

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

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-13

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 STATE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP

ASSISTANCE PAYMENT ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: CFL NO. 14/15-10, DATED AUGUST 08, 2014

CFL NO. 11/12-32, DATED DECEMBER 14, 2011

CFL NO. 10/11-64, DATED MAY 2, 2011

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 allocation for state-funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Administration as identified in the attachment. A total of \$3,642,000 General Fund (GF) is available based on the Budget Act of 2015. This amount reflects an increase of \$1,035,000 from the FY 2014-15 allocation and corresponds to the updated caseload projection and funding breakout.

Each county received a base funding equal to their FY 2014-15 appropriation amounts, as identified in <u>CFL 14/15-10</u>. The increased funding is distributed to counties based on a percent to statewide total of the FY 2014-15 appropriation allocation. The amounts displayed on the attachment reflect the FY 2015-16 appropriation allocation.

The Kin-GAP program is a payment program for eligible dependents and wards whose dependencies have been dismissed after their relative caregiver has assumed legal guardianship. It is intended to enhance family preservation and stability by recognizing that many foster children are in long-term, stable placements with relatives and these placements are the permanent plan for the child.

This allocation is provided for administrative activities associated with the existing state-funded Kin-GAP program, inclusive of nonminors who receive extended benefits past age 18. This allocation does not include changes under Assembly Bill 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010) California Fostering Connections to Success Act for the federally-funded Fed-GAP program.

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Counties should claim costs to Program Code (PC) 030 – State Only Kin-GAP (100 percent GF), PC 031 – Kin-GAP/Non-Federally Eligible Cases (50 percent GF/50 percent County) and PC 847 – Over 18 Kin-GAP Non-Federally Eligible Cases (50 percent GF/50 percent County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county-only funding via State Use Only Code 044.

As a reminder, counties should claim to PC 030 for state-only Kin-GAP cases in which the expenditures are eligible for the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement. The PC 031 should be claimed for all other non-federal Kin-GAP cases in which expenditures are not eligible for TANF MOE. Please refer to page three of CFL NO. 10/11-64 for additional clarification and CFL NO. 11/12-32 for claiming instructions.

Questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

BRIAN DOUGHERTY, Chief Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment Administration General Fund Allocation

County	FY 2015-16 Kin-GAP GF Allocation
Alameda	\$99,666
Alpine	\$239
Amador	\$7,124
Butte	\$13,533
Calaveras	\$810
Colusa	\$239
Contra Costa	\$54,270
Del Norte	\$1,094
El Dorado	\$1,254
Fresno	\$93,082
Glenn	\$2,363
Humboldt	\$8,344 \$11,788
Imperial Inyo	\$13,272
Kern	\$45,083
Kings	\$29,384
Lake	\$7,622
Lassen	\$7,270
Los Angeles	\$1,158,089
Madera	\$643,203
Marin	\$8,191
Mariposa	\$1,046
Mendocino	\$14,041
Merced	\$13,723
Modoc	\$49,771
Mono	\$29,284
Monterey	\$11,016
Napa	\$35,150
Nevada	\$2,203
Orange	\$71,988
Placer	\$6,422
Plumas Riverside	\$1,166 \$140,697
Sacramento	\$78,974
San Benito	\$9,465
San Bernardino	\$129,629
San Diego	\$117,093
San Francisco	\$69,835
San Joaquin	\$13,740
San Luis Obispo	\$8,373
San Mateo	\$20,298
Santa Barbara	\$15,245
Santa Clara	\$54,215
Santa Cruz	\$1,714
Shasta	\$10,728
Sierra	\$239
Siskiyou Solano	\$1,231 \$9,093
Sonoma	\$11,775
Stanislaus	\$5,077
Sutter	\$484
Tehama	\$147,549
Trinity	\$221,321
Tulare	\$32,458
Tuolumne	\$543
Ventura	\$22,446
Yolo	\$2,818
Yuba	\$75,230
TOTAL	\$3,642,000