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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 15/16-36

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TITLE IV-E CALIFORNIA
WELL-BEING PROJECT ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [FEDERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-02, DATED AUGUST 28, 2015](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-22, DATED OCTOBER 1, 2015](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-32, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2015](#)

This letter provides participating counties in the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project (Project) with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Project allocation. The [federal Terms and Conditions](#) (T&Cs), which include the methodology to develop the Title IV-E base, were approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services on September 30, 2014. The base is adjusted annually to reflect the impact of applying the final California Necessities Index (CNI).

There are nine counties, including their respective County Probation Departments, participating in the Project. Alameda and Los Angeles counties, referred to as Cohort 1, have extended participation in the Project for another five years. There are seven new counties, referred to as Cohort 2, that joined the Project under the five-year extension. Please refer to the federal T&Cs for additional information regarding the original and extension Project periods.

Attachment I displays the Project's base allocation for federal Title IV-E funds that was established upon approval of each county's participation in the Project. The base for federal Title IV-E funds was developed using Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) expenditure data. This base allocation has been converted and is now displayed based on a state FY.

The FY 2015-16 individual county allocations consist of the following:

- The federal base allocation includes Foster Care assistance payments and Child Welfare Services administration costs. In accordance with the federal T&Cs, costs for training, licensing, adoptions, evaluation, Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System and the After 18 Program are excluded from the Project.
- The Cohort 1 counties' federal Project base allocation is an extension to the federal funding developed in FFY 2006 using an average of the counties' federal assistance and administrative expenditures from FFY 2003 through FFY 2005. Those expenditures received an annual two percent growth beginning FFY 2007 through FFY 2014. Beginning in FFY 2015, growth for assistance expenditures is increased by applying the CNI annually to an established cost per case that is adjusted using caseload trends from non-Project counties less children in the After 18 Program. The administrative expenditures beginning in FFY 2015 are increased by a three-year moving average based on expenditures that non-Project counties experienced beginning in FFY 2011.
- The Cohort 2 counties' federal Project base allocation for FFY 2014 consists of federal assistance and administrative expenditures and was established using the average expenditures from FFY 2008 through FFY 2012. Beginning in FFY 2015 and annually thereafter, an annual growth factor will be applied to the base assistance expenditures using the CNI. The CNI is applied to an established cost per case that is adjusted using caseload trends from the participating Cohort 2 counties, less the number of children in the After 18 Program. The FFY 2015 administrative expenditures were increased by a three-year moving average based on expenditures that Cohort 2 counties experienced beginning in FFY 2011.

Attachment I displays the funding for new budget items associated with program activities made available upon enactment of the Budget Act of 2015. Any additional activities will be displayed in subsequent allocations. The activities are as follows:

- FY 2015-16 Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program – TIER I allocation as displayed in [CFL No. 15/16-22, dated October 1, 2015](#).
- FY 2015-16 CSEC Program – TIER II allocation as displayed in Individual Letters.
- Post 2011 Realignment Child Welfare Services Program Allocation – Case Record Reviews as displayed in [CFL No. 15/16-32, dated November 17, 2015](#).

For counties participating in the Project, the Title IV-E funding for these new activities was not included in the federal Project base. However, these costs will be tracked against each county's federal capped allocation. Only the General Fund amount will be provided to participating counties for these activities. For those activities that are Title IV-E eligible, the activities will draw from the capped allocation; however, the

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federal allocation cannot be increased unless the capped amount is renegotiated due to the trigger provisions in the federal T&Cs.

Attachment II displays the program codes and aid codes used for the Project allocation. The administrative expenditures charged against the program codes are claimed on the County Expense Claim, and the assistance expenditures are claimed on the CA 800 Assistance Claim. Please refer to [CFL No. 15/16-02](#), dated August 28, 2015, for specific Project claiming instructions.

