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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 18-130

This letter is being issued to county child welfare and probation departments to provide information about the SurveyMonkey survey used by counties to submit their FPRRS outcome reports for FY 2017-18 and their FPRRS plans for FY 2018-19.



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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 18-130

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL FOSTER CARE MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND SUPPORT (FPRRS) ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-18 AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FY 2018-19

REFERENCE: THE BUDGET ACT OF 2018, [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 840](#) (CHAPTER 29, STATUTES OF 2018); WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(W&IC\) SECTION 16003.5](#); ALL COUNTY LETTERS (ACL) [ACL 16-52](#) AND [ACL 16-52E](#)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ACL is to provide county child welfare and probation departments with information regarding reporting on FPRRS-funded activities and outcomes for FY 2017-18, as well as available FPRRS funding for FY 2018-19.

BACKGROUND

Because child welfare in California is administered at the county level, counties have historically borne the responsibility of recruiting individuals and families to serve as caregivers for children who require out-of-home care, and of supporting the needs of those caregivers. Prior to 2011, a certain portion of child welfare funding was dedicated for these purposes. In 2011, Realignment shifted child welfare funding to individual

counties, allowing them the flexibility to allocate funds amongst required child welfare activities (including recruitment and support) in accordance with their local needs.

In 2012, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in partnership with the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), began to plan for implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) effort. One of the central goals of CCR is to significantly reduce the number of congregate care (i.e., group home) placements. It was soon recognized that the achievement of this goal would trigger a corresponding increase in the number of home-based placements, and that accommodating this increase would require substantially greater efforts to recruit and support foster caregivers. To address this need, the state, in collaboration with CWDA, introduced a limited-term funding source meant to supplement counties' existing recruitment and support efforts. For a general overview of FPRRS funding, see [ACL No. 16-52](#). Funding began in FY 2015-16 at approximately \$17.2 million, and continued in FYs 2016-17 and 2017-18 at approximately \$43.3 million per year. Because FY 2018-19 is the "phase-down" year for FPRRS funding, the amount made available through [SB 840](#) has been reduced to approximately \$21.6 million. After FY 2018-19, the limited-term FPRRS funding will cease.

FPRRS Plans

Prior to 2017, CDSS developed a template which county departments could use to submit plans outlining proposed FPRRS activities and the outcomes expected to result from those activities. For FY 2017-18, to streamline the process and promote greater standardization of data, CDSS utilized the online survey tool, SurveyMonkey, to collect FPRRS outcome reports and plans from county child welfare and probation departments. SurveyMonkey is again being used to collect FPRRS data for FY 2018-19. However, for 2018, CDSS has combined the FY 2017-18 reports and FY 2018-19 plans into a single survey. This survey has been sent via email to the designated FPRRS program contact from each department, as confirmed by CDSS. All county child welfare and probation departments requesting FPRRS funds for FY 2018-19 must submit their plan in accordance with W&IC section 16003.5(b).

The FPRRS program contact person for each county child welfare and probation department has received an email from SurveyMonkey with a unique link to the report survey, requesting the following information:

- A definition of the specific goal or goals related to increasing the capacity and use of home-based family care and the provision of services and supports to such caregivers that the county intends to achieve.
- A description of the strategy(ies)/activity(ies) the county proposes to pursue to address the goal(s) identified.

- An explanation or rationale for the proposed strategy(ies)/activity(ies) relative to the goal or goals identified.
- A list or description of the outcomes that shall be reported after the end of the fiscal year, including baseline data for those outcomes.

For counties' convenience, a [blank copy of the survey in PDF format](#) may be viewed or downloaded at:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Research-and-Data/DSSDB/Surveys>

Please note that the PDF copy is intended for reference only and may **not** be submitted in lieu of completing the online survey.

The survey will remain open through December 10, 2018.

Planning Allocations for FY 2018-19 FPRRS

Attachment A displays the FY 2018-19 FPRRS planning allocation for each county welfare department (CWD) and county probation department (CPD). Departments may use these funding distributions to plan FPRRS-funded activities for this current FY.

In conjunction with CWDA, a total amount of \$13.8 million General Fund (GF) was distributed to CWDs based on the following:

- The county specific distribution, as displayed in ACL 16-52, was used as the base. A reduction of \$13.8 million was then distributed on a county specific basis using each county's percentage of the total statewide preliminary allocation.

For those CPDs participating in FPRRS and in conjunction with the Chief Probation Officers of California, a total amount of \$7.8 million GF was distributed based on the following:

- A planning allocation of \$2.5 million was distributed to Los Angeles County Probation due to the size of the county.
- The remaining \$5.3 million was distributed using each county's percentage of the statewide total cost related to the Rate Classification Level (RCL) one through 14. The RCL costs were calculated based on a point in time of each county's caseload census of youth in group homes (in-state and out-of-state) as of January 1, 2018, and then multiplied by the tiered payment rate for RCLs.
- A minimum floor of \$15,700 was incorporated for each county.

