

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-03

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One or More Counties
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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) MANAGERS ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) COORDINATORS ALL COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COORDINATORS

COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010/11 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM (THPP) AND

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS)

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 427 (CHAPTER 125, STATUTES OF 2001),

AB 1119 (CHAPTER 639, STATUTES OF 2002), AB 824 (CHAPTER 636, STATUTES OF 2005), AB 1808 (CHAPTER 75, STATUTES OF 2006;) ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) No. I-88-06 (NOVEMBER 20, 2006,) ACIN No. I-56-07 (OCTOBER 5, 2007,) ACIN

No.I-40-09 (AUGUST 10, 2009); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL)

NO. 06-38 (SEPTEMBER 8, 2006,) ACL NO. 07-38

(OCTOBER 18, 2007,) ACL 08-62 (DECEMBER 23, 2008,) ACL 09-73 (November 25, 2009;) COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 04/05-54

(JUNE 17, 2005)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has developed this transmittal to provide the FY 2010/11 allocations to counties participating in the THPP and/or the THP-Plus Programs.

## **Funding**

This allocation includes funding reductions to both the THPP and THP-Plus due to the reduction in Child Welfare Services (CWS) Program funding this FY. The following are appropriations and allocation methodology for each program:

### **THPP**

A total of \$3,459,000 in General Funds (GF) was appropriated in the FY 2010-11 budget for THPP. Due to an \$80 million dollar reduction in CWS funding, there was a reduction of \$2,876,000 to THPP. The new statewide allocation amount is \$583,000 (see Attachment A). The reduction was distributed equally across participating counties.

The THPP allocation for Alameda and Los Angeles Counties, who are participating in the federal Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Capped Allocation Project, is not displayed in Attachment A as these funds are included in the counties' foster care assistance waiver base allocation.

Modoc and San Mateo Counties are not participating in THPP this year.

Counties are reminded that the first \$2,100 of the rate paid to providers is claimed on Line 1 of the CA-800 FC Fed claim. That payment portion is <u>not</u> reflected in this allocation. The allocation amounts outlined in this letter is the funding available to pay for the amount over the base rate (\$2,100) and is claimed on Line 16, that is entitled, "THPP Rate Increase." Line 16 is required to be filled out even if a county makes a rate increase request that is ultimately denied. Please refer to CFL 04/05-54 for more information about claiming. A link to the letter is listed below.

The sharing ratio for THPP is the same as Aid for Dependent Children-Foster Care. Counties are responsible for a 60 percent share of the non-federal portion.

#### **THP-Plus**

A total of \$35,878,000 was appropriated for THP-Plus for FY 2010-11. Due to the reduction in CWS funding, THP-Plus funding is reduced by \$461,000 or 1.28 percent. The new statewide allocation is \$35,417,000 (see Attachment B). There are a total of 53 counties participating in FY 2010-11, including new counties, Modoc and Kings. One county, Sierra, is not financially participating this year, but has a county plan on file with CDSS.

The following methodology was developed to achieve the additional CWS reduction:

 All counties participating in FY 2009/10 initially received the same allocation amount for FY 2010/11.

- Three new counties in FY 2009/10 that received a portion of the beds requested, initially received funding for their full bed request in FY 2010/11.
- The two new counties in FY 2010/11 received half of the beds requested with the base being at least two beds.
- The additional CWS reduction to THP-Plus was applied on a percent to total basis across all counties.

The THP-Plus is funded at 100 percent GF.

## **Start-Up Costs**

Counties are reminded that start-up costs are part of the normal process of implementing THPP/THP-Plus. Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 16522.1 (g) and (h) require providers in their provider plans to set up program rules for the activities noted below. These are the basic program guidelines. Any costs incurred must be intended to help program participants fulfill program goals and objectives. Program activities and rules for THPP and THP-Plus must be age appropriate for participants who are in foster care versus emancipated participants.

