

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 06-38

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM MANAGERS
 INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
 COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2006/2007 COUNTY ALLOCATION FOR
 THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND THE
 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS

REFERENCE: County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 04/05-54, June 17, 2005;
 Assembly Bill (AB) 427 (Chapter 125, Statutes of 2001);
 AB 1119 (Chapter 639, Statutes of 2002);
 AB 824 (Chapter 636, Statutes of 2005)
 AB 1808 (Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in collaboration with the County Welfare Director's Association, have developed this transmittal to provide counties participating in the Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) and the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) with their allocation for SFY 2006/2007, and to provide information regarding fiscal claiming. A total of \$6,940,000 State General Fund (SGF) has been made available with the approval of the 2006/2007 State Budget for the transitional housing programs. Program funding for the THPP program will be \$2,131,828. The amount identified on the attached table is the funding allocated for THP-Plus counties. The county share-of-cost for the THP-Plus program was eliminated through legislation recently enacted (2006 Trailer Bill, AB 1808, Chapter 75) and implementation shall begin with the SFY 2006/2007 funding.

An All County Information Notice will be sent under separate cover with information for counties interested in implementing a THPP or THP-Plus program. Counties without an approved plan shall be instructed to begin the process by submitting a Letter of Interest to the Department's Independent Living Program. This information will be used to estimate the budget for the housing programs for SFY 2007/2008.

Background

The THPP is a community care licensed (CCL) placement opportunity for youth age 16-18 years who are currently in the foster care system while the THP-Plus program is a certified placement opportunity for youth age 18-24 years who have emancipated from the foster care system. The goal of the transitional housing programs is to assist participants in

achieving self-sufficiency by providing a safe, supervised environment in which to practice life skills in order to achieve positive outcomes. Participants may live alone, with departmental approval, or with roommates in apartments and single-family dwellings with regular support and supervision. Providers of the THP-Plus program must apply for county certification rather than a CDSS CCL license.

Funding

Consistent with the 2006 Trailer Bill language, CDSS must limit new participation in the THP-Plus program. A total of \$6,940,000 SGF has been made available for the THPP and THP-Plus programs. Of this amount, \$4,495,776 SGF has been allocated to participating counties based on SFY 2005/2006 claiming expenditures to the THP-Plus program. The funds were distributed based upon a percent to total of a county's reported average number of beds and the total amount of available funds. A differential amount of \$2,131,828 SGF has been set aside to be claimed on a "first come, first served" basis for counties with an approved THPP plan. Any unclaimed THPP amount shall be redistributed to counties based on unfunded claims to the THP-Plus program. The remaining \$312,396 will be distributed on a "first come, first served" basis to **all** counties with an approved THP-Plus plan until the funds are exhausted.

Fiscal Claiming

The CFL No. 04/05-54, dated June 17, 2005, provides updated information and clarification for claiming costs. The forms and CFL instructions may be accessed at:
<http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/aac.htm>.

Counties submitting claims for the THP-Plus program will use the CA 800 Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP) and the THP-Plus Federal assistance claim form, as outlined in CFL No. 04/05-54, whether or not a youth receives a STEP payment.

If you have additional questions or require additional assistance, please contact Sonya St. Mary, Chief, Foster Care Support Services Bureau, or Cynthia M. Guilford, Transitional Housing Coordinator, at (916) 651-7465.

Information regarding these programs is also available at this website:
www.childsworld.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Children and Family Services Division

Attachment

COUNTY	Bed Counts	Distribution of Funds
Alameda	60	1,368,000
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	0
Butte	0	0
Calaveras	0	0
Colusa	0	0
Contra Costa	50	1,440,000
Del Norte	0	0
El Dorado	0	0
Fresno	0	0
Glenn	0	0
Humboldt	0	0
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	0	0
Kings	0	0
Lake	0	0
Lassen	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0
Madera	0	0
Marin	0	0
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	0	0
Merced	0	0
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	0	0
Napa	0	0
Nevada	0	0
Orange	0	0
Placer	0	0
Plumas	0	0
Riverside	0	0
Sacramento	0	0
San Benito	0	0
San Bernardino	0	0
San Diego	20	690,720
San Francisco	31	837,000
San Joaquin	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0
San Mateo	6	160,056
Santa Barbara	0	0
Santa Clara	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0
Shasta	0	0
Sierra	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0
Solano	0	0
Sonoma	0	0
Stanislaus	0	0
Sutter	0	0
Tehama	0	0
Trinity	0	0
Tulare	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0
Ventura	0	0
Yolo	0	0
Yuba	0	0
TOTAL	167	4,495,776