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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

August 29, 2017

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 17-90

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) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-18

REFERENCE: THE BUDGET ACT OF 2017, ASSEMBLY BILL ([AB](#)) [97](#) (CHAPTER 14, STATUTES OF 2017); WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (W&IC) SECTION [16003.5](#); ALL COUNTY LETTERS (ACLS) [16-52](#) AND [16-52E](#)

The purpose of this ACL is to provide county child welfare and probation departments with information regarding available FPRRS funding for FY 2017-18. See ACL [16-52](#) for a general overview of FPRRS funding.

FPRRS Plans

Previously, the California Department of Social Services (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, in order to streamline the process and promote greater standardization of data, CDSS will utilize the online survey tool, Survey Monkey, to collect FPRRS plans from county child welfare and probation departments. The survey will be sent via email to the designated FPRRS program contact from each department. All county child welfare and probation departments requesting FPRRS funds for FY 2017-18 must submit their plan in accordance with W&IC section 16003.5(b).

During the last week of August, the FPRRS program contact person for each county child welfare and probation department will receive an email from Survey Monkey 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/activity or strategies/activities the county proposes to pursue to address the goal or goals identified.
- An explanation or rationale for the proposed strategy/activity or strategies/activities 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.

The survey will remain open through September 30, 2017.

The total amount appropriated for FPRRS funding in FY 2017-18 is the same as was appropriated in FY 2016-17. Allocation amounts for each county child welfare and probation department will be published in a forthcoming County Fiscal Letter (CFL).

Reappropriation of Unspent FY 2016-17 FPRRS Funds

The Budget Act of 2017 includes authority to reappropriate unspent FPRRS funds from FY 2016-17 to FY 2017-18. A CFL will be forthcoming regarding the rollover of the unspent FPRRS 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 concerning fiscal claiming and reporting 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