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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 17/18- 47

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM
RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS
FOR COUNTY WELFARE AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS

REFERENCE: [CFL NO. 17/18-30, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2017](#)
[CFL NO. 16/17-44E, DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2017](#)
[CFL NO. 16/17-44, DATED DECEMBER 27, 2016](#)
[ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 16-58, DATED JULY 11, 2016](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-65, DATED JUNE 30, 2016](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-43, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2016](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Resource Family Approval (RFA) program allocation. A total of \$17.3 million General Fund (GF) for CWDs and \$1.2 million GF for CPDs is available based on the Budget Act of 2017.

The attachment provides all counties with their RFA GF allocation amount as well as the Local Revenue Funds provided in the 2011 Realignment base for certain subsumed licensing program activities that were realigned and are now part of the RFA activities. Counties are expected to reinvest these realigned licensing funds to fully fund the RFA activities to ensure successful implementation of the RFA program.

Funding for CWDs

The FY 2017-18 total non-federal cost for the RFA component of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) is approximately \$27.9 million GF. A total of \$10.6 million GF associated with licensing activities related to the RFA program were realigned. After offsetting the \$27.9 million GF estimated need for the program, an additional \$17.3 million GF was included in the Budget Act of 2017 for this component. Detailed information regarding

eligible activities and funding can be found in the [CDSS Estimates Binder](#), CCR Premise, located in the Estimate Methodologies section.

In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the distribution of the \$27.9 million GF is based on the budget assumption for Foster Family Agency (FFA) conversion, New RFA Homes, Due Process, Administrative Notices, Registered Sex Offender Checks, Adam Walsh out-of-state background checks, Complaints and Annual RFA Updates. The \$10.6 million GF adjustment for subsumed activities is based on each county's funding amounts provided as part of the 2011 Realignment. Those activities include: Annual and Multiple Relative Home Approvals, Adoptions Approvals, and Adoptions Background Checks. To ensure there is an adequate level of funding to support new implementation activities required under the RFA program for very small, small, and medium size counties, the distribution includes the following minimum floors:

- Very small counties = \$6,000 GF
- Small counties = \$26,000 GF
- Medium counties = \$46,000 GF

Please refer to [ACL No. 16-58](#) for additional information on the RFA program and the allocation methodology.

Funding for CPDs

In consultation with the Chief Probation Officers of California, the distribution of the \$1.2 million GF is based on the budget assumption for FFA conversion, New RFA Homes, Due Process, Administrative Notices, Registered Sex Offender Checks, Adam Walsh out-of-state background checks, Complaints and Annual RFA Updates. To ensure there is an adequate level of funding to support new implementation activities required under the RFA program for very small, small, and medium size counties, the distribution includes the following minimum floors:

- Very small counties = \$3,000 GF
- Small counties = \$3,000 GF
- Medium counties = \$10,000 GF

Claiming

The [CFL No. 17/18-30](#) provides updates to claiming instructions for the RFA program. Program Code 898 (RFA – Non-Federal) has been created to allow the claiming of invoiced costs of RFA program activities performed on behalf of CWDs by the state and to apply the Title IV-E RFA non-federal discount rate shift. This new shift process will allow counties to identify CWD RFA non-federal discount rate costs separately from

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non-federal CWD Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support costs. For additional CWD and CPD claiming instructions, please refer to [CFL No. 15/16-43](#), [CFL No. 15/16-65](#), [CFL No. 16/17-44](#), and [CFL No. 16/17-44E](#).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please email the RFA Program Unit at RFA@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding the allocation should be sent to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

SALENA CHOW, Chief
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Attachment

**FY 2017-18 CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM
RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL (RFA) PROGRAM
GENERAL FUND (GF) ALLOCATION**

