936	14,470	-	-
IT Web Portal	116,178	-	-	-	-	-
Soaring Development	100,899	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,604,382	144,806	798,899	255,574	339,143	157,646

FY 2013: \$339,143 - This request is a decrease of \$459,756 from FY 2012. All contracts other than the Special Contracts are kept at FY 2012 levels. As mentioned in the section description, the Great Expectations Initiative (\$217,840), the Blind and Visually Impaired (\$173,980), and the Assitive Technology (\$67,936) projects end in FY 2012. This accounts for the entire decrease from FY 2012.

Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance

Rehabilitation Services provides funding to United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas to assist them with 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.

FY 2012: \$121,250 - The request is a decrease of \$53,750 from FY 2011. The Independent Living Advocacy Grant was ended and the United Cerebral Palsy grant was reduced by three percent (\$3,750).

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Grants	FY 2011 Actual		FY 2012 Current		FY 2013 Allocated Budget	
	AF	SGF	AF	SGF	AF	SGF
Independent Living Advocacy	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	0
United Cerebral Palsy	125,000	125,000	121,250	121,250	121,250	121,250
Total	175,000	175,000	121,250	121,250	121,250	121,250

FY 2013: \$121,250 - This request is unchanged from FY 2012.