

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Adoption Support – 27600

Program Overview: Adoption Support provides assistance for the needs of children placed in permanent adoptive homes. Assistance may include medical services; ongoing monthly financial subsidy for children who have significant medical, emotional, or developmental needs; time limited payment(s) for specific needs that cannot be met through Medicaid, subsidy, or other resources; and/or one-time payment to provide for legal fees related to the adoption. Adoption Support is essential to enable children, who would otherwise remain in SRS custody, to be placed in permanent adoptive homes. This placement is the primary goal for children who cannot be reunited with their families.

Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance

Due to the conversion to the SMART accounting system, the July 2010 payment was made at the end of FY 2010. Therefore, the FY 2011 data represents only 11 monthly payments. FY 2012 and FY 2013 data represent the normal 12 monthly payments.

Adoption Support Caseload

Item	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Request	Caseload Increase Adjustment	FMAP adjustment	FY 2013 Total Request
Average Monthly Children	7,463	7,825	343		8,168
Avg. Monthly Cost per Child	\$294.72	\$351.08			\$353.60
Total Expenditures	\$28,593,448	\$32,966,126	\$1,692,475		\$34,658,601
<i>Financing</i>					
State General Funds	\$14,360,004	\$16,619,091	\$1,492,910	\$68,606	18,180,607
Fee Fund	\$0	\$1,667,843	\$0		1,667,843
Child Welfare Block Grant Funds	\$534,863	\$534,863	\$0		534,863
Federal IV-E Adoption Funds	\$12,774,531	\$14,144,329	\$199,565	(\$68,606)	14,275,288
Federal IV-E Adoption (ARRA) Funds	\$924,050				-
Total	\$28,593,448	\$32,966,126	\$1,692,475	\$0	\$34,658,601

FY 2012: \$32,966,126 – Current projections indicate an average monthly caseload of 7,825 children at approximately \$351 per month.

FY 2013: \$34,658,601 (\$34,588,571 with Reduced Resource to Reduce Waste, Fraud, and Abuse) – Current FY 2013 caseload projections indicate an average monthly caseload of 8,168 children at approximately \$354 per month.