COUNTY	COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOTAL RFA COST ACTIVITIES	COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT SUBSUMED ACTIVITIES*	COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION	COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION
ALAMEDA	\$559,502	\$388,998	\$170,504	\$38,938
ALPINE	\$6,950	\$950	\$6,000	\$3,000
AMADOR	\$30,024	\$4,024	\$26,000	\$3,000
BUTTE	\$179,055	\$63,991	\$115,064	\$10,000
CALAVERAS	\$42,748	\$16,748	\$26,000	\$3,000
COLUSA	\$30,916	\$4,916	\$26,000	\$3,000
CONTRA COSTA	\$566,790	\$174,557	\$392,233	\$21,551
DEL NORTE	\$81,037	\$10,311	\$70,726	\$3,000
EL DORADO	\$130,793	\$46,467	\$84,326	\$14,877
FRESNO	\$727,485	\$336,102	\$391,383	\$14,366
GLENN	\$44,401	\$16,398	\$28,003	\$3,000
HUMBOLDT	\$301,754	\$50,150	\$251,604	\$10,000
IMPERIAL	\$115,175	\$26,883	\$88,292	\$10,000
INYO	\$23,671	\$4,916	\$18,755	\$3,000
KERN	\$779,221	\$309,422	\$469,799	\$23,226
KINGS	\$233,923	\$43,840	\$190,083	\$10,000
LAKE	\$32,323	\$6,323	\$26,000	\$5,156
LASSEN	\$34,045	\$8,045	\$26,000	\$3,000
LOS ANGELES	\$10,365,670	\$3,785,733	\$6,579,937	\$502,243
MADERA	\$195,850	\$27,496	\$168,354	\$10,000
MARIN	\$39,804	\$12,823	\$26,981	\$7,685
MARIPOSA	\$26,064	\$6,704	\$19,360	\$3,000
MENDOCINO	\$95,606	\$36,818	\$58,788	\$10,000
MERCED	\$187,561	\$91,411	\$96,150	\$10,000
MODOC	\$9,436	\$3,436	\$6,000	\$3,000
MONO	\$8,235	\$2,235	\$6,000	\$3,000
MONTEREY	\$179,825	\$54,515	\$125,310	\$12,567
NAPA	\$98,861	\$33,502	\$65,359	\$9,578
NEVADA	\$43,217	\$17,217	\$26,000	\$3,000
ORANGE	\$1,225,266	\$750,278	\$474,988	\$8,340
PLACER	\$104,869	\$58,869	\$46,000	\$10,000
PLUMAS	\$35,387	\$9,387	\$26,000	\$3,000
RIVERSIDE	\$1,363,319	\$698,048	\$665,271	\$70,198
SACRAMENTO	\$968,065	\$407,762	\$560,303	\$30,847
SAN BENITO	\$41,195	\$15,195	\$26,000	\$3,000
SAN BERNARDINO	\$2,511,068	\$652,833	\$1,858,235	\$40,864
SAN DIEGO	\$1,666,377	\$771,337	\$895,040	\$65,971
SAN FRANCISCO	\$294,784	\$248,784	\$46,000	\$9,800
SAN JOAQUIN	\$533,897	\$142,747	\$391,150	\$12,526
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$269,335	\$100,436	\$168,899	\$10,000
SAN MATEO	\$113,666	\$43,987	\$69,679	\$10,000
SANTA BARBARA	\$163,610	\$88,422	\$75,188	\$32,676
SANTA CLARA	\$546,289	\$252,775	\$293,514	\$18,386
SANTA CRUZ	\$213,468	\$61,229	\$152,239	\$10,000
SHASTA	\$238,831	\$78,323	\$160,508	\$10,000
SIERRA	\$6,971	\$971	\$6,000	\$3,000
SISKIYOU	\$51,670	\$22,655	\$29,015	\$3,000
SOLANO	\$121,592	\$44,049	\$77,543	\$10,000
SONOMA	\$227,047	\$102,181	\$124,866	\$16,113
STANISLAUS	\$229,055	\$108,879	\$120,176	\$10,000
SUTTER	\$42,662	\$16,662	\$26,000	\$3,000
TEHAMA	\$159,666	\$34,890	\$124,776	\$12,159
TRINITY	\$33,014	\$7,014	\$26,000	\$3,000
TULARE	\$614,406	\$103,541	\$510,865	\$21,516
TUOLUMNE	\$70,056	\$21,484	\$48,572	\$3,000
VENTURA	\$654,294	\$120,131	\$534,163	\$21,417
YOLO	\$207,861	\$29,312	\$178,549	\$10,000
YUBA	\$47,338	\$12,888	\$34,450	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$27,925,000	\$10,590,000	\$17,335,000	\$1,221,000

*Subsumed activities represent the RFA funding included in the 2011 Realignment Base Calculation.