

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 01/02 - 33

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR POST-ADOPTIVE SERVICES
ALLOCATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2002.

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with their Federal Incentive Funds for Post-Adoptive Services Allocation for the period of October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002 (Attachment). In January of 2001, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded California supplemental incentive funds in the amount of \$7,320,260. These funds are the remainder of the Adoptive Incentives grants award for adoptions finalized in FFY 1999 and are available for expenditure until September 30, 2002.

In a September 10, 2001, press release, The US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy G. Thompson, announced the award of nearly \$11 million in adoptive bonuses to 35 states and the District of Columbia for increasing the number of children adopted from public child welfare agencies. Of this \$11 million in adoptive bonuses, California will receive an additional \$4,030,572 which will be allocated to the counties upon receipt of these funds in the new federal fiscal year via a revised County Fiscal Letter.

Assembly Bill 2773 (Chapter 1056, Statutes of 1998) states that any incentive payments received through implementation of the federal act must be reinvested into the child welfare system in order to provide increased post-adoptive services, as needed, to families who have adopted children from the foster care system.

The amount of California's incentive award was determined by data provided from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) for FFY 1999 (10/1/98 – 9/30/99). Counties served by the state district offices were allocated a percentage of the incentive funds based on their share of cases processed by the district office. Counties with relatively small allocations are encouraged to pool their allocations with other counties to develop regional approaches to using the funds. Counties served by state adoptions district offices are also urged to work collaboratively with them to develop regional plans for use of the funds.

Program Code 151 and Time Study Code 1511 have been established to capture activities when serving a child in a finalized adoptive home. Activities may include arranging for therapy (family, individualized, behavioral, etc.), parent support groups, arranging for respite care, identifying and coordinating resources, travel time, post adoptive assessments, and case management. Should surplus funds be available at the end of the federal fiscal year, they will be redistributed to counties who have overspent their allocation.

For questions regarding the allocation, please contact your County Financial Analysis Bureau analyst at (916) 657-3806.

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By Eva Lopez For***

DOUGLAS D. PARK, Chief
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Attachment

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Federal Incentive Funds for Post Adoptive Services
Federal Fiscal Year 2002

<u>County</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>
Alameda	\$178,741
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$0
Butte	\$120,515
Calaveras	\$0
Colusa	\$5,416
Contra Costa	\$250,508
Del Norte	\$4,062
El Dorado	\$37,915
Fresno	\$227,489
Glenn	\$18,957
Humbolt	\$29,790
Imperial	\$24,374
Inyo	\$0
Kern	\$216,656
Kings	\$0
Lake	\$0
Lassen	\$10,833
Los Angeles	\$1,823,972
Madera	\$31,144
Marin	\$20,311
Mariposa	\$6,770
Mendocino	\$13,541
Merced	\$59,580
Modoc	\$1,354
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$100,203
Napa	\$24,374
Nevada	\$13,541
Orange	\$519,974
Placer	\$36,561
Plumas	\$1,354
Riverside	\$373,731
Sacramento	\$606,636
San Benito	\$2,708
San Bernardino	\$274,882
San Diego	\$704,132
San Francisco	\$151,659
San Joaquin	\$234,259
San Luis Obispo	\$60,934
San Mateo	\$54,164
Santa Barbara	\$35,207
Santa Clara	\$231,551
Santa Cruz	\$79,892
Shasta	\$90,725
Sierra	\$1,354
Siskiyou	\$21,666
Solano	\$60,934
Sonoma	\$78,538
Stanislaus	\$134,056
Sutter	\$35,207
Tehama	\$12,187
Trinity	\$2,708
Tulare	\$150,305
Tuolumne	\$8,125
Ventura	\$64,997
Yolo	\$35,207
Yuba	\$36,561
Total	\$7,320,260