

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Independent Living – 27800

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. The federal government provides an 80.0 percent match for the funds expended. 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.

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 Code 5200: Contractual Services

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

FY 2012: \$351,867 - Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$3,684 and are limited to available funding. Consideration was given to actual expenditure patterns for prior years' history. Additionally, these expenses are monitored by a program manager to address and prioritize existing and newly identified needs as they arise.

FY 2013: \$351,867 – The budget request remains the same as FY 2012.

Object Code 5300: Commodities

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

FY 2012: \$11,813 - Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$7,705 and are limited to available funding. Additionally, these expenses are monitored by a program manager to address and prioritize existing and newly identified needs as they arise.

FY 2013: \$11,813 - The budget request remains the same as FY 2012.

Object Code 5400: Capital Outlay

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

FY 2012: \$15,000 – Expenditures are budgeted to decrease \$44,100 based on expenditure expectations for the year.

FY 2013: \$15,000 - The budget request remains the same as FY 2012.

Object Code 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 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Current Year	FY 2013 Allocated Budget
Annual Youth Served	885	956	956
Annual Cost per Youth	\$1,581	\$2,006	\$2,006
Total Expenditures	\$1,399,141	\$1,917,779	\$1,917,779
<i>Financing</i>			
State General Funds	\$279,911	\$383,556	\$383,556
Federal IV-E Independent Living Fund	\$649,911	\$936,628	\$936,628
Federal IV-E Education Tuition Voucher Fund	\$469,319	\$597,595	\$597,595
Total	\$1,399,141	\$1,917,779	\$1,917,779

FY 2012: \$1,917,779 - Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$518,638 from FY 2011. The number of youth to be served is projected to increase by 71 based on the growth for the past two years. This allows for increased expenditures of \$425 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.

FY 2013: \$1,917,779 - The budget request remains the same as FY 2012.