The planning amounts could change as a result of survey responses indicating whether or not all counties opt to use their full planning allocation and whether counties chose to

designate a specific amount of administrative funding for daily child care during FY 2018-19.

FPRRS Claiming

For CWD FPRRS claiming instructions, please refer to [County Fiscal Letter \(CFL\) No.15/16-37](#) and [CFL No. 15/16-37E](#). For CPD FPRRS claiming instructions, refer to [CFL No. 15/16-48](#).

Reappropriation of Unspent FY 2017-18 FPRRS Funds

The Budget Act of 2018 includes authority to reappropriate unspent FPRRS funds from FY 2017-18 to FY 2018-19. A CFL will be forthcoming regarding the rollover of the unspent FPPRS funds.

Contacts

Questions regarding this ACL should be directed to the Foster Caregiver Policy & Support Unit at (916) 651-7465 or kinship.care@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding the fiscal information in this letter should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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c: County Welfare Directors Association
Chief Probation Officers of California
Attachment

**FY 2018-19 FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND SUPPORT
GENERAL FUND (GF) PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR
COUNTY WELFARE AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS**

COUNTIES	COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION	COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION	TOTAL GF ALLOCATION
ALAMEDA	\$420,321	\$422,590	\$842,911
ALPINE	\$1,043	\$15,794	\$16,837
AMADOR	\$28,141	\$0	\$28,141
BUTTE	\$111,252	\$25,764	\$137,016
CALAVERAS	\$31,226	\$15,794	\$47,020
COLUSA	\$25,967	\$15,794	\$41,761
CONTRA COSTA	\$289,495	\$97,034	\$386,529
DEL NORTE	\$42,209	\$49,818	\$92,027
EL DORADO	\$61,072	\$51,531	\$112,603
FRESNO	\$413,842	\$204,351	\$618,193
GLENN	\$62,146	\$15,794	\$77,940
HUMBOLDT	\$93,272	\$15,794	\$109,066
IMPERIAL	\$95,222	\$107,359	\$202,581
INYO	\$16,910	\$15,794	\$32,704
KERN	\$396,695	\$422,979	\$819,674
KINGS	\$111,529	\$17,603	\$129,132
LAKE	\$56,987	\$17,177	\$74,164
LASSEN	\$29,106	\$15,794	\$44,900
LOS ANGELES	\$4,042,916	\$2,500,000	\$6,542,916
MADERA	\$82,468	\$24,901	\$107,369
MARIN	\$35,195	\$55,396	\$90,591
MARIPOSA	\$4,365	\$15,794	\$20,159
MENDOCINO	\$88,811	\$15,794	\$104,605
MERCED	\$122,172	\$111,644	\$233,816
MODOC	\$15,404	\$15,794	\$31,198
MONO	\$12,485	\$15,794	\$28,279
MONTEREY	\$115,520	\$138,276	\$253,796
NAPA	\$34,255	\$24,480	\$58,735
NEVADA	\$28,855	\$15,794	\$44,649
ORANGE	\$575,522	\$64,404	\$639,926
PLACER	\$85,745	\$88,463	\$174,208
PLUMAS	\$18,490	\$15,794	\$34,284
RIVERSIDE	\$1,043,924	\$614,532	\$1,658,456
SACRAMENTO	\$546,239	\$523,938	\$1,070,177
SAN BENITO	\$36,167	\$15,794	\$51,961
SAN BERNARDINO	\$1,259,139	\$336,704	\$1,595,843
SAN DIEGO	\$757,472	\$348,677	\$1,106,149
SAN FRANCISCO	\$255,715	\$222,873	\$478,588
SAN JOAQUIN	\$332,082	\$165,331	\$497,413
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$118,180	\$15,794	\$133,974
SAN MATEO	\$94,494	\$44,659	\$139,153
SANTA BARBARA	\$111,773	\$99,193	\$210,966
SANTA CLARA	\$413,429	\$74,724	\$488,153
SANTA CRUZ	\$56,283	\$51,958	\$108,241
SHASTA	\$117,682	\$122,391	\$240,073
SIERRA	\$1,043	\$0	\$1,043
SISKIYOU	\$34,563	\$24,049	\$58,612
SOLANO	\$117,223	\$51,531	\$168,754
SONOMA	\$138,053	\$182,493	\$320,546
STANISLAUS	\$160,853	\$58,835	\$219,688
SUTTER	\$37,838	\$15,794	\$53,632
TEHAMA	\$57,736	\$15,794	\$73,530
TRINITY	\$34,426	\$15,794	\$50,220
TULARE	\$230,811	\$17,603	\$248,414
TUOLUMNE	\$45,329	\$15,794	\$61,123
VENTURA	\$187,756	\$63,988	\$251,744
YOLO	\$59,754	\$31,774	\$91,528
YUBA	\$49,398	\$24,891	\$74,289
TOTAL	\$13,846,000	\$7,784,000	\$21,630,000

*Allocations for opt-out counties, Amador and Sierra, have been redistributed to opt-in counties (excluding Los Angeles).