# Program Activities as Outlined in W&IC section 16522.1(g) and (h)

- (g) A system for payment for utilities, telephone and rent.
- (h) Policies regarding all of the following:
  - 1. Education requirements
  - 2. Work expectations
  - 3. Savings requirements
  - 4. Personal safety
  - 5. Visitors, including, but not limited to, visitation by the placement auditor pursuant to subdivision (d)
  - 6. Emergencies
  - 7. Medical problems
  - 8. Disciplinary measures
  - 9. Child care
  - 10. Pregnancy
  - 11. Curfew
  - 12. Apartment cleanliness
  - 13. Use of utilities and telephone
  - 14. Budgeting
  - 15. Care of furnishings
  - 16. Decorating of apartments
  - 17. Cars
  - 18. Lending or borrowing money
  - 19. Unauthorized purchases
  - 20. Dating

#### 21. Grievance Procedures

Other important considerations include:

 Mentoring services, services to build and support relationships with family and community and mental health services including support groups.

## **Fiscal Claiming**

The CFL No. 04/05-54 provides updated information and clarification for the claiming costs for both THPP and THP-Plus. The CFL instructions and claim forms may be accessed at: http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/PG970.htm.

Fiscal questions regarding either THPP or THP-Plus Programs may be addressed to: <a href="mailto:assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov">assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov</a>.

If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact Lyn Stueve, Analyst, Independent Living Program Policy Unit, at (916) 657-3329. Information regarding both Transitional Housing Programs is also available at: www.childsworld.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

# Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments

# Attachment A THPP

County	FY 2010-11		
	Allocation		
BUTTE	\$27,802		
COLUSA	\$4,562		
CONTRA COSTA	\$36,474		
DEL NORTE	\$6,426		
EL DORADO	\$8,568		
GLENN	\$7,778		
HUMBOLDT	\$6,438		
LAKE	\$12,486		
LASSEN	\$6,555		
MARIN	\$2,731		
MENDOCINO	\$7,491		
MONTEREY	\$16,688		
NEVADA	\$14,222		
ORANGE	\$42,217		
PLACER	\$46,939		
PLUMAS	\$2,419		
SAN BERNARDINO	\$39,217		
SAN FRANCISCO	\$112,058		
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$18,260		
SANTA BARBARA	\$23,645		
SANTA CLARA	\$53,657		
SHASTA	\$14,046		
SISKIYOU	\$4,916		
SOLANO	\$6,682		
SONOMA	\$19,080		
TEHAMA	\$7,187		
TRINITY	\$10,425		
VENTURA	\$9,048		
YUBA	\$14,983		
	\$583,000		

# Attachment B THP-Plus Allocation

County	Beds	Final 2010-11	County	Beds	Final 2010-11
A	400	Allocation	DI.		Allocation
Alameda	126	\$2,966,473	Plumas	2	\$62,781
Butte	13	\$331,333	Riverside	34	\$886,717
Calaveras	3	\$106,691	Sacramento	67	\$2,032,194
Colusa	2	\$49,789	San Bernardino	31	\$1,077,479
Contra Costa	42	\$1,115,319	San Diego	143	\$4,947,002
Del Norte	9	\$383,766	San Francisco	94	\$2,533,900
El Dorado	9	\$311,536	San Joaquin	17	\$552,787
Fresno	17	\$534,851	San Luis Obispo	10	\$431,385
Glenn	5	\$212,196	San Mateo	50	\$1,511,449
Humboldt	5	\$177,818	Santa Barbara	9	\$338,956
Imperial	3	\$102,387	Santa Clara	67	\$2,136,181
Inyo	5	\$124,472	Santa Cruz	17	\$483,664
Kern	42	\$845,155	Shasta	7	\$199,156
Kings	3	\$73,911	Siskiyou	5	\$201,704
Lake	9	\$256,057	Solano	26	\$985,678
Lassen	4	\$142,254	Sonoma	13	\$385,271
Los Angeles	84	\$2,216,792	Stanislaus	17	\$335,139
Madera	4	\$149,130	Sutter	9	\$266,726
Marin	7	\$290,435	Tehama	10	\$363,933
Mariposa	5	\$182,737	Trinity	7	\$277,158
Mendocino	10	\$284,508	Tulare	9	\$220,849
Marin	9	\$249,976	Tuolumne	9 5 5 5	\$107,817
Modoc	2	\$84,860	Ventura	5	\$67,571
Monterey	15	\$420,538	Yolo	5	\$165,963
Napa	10	\$455,331	Yuba	10	\$325,999
Nevada	5	\$148,181			
Orange	67	\$1,738,771			
Placer	17	\$564,274			
Total				1198	\$35,417,000