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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 16/17-24

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 CHILD AND FAMILY TEAMS GENERAL  
FUND ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 16-84,](#)  
[DATED OCTOBER 7, 2016;](#)  
[COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 16/17-22,](#)  
[DATED OCTOBER 11, 2016](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 16501 AND](#)  
[16501.1\(c\) & \(d\)](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Child and Family Teams (CFTs) allocation. A total of \$22 million General Fund (GF) is available based on the Budget Act of 2016, as shown in Attachment I.

As stated in [All County Letter \(ACL\) No. 16-84](#), a CFT includes the child or youth, family members, professionals, natural community supports and other individuals identified by the family who are invested in the child, youth and family's success.

This allocation is provided to CWDs and CPDs for activities related to facilitating and participating in CFT meetings, as required by [Welfare and Institutions Code section 16501.1\(c\) and \(d\)](#), to identify supports and services that are needed to achieve permanency, enable a child to live in the least restrictive family setting and promote normal childhood experiences.

The FY 2016-17 GF allocation for the counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project will be included in a forthcoming Title IV-E California Well-Being

Project allocation County Fiscal Letter (CFL), but is displayed in Attachment I for informational purposes.

### **Allocation Methodology**

Attachment I displays the FY 2016-17 CFT allocation for each CWD and CPD. Departments may use these distributions to plan CFT-funded activities for FY 2016-17.

### **CWDs**

In conjunction with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, a total amount of \$20.4 million GF was distributed to CWDs based on the following:

- Counties provided their individual hourly social worker cost based on data submitted through the County Expense Claim for the 2015 calendar year. The county specific hourly social worker cost was multiplied by the total estimated child welfare CFT hours. The estimated CFT hours were based on a proportion of urgent needs, high needs, majority and more stable cases by CFT meeting duration and frequency. The cases used to estimate the CFT hours were determined using the average point in time FY 2015-16 Child Welfare Services Foster Care cases from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP).
- As certain activities related to Increased Family Case Planning were already subsumed within 2011 Realignment based funding, total cost was offset by approximately \$5.2 million.
- The allocation of \$20.4 million GF was then distributed based on a percent to total of the calculated costs for each county.
- Lastly, a minimum floor was incorporated to ensure that counties receive an allocation of no less than \$5,500.

### **CPDs**

In conjunction with the Chief Probation Officers of California, a total amount of \$1.6 million GF was distributed to the CPDs based on the following:

- Funds were distributed based on a percent to total of the average point-in-time FY 2015-16 Child Welfare Services Foster Care cases as reported on the CCWIP.
- A minimum floor of \$5,500 was incorporated for each county. Counties receiving an allocation above \$40,000 will fund the minimum floor on a percent-to-total basis.

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A funding distribution for Behavioral Health staff participation will be addressed in a separate letter from the California Department of Health Care Services.

**Claiming**

For claiming CFT administrative costs, please refer to CFL 16/17-22, dated October 11, 2016.

**Contacts**

For questions regarding CFTs, contact the Foster Caregiver Policy and Support Unit at (916) 651-7465 or by email at [kinship.care@dss.ca.gov](mailto:kinship.care@dss.ca.gov). Questions regarding this allocation should be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

LILIA A. YOUNG, Chief  
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

**FY 2016-17 Child and Family Teams  
General Fund (GF) Allocation For County Welfare and Probation Departments**

<b>Counties</b>	<b>County Welfare Depts. GF Allocation</b>	<b>County Probation Depts. GF Allocation</b>	<b>Total GF Allocation</b>
ALAMEDA*	\$761,369	\$123,498	\$884,867
ALPINE	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000
AMADOR	\$16,448	\$5,500	\$21,948
BUTTE*	\$103,699	\$5,500	\$109,199
CALAVERAS	\$26,091	\$5,500	\$31,591
COLUSA	\$5,568	\$5,500	\$11,068
CONTRA COSTA	\$427,409	\$58,337	\$485,746
DEL NORTE	\$16,792	\$6,053	\$22,845
EL DORADO	\$82,376	\$5,500	\$87,876
FRESNO	\$519,051	\$32,338	\$551,389
GLENN	\$13,413	\$5,500	\$18,913
HUMBOLDT	\$123,207	\$7,965	\$131,172
IMPERIAL	\$94,551	\$16,727	\$111,278
INYO	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000
KERN	\$497,582	\$91,881	\$589,463
KINGS	\$99,064	\$7,646	\$106,710
LAKE*	\$40,567	\$7,965	\$48,532
LASSEN	\$10,991	\$8,443	\$19,434
LOS ANGELES*	\$7,422,923	\$433,744	\$7,856,667
MADERA	\$66,063	\$5,500	\$71,563
MARIN	\$37,104	\$9,239	\$46,343
MARIPOSA	\$8,838	\$5,500	\$14,338
MENDOCINO	\$100,006	\$5,500	\$105,506
MERCED	\$204,101	\$19,913	\$224,014
MODOC	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000
MONO	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000
MONTEREY	\$158,457	\$26,762	\$185,219
NAPA	\$41,079	\$7,965	\$49,044
NEVADA	\$20,893	\$5,500	\$26,393
ORANGE	\$758,740	\$40,972	\$799,712
PLACER	\$95,600	\$7,169	\$102,769
PLUMAS	\$7,796	\$5,500	\$13,296
RIVERSIDE	\$1,356,697	\$62,493	\$1,419,190
SACRAMENTO*	\$1,052,929	\$85,504	\$1,138,433
SAN BENITO	\$10,441	\$5,500	\$15,941
SAN BERNARDINO	\$1,709,186	\$57,596	\$1,766,782
SAN DIEGO*	\$898,459	\$80,750	\$979,209
SAN FRANCISCO*	\$431,659	\$59,523	\$491,182
SAN JOAQUIN	\$474,032	\$30,745	\$504,777
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$121,921	\$14,018	\$135,939
SAN MATEO	\$168,988	\$8,762	\$177,750
SANTA BARBARA	\$147,764	\$21,187	\$168,951
SANTA CLARA*	\$602,060	\$20,709	\$622,769
SANTA CRUZ	\$88,046	\$11,948	\$99,994
SHASTA	\$127,071	\$11,948	\$139,019
SIERRA	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000
SISKIYOU	\$24,891	\$5,500	\$30,391
SOLANO	\$173,133	\$16,727	\$189,860
SONOMA*	\$163,977	\$18,797	\$182,774
STANISLAUS	\$194,197	\$20,709	\$214,906
SUTTER	\$27,734	\$5,500	\$33,234
TEHAMA	\$40,872	\$6,053	\$46,925
TRINITY	\$7,594	\$5,500	\$13,094
TULARE	\$259,115	\$10,832	\$269,947
TUOLUMNE	\$16,576	\$5,500	\$22,076
VENTURA	\$382,494	\$19,913	\$402,407
YOLO	\$101,799	\$7,169	\$108,968
YUBA	\$56,087	\$5,500	\$61,587
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,425,000</b>	<b>\$1,593,000</b>	<b>\$22,018,000</b>

\*The allocations for the counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well Being Project will also be reflected in the forthcoming waiver County Fiscal Letter.