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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 22-70

The purpose of this All County Letter is to provide information regarding the allocation methodology for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Program.



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

SUBJECT: COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN
PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ALLOCATION
METHODOLOGY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

REFERENCE: [PUBLIC LAW 113-183;](#)
[SENATE BILL \(SB\) 855 \(CHAPTER 29, STATUTES OF 2014\);](#)
[SB 794 \(CHAPTER 425, STATUTES OF 2015\);](#)
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(W&IC\) SECTION](#)
[16501.35;](#)
[W&IC SECTIONS 16524.6 - 16524.11;](#)
[ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 16-08: IMPLEMENTATION](#)
[FEDERAL PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND](#)
[STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT;](#)
[ACL 16-85: STATEWIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO](#)
[PREVENT CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING;](#)
[ACL 16-15: YOUTH WHO ARE MISSING FROM FOSTER CARE;](#)
[ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) I-14-19;](#)
[RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR SERVING COMMERCIALLY](#)
[SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN \(CSEC\) MISSING FROM](#)
[CARE;](#)
[COUNTY FISCAL LETTER \(CFL\) 21/22-83: CSEC PROGRAM](#)
[GENERAL FUND FINAL ALLOCATION.](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide all county child welfare and probation agencies (hereafter referred to as “counties”) the allocation methodology for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 CSEC Program, including the federal preventing sex trafficking requirements under Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act. Specifically, this ACL addresses the following:

- Historical context of the CSEC Program.
- FY 2022-23 CSEC Program allocation methodology.

BACKGROUND

To support counties in their efforts towards improving outcomes for minors who are at-risk or a victim of commercial sexual exploitation, California enacted [SB 855 \(Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014\)](#). The SB 855 established the county optional CSEC Program described in [W&IC Sections 16524.6-.11](#) and administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Each year the CDSS, in collaboration with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), develops an allocation methodology for the distribution of funds to counties that opt to participate in the state CSEC Program.

On September 29, 2014, the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act ([Public Law 113-183](#)) was signed into law which amended Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to require states to develop and implement policies and procedures related to youth under their jurisdiction for placement, care or supervision who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing commercial sexual exploitation, are runaway or missing children. This federal law was then codified into state law in 2015 via [SB 794](#), through [W&IC Section 16501.35](#), which required counties to implement policies and procedures related to expeditiously locating children and youth missing from care as well as requiring all child welfare and probation departments to identify, document, and determine appropriate services when serving youth who have been identified as victims of commercial sexual exploitation or are at risk for being victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

The CDSS provided initial instructions to counties regarding the preventing child sex trafficking requirements in [ACL 16-08](#), statewide policies and procedures to prevent child sex trafficking in [ACL 16-85](#), and provided initial instructions regarding the protocol for youth who leave care or are missing in [ACL 16-15](#).

Additionally, [ACIN I-14-19](#) highlights best practices for serving youth who have experienced exploitation, such as guidance on reporting procedures, engagement for youth during and post leaving care, prevention guidance, and safety planning for future incidents of leaving care. All county child welfare and probation agencies receive an annual allocation to perform these federally required activities.

ALLOWABLE STATE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES AND FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

With the purpose of supporting flexible expenditure planning relative to annual allocations for the county opt-in CSEC program, the CDSS developed the document State CSEC Program Expenditures and Federally Required Title IV-E Preventing Sex Trafficking Activities. This document is attached to [ACL 21-142](#) and is meant to provide child welfare agencies and probation departments examples of allowable expenditures and activities relative to the associated funding source and program requirements.

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE STATE CSEC PROGRAM [SB 855 (CHAPTER 29, STATUTES OF 2014) – OPT-IN COUNTIES]

In consultation with the CWDA, approximately \$15.7 million General Fund (GF) is distributed to County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that have opted to participate in the state CSEC Program which was established by [W&IC Section 16524.7](#). For FY 2022-23 the following methodology will be used:

- Approximately \$16.2 million GF is preliminarily allocated based on each previously opt-in (hereinafter referred to as “continuing”) county’s percentage of the total statewide FY 2021-22 state CSEC allocation, as displayed in [CFL No. 21/22-83](#).
- From the preliminary calculation, a reduction of \$488,640 is distributed across all continuing counties for the implementation of county training, technical assistance, and cross-county coordination through the Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking Project based on each continuing county’s projected FY 2021-22 state CSEC allocation balance as of June 2022. Continuing counties with projected surplus balances contribute 4.64 percent of their preliminary allocation; continuing counties with projected deficit balances contribute 1.0 percent of their preliminary allocation.
- An adjustment is made to ensure counties receive no less than \$25,000 GF.

For additional information regarding the allocation methodology and claiming information, please reference the forthcoming FY 2022-23 CSEC Program GF Planning Allocation County Fiscal Letter - CFL No. 22/23-07.

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FEDERAL PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING REQUIREMENTS [SB 794 (CHAPTER 425, STATUTES OF 2015) – ALL COUNTIES]

In consultation with the CWDA, \$678,000 GF is distributed to CWDs using the following methodology:

- Each county's percentage of the total statewide point-in-time number of children in foster care caseload, ages 10–20 years, as of January 1, 2022, taken from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project on the University of California, Berkeley Website.
- To ensure all counties implement the federally mandated activities, a minimum floor of \$2,500 GF is provided.

In consultation with the Chief Probation Officers of California, approximately \$1.0 million GF is distributed to County Probation Departments using the following methodology:

- Each county's percentage of the combined total statewide point-in-time number of children in foster care caseload, ages 10-20 years, as of January 1, 2022, taken from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project from the University of California, Berkeley website and candidacy caseload as reported by counties to the CDSS.
- To ensure all counties implement the federally mandated activities, a minimum floor of \$2,500 GF is provided.

If you have questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Child Trafficking Response Team within the Family Centered Safety and Support Bureau at (916) 651-6160 or CSECPProgram@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By

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cc: County Welfare Directors Association
Chief Probation Officers of California