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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

SUBJECT: **COUNTY-OPTIONAL BLOCK GRANT FOR THE INTERAGENCY
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING MANDATE**

REFERENCE: [PENAL CODE \(PC\) SECTIONS 11165.9-11174.34](#); [GOVERNMENT
CODE \(GOV\) SECTION 17560](#); [THE BUDGET ACT OF 2015](#); [THE
BUDGET ACT OF 2018](#); [COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES,
STATEMENT OF DECISION AND PARAMETERS AND
GUIDELINES, ICAN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, CSM-00-TC-22](#)

This ACL addresses the county-optional block grant used to fund activities identified as reimbursable by the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) under the Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Investigation Reports ([CSM-00-TC-22](#)) mandate. This mandate requires interagency cross-reporting of child abuse and neglect allegations, which is crucial in the protection of the health, safety, and well-being of children who may be victims of abuse or neglect. The Budget Act of 2019 appropriated \$4 million for this county-optional block grant (herein referred to as the ICAN Block Grant) to be distributed to participating local agencies to fund the county share for these activities during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

SUSPENSION OF THE ICAN MANDATE

In December 2007, the Commission found that the ICAN reporting mandate statutes imposed a partially reimbursable state mandated program on local agencies. In December 2013, the Commission adopted the Statement of Decision and Parameters and Guidelines setting forth the reimbursable activities of the ICAN mandate. In September 2014, the Commission adopted a statewide cost estimate of prior year reimbursable costs related to the ICAN mandate. The website of the State of California Commission on State Mandates

contains all of the documents pertaining to the [ICAN Investigation Reports](#) claim and the Commission's decision.

Pursuant to state law, the presentation of the Commission's statewide cost estimate to the Legislature triggered the constitutional obligation to fund, repeal, or suspend the mandate. Since the Budget Act of 2015, the ICAN mandate has been suspended and an appropriation of \$4 million has been provided each year for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to administer a county-optional ICAN Block Grant program.

COUNTY-OPTIONAL ICAN BLOCK GRANT

The Budget Act of 2019 continues the suspension of the ICAN mandate and appropriates \$4 million for CDSS to administer the optional ICAN Block Grant program for FY 2019-20. Recognizing that counties have continued to voluntarily perform cross-reporting activities under the suspended ICAN mandate to protect the health, safety, and well-being of children who may be victims of abuse or neglect, the ICAN Block Grant program for FY 2019-20 will continue to be an "opt-out" program allowing counties to receive funding unless they specifically choose not to accept funds for voluntarily performing these activities. Counties will be allocated and receive funding for the activities of the suspended ICAN mandate, as set forth in Attachment II.

Counties who do not opt-out and receive ICAN Block Grant funding are committing to perform the following cross-reporting activities under the suspended ICAN reporting mandate. As a condition of receiving funds under the ICAN Block Grant, County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that do not opt-out must maintain all cross-reporting requirements for FY 2019-20 as follows:

- Completion and submittal of the Child Abuse Summary Report (SS 8583) to the Department of Justice (DOJ), pursuant to [PC sections 11165.9 - 11174.34](#).
- Completion and submittal of the Suspected Child Abuse Report (SS 8572) to the appropriate jurisdiction, pursuant to [PC section 11166](#).
- Completion and submittal of the Notice of Child Abuse Central Index Listing (SOC 832) to the alleged suspect, pursuant to [PC section 11169](#).

The ICAN Block Grant is available only for identified activities in FY 2019-20. Furthermore, counties that participate in the ICAN Block Grant FY 2019-20 program will not be eligible for any other reimbursements for activities identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports mandate, [CSM-00-TC-22](#) for FY 2019-20. Participating counties will not be eligible to submit additional claims to the State Controller's Office under [GOV Code section 17560](#) for any costs related to the reimbursable state-mandate activities identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports decision, [CSM-00-TC-22](#) incurred in FY 2019-20.

Cross-reporting to appropriate jurisdictions, such as law enforcement and the DOJ, provides notification and allows the appropriate agencies to take steps to respond to protect the

health, safety, and well-being of children. The goal of this intervention is to protect children from further maltreatment. Due to the ICAN mandate suspension, counties are not required to perform the suspended mandate activities if they opt-out. Although the ICAN mandate activities are suspended, CDSS strongly encourages CWDs to continue to perform cross-reporting activities to promote child safety regardless of whether or not they choose to participate in the optional block grant program. The CDSS recommends CWDs work closely with their county counsel in order to fully evaluate any risks to child safety and potential liability to the county child welfare agency when examining county policies and practices regarding cross-reporting activities.

For those counties who choose to opt-out of receiving funding from the FY 2019-20 ICAN Block Grant, Attachment I (County Opt-Out Letter) must be received by CDSS by March 16, 2020, at the address below:

California Department of Social Services
Attention: Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau
744 P Street, MS 8-11-87
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attachment II displays planning allocations for all counties. A final allocation distribution and claiming instructions will be provided in a forthcoming County Fiscal Letter after the March 16, 2020, opt-out deadline. The CDSS will redistribute the planning allocation of any counties who choose to opt-out to the remaining participating counties.

Questions regarding this letter should be directed to the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau, at ChildProtection@dss.ca.gov or call (916) 651-6160.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

GREGORY E. ROSE
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: County Welfare Directors Association

Attachments

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Director Kim Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the California Department of Social Services that _____ County elects to opt-out of the Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Reporting County-Optional Block Grant (herein referred to as the ICAN Block Grant) for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20.

By choosing not to participate in the ICAN Block Grant, _____ County understands they will not receive funding through the ICAN County Block Grant to continue performing the activities of the suspected ICAN mandate identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports Decision, CSM-00-TC-22.

This opt-out is only for FY 2019-20.

The County Opt-Out Letter must be received by the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau on or before March 16, 2020.

Signature of Authorized County Representative

Date

FY 2019-20 ICAN GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	
COUNTIES	ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$86,225
Alpine	\$353
Amador	\$4,811
Butte	\$23,912
Calaveras	\$5,671
Colusa	\$2,683
Contra Costa	\$78,787
Del Norte	\$6,169
El Dorado	\$17,855
Fresno	\$154,619
Glenn	\$5,100
Humboldt	\$19,936
Imperial	\$27,133
Inyo	\$2,201
Kern	\$119,791
Kings	\$22,321
Lake	\$7,486
Lassen	\$4,627
Los Angeles	\$974,912
Madera	\$33,084
Marin	\$9,325
Mariposa	\$1,783
Mendocino	\$15,293
Merced	\$44,137
Modoc	\$2,120
Mono	\$1,590
Monterey	\$38,281
Napa	\$14,096
Nevada	\$10,739
Orange	\$244,539
Placer	\$27,478
Plumas	\$2,145
Riverside	\$325,318
Sacramento	\$171,928
San Benito	\$5,494
San Bernardino	\$264,185
San Diego	\$406,402
San Francisco	\$41,205
San Joaquin	\$79,342

FY 2019-20 ICAN GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	
COUNTIES	ALLOCATION
San Luis Obispo	\$29,060
San Mateo	\$36,611
Santa Barbara	\$48,852
Santa Clara	\$118,474
Santa Cruz	\$20,627
Shasta	\$29,928
Sierra	\$297
Siskiyou	\$6,586
Solano	\$46,265
Sonoma	\$47,767
Stanislaus	\$73,028
Sutter	\$9,847
Tehama	\$12,072
Trinity	\$2,305
Tulare	\$88,603
Tuolumne	\$6,233
Ventura	\$89,052
Yolo	\$20,474
Yuba	\$10,843
Total	\$4,000,000