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

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments

	PROJECT BASE ALLOCATION*		NON-PROJECT BASE ALLOCATION						TOTAL			
	TOTAL		CSEC TIER I ALLOCATION CFL 15/16-22		CSEC TIER II ALLOCATION INDIVIDUAL LETTERS		POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CFL 15/16-32					
	FEDERAL		TITLE IV-E	STATE	TITLE IV-E	STATE	TITLE IV-E	STATE	TOTAL	TITLE IV-E	STATE	
PARTICIPATING COUNTIES	Total	Title IV-E										
Alameda	\$57,734,285	\$57,734,285	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,110,512	\$0	\$169,125	\$59,013,922	\$57,734,285	\$1,279,637	
Los Angeles	\$442,419,383	\$442,419,383	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,776,280	\$0	\$169,125	\$445,364,788	\$442,419,383	\$2,945,405	
Butte	\$8,611,094	\$8,611,094	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$126,844	\$8,737,938	\$8,611,094	\$126,844	
Lake	\$2,335,290	\$2,335,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$84,562	\$2,419,852	\$2,335,290	\$84,562	
Sacramento	\$68,270,679	\$68,270,679	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$721,833	\$0	\$169,125	\$69,161,637	\$68,270,679	\$890,958	
San Diego	\$51,996,543	\$51,996,543	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,256	\$0	\$169,125	\$52,720,924	\$51,996,543	\$724,381	
San Francisco	\$27,514,362	\$27,514,362	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,256	\$0	\$169,125	\$28,238,743	\$27,514,362	\$724,381	
Santa Clara	\$40,841,169	\$40,841,169	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,256	\$0	\$169,125	\$41,565,550	\$40,841,169	\$724,381	
Sonoma	\$9,185,254	\$9,185,254	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$69,407	\$0	\$126,844	\$9,406,505	\$9,185,254	\$221,251	
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$708,908,059	\$708,908,059	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$6,343,800	\$0	\$1,353,000	\$716,629,859	\$708,908,059	\$7,721,800	

* For FFY 2016 Cohort 1 assistance expenditures were increased by 2.36 percent, which reflects the 2.54 percent CNI offset by the caseload decline of the 56 county trend of 0.18 percent from FFY 2011 through FFY 2013 applied to the projected FFY 2015 caseload and the administrative expenditures were increased by 5.27 percent. For Cohort 2 assistance expenditures were increased by 2.54 percent and the administrative expenditures were increased by 6.17 percent.

CWS Basic

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

004	Probation PR
088	Peer Review
143	CWS Eligibility Determination
147	CWS-Court Related Activities
148	CWS-Case Management
709	State Mandates Fed
732	Increase FMLY Case Planning
733	IRSAE
734**	SUO CWS Case Management

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

077	CWS Basic Nonfederal
089	SUO – Peer Review
100	Special Care Incen & Assist Prog
164*	CWS - Services/Nonfederal
198**	SUO-EA CWS Non-Fed
596	SUO CWS IV-B Non-Fed
707	Gomez Hearing Grievances
710	State Mandates Non-Fed
786	NREFM Under 18
788	NRLG - Probation
828	Non IV-E Peer Review
864	NRLG Probate Court
865	NRLG Juvenile Court

* The portion of Program Code 164 that should be captured excludes federal Title IV-B, the match and any staff development costs.

** The portion of Program Codes 198 and 734 that should be captured excludes the staff development overmatch costs.

CWS Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP)

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

037	CWSOIP/Cohort 1
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

039	CWSOIP/Cohort 1-nonfed
059	CWSOIP/nonfedSGF/Cohort

CWS Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) - Probation Departments

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

703	CWSOIP – Probation
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

704	CWSOIP – Probation Nonfederal
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Group Home Monthly Visits - Child Welfare Departments

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

577	Mo Visits/Group Homes/CWS
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

586	NF MO Visits/Group Homes/CWD
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Group Home Monthly Visits - Probation Departments

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

579	Mo Visits/Group Homes/Probation
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

581	NF MO Visits/Group Homes Probation
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AB 2129 Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Planning

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

506	AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

507	AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment Non-Fed
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Substance Abuse/HIV Infant Program

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

523	Options for Recovery Recruitment
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

172	SA/HIV Infant Program
561	SUO-SA/HIV Infant Recruit Non-Fed

Kinship and Foster Care Emergency Fund

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

562	Kinship & FC Emergency Funds
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

493	SUO Kinship/FC Emerg Funds
582	Kinship Support Services

State Family Preservation Permanent Transfer

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

177	FPP Case Mgt Preventive Services
179	FPP Case Mgt Foster Care

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

CSEC

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

920	CSEC Protocol & Development
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

915	CSEC Non-federal Discount
918	CSEC Services

CWS Case Reviews

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

922	CWS Case Reviews
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Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

923	SUO-Non-federal CWS Case Reviews
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Pre-Adoption County Counsel

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

567	Pre-Adoptions County Counsel Federal
568	Pre-Adoptions County Counsel Non-Federal

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

STOP

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

588	STOP-Assessment/Case Plan
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Foster Care

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

790	Probation NREFM Under 18
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Foster Care Administration

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

029	Rosales v. Thompson Court Order
345	AFDC Eligibility Determination

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

Not Tied to a Ledger

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

119	Public Agency IV-E Pass Through
127	Probation Title IV-E Case Management
128	Probation IV-E/Pre-Placement

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

165	SB 163 Wraparound Services
921	Probation - Services/Non-federal

Title IV-E Foster Care Assistance

Existing Title IV-E Eligible Codes

42	Foster Care
42	THPP
42	Wraparound
42	RBS
42	Child Care

Project Codes Now Title IV-E Eligible

40	Foster Care
40	THPP
40	Wraparound
40	RBS