

December 6, 2017

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 17/18-37

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT,  
RETENTION, AND SUPPORT PROGRAM PLANNING  
ALLOCATIONS FOR COUNTY WELFARE AND PROBATION  
DEPARTMENTS

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 17-90, DATED  
AUGUST 29, 2017](#)  
[ACL NO. 16-52, DATED JULY 14, 2016](#)  
[CFL NO. 16/17-35, DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2016](#)  
[CFL NO. 16/17-34, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2016](#)  
[CFL NO. 15/16-37E, DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2016](#)  
[CFL NO. 15/16-48, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2016](#)  
[CFL NO. 15/16-37, DATED DECEMBER 30, 2015](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support (FPRRS) program planning allocation of \$43.2 million General Fund (GF) based on the Budget Act of 2017. The total amount appropriated for FPRRS funding in FY 2017-18 is unchanged from FY 2016-17.

Counties shall utilize FPRRS funding to recruit, retain, and support foster parents, resource families, and relative caregivers. Counties that receive funding for their approved plans will be required to report the outcomes achieved using these funds and the activities that contributed to those outcomes.

On September 1, 2017, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) distributed an online survey to collect FPRRS program-related information from CWDs and CPDs

that outlined proposed activities and/or strategies utilizing FPRRS funds. The CDSS will again survey counties seeking information so that it can determine in advance the amount that a CWD or CPD intends to expend for daily child care during FY 2017-18. Thus, the planning amounts could change as a result of the above surveys should any counties not plan to use their full planning allocation.

### **CWDs**

The CWDs received the same allocations they received as displayed in [ACL No. 16-52](#).

### **CPDs**

In consultation with the Chief Probation Officers of California, a total of \$15.5 million GF was distributed for those CPDs participating in FPRRS based on the following:

- A planning allocation of \$5 million is distributed to Los Angeles County Probation due to the size of the county.
- The remaining \$10.5 million is distributed based on a percentage of each county's cost related to the Rate Classification Level (RCL) 1 through 14. The RCL costs were calculated based on a point in time of each county's caseload census of youth in group homes (in-state and out-of-state) as of January 1, 2017, and then multiplied by the tiered payment rate for RCLs.
- A minimum floor of \$15,700 was incorporated for each county.

### **Reappropriation of Unspent FY 2016-17 FPRRS Funds**

The Budget Act of 2017 includes authority to reappropriate unspent FPRRS funds from FY 2016-17 to FY 2017-18, subject to Department of Finance approval. A CFL will be forthcoming to provide information regarding the reappropriation of unspent FPRRS funds.

### **Claiming Instructions**

The amount allocated is GF; therefore, some of these funds may be used as a match for Title IV-E funded child care. Counties are reminded that their FPRRS funds are to be used to supplement, rather than supplant existing funds. County expenditures should be reported to the appropriate claiming codes for the type of costs incurred or administrative activities performed. If claimed expenditures exceed the county's GF allocation, 100 percent of the overmatch will shift to county-only funds. Two separate overmatch codes have been established to track and shift CWD and CPD expenditures that exceed the county allocation amounts on separate ledgers. The CWD and CPD allocation funds will be tracked separately and will not be comingled. For CWD FPRRS

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claiming instructions, please refer to [CFL No. 15/16-37](#) and [CFL No. 15/16-37E](#). For CPD FPRRS claiming instructions, refer to [CFL No. 15/16-48](#).

For questions regarding the FPRRS program, contact the Foster Caregiver Policy and Support Unit at (916) 651-7465 or by email at [kinship.care@dss.ca.gov](mailto:kinship.care@dss.ca.gov). Questions regarding the fiscal information in this letter should be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

SALENA CHOW, Chief  
Fiscal Forecasting and Policy Branch

Attachment

**FY 2017-18 FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND SUPPORT  
PROGRAM GENERAL FUND (GF) PLANNING ALLOCATIONS FOR  
COUNTY WELFARE AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS**

<b>COUNTIES</b>	<b>COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION</b>	<b>COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT GF ALLOCATION</b>	<b>TOTAL GF ALLOCATION</b>
ALAMEDA	\$840,661	\$567,802	\$1,408,463
ALPINE	\$2,095	\$15,747	\$17,842
AMADOR	\$56,278	\$0	\$56,278
BUTTE	\$222,499	\$39,735	\$262,234
CALAVERAS	\$62,451	\$15,747	\$78,198
COLUSA	\$51,944	\$15,747	\$67,691
CONTRA COSTA	\$579,022	\$313,699	\$892,721
DEL NORTE	\$84,429	\$20,913	\$105,342
EL DORADO	\$122,137	\$86,790	\$208,927
FRESNO	\$827,715	\$342,978	\$1,170,693
GLENN	\$124,305	\$18,822	\$143,127
HUMBOLDT	\$186,559	\$36,599	\$223,158
IMPERIAL	\$190,462	\$196,585	\$387,047
INYO	\$33,817	\$15,747	\$49,564
KERN	\$793,412	\$1,095,855	\$1,889,267
KINGS	\$223,053	\$58,558	\$281,611
LAKE	\$113,981	\$79,471	\$193,452
LASSEN	\$58,212	\$18,822	\$77,034
LOS ANGELES	\$8,086,115	\$5,000,000	\$13,086,115
MADERA	\$164,941	\$39,735	\$204,676
MARIN	\$70,394	\$121,297	\$191,691
MARIPOSA	\$8,741	\$15,747	\$24,488
MENDOCINO	\$177,626	\$46,009	\$223,635
MERCED	\$244,358	\$209,132	\$453,490
MODOC	\$30,816	\$15,747	\$46,563
MONO	\$24,975	\$15,747	\$40,722
MONTEREY	\$231,046	\$318,928	\$549,974
NAPA	\$68,512	\$79,471	\$147,983
NEVADA	\$57,712	\$21,959	\$79,671
ORANGE	\$1,151,086	\$182,992	\$1,334,078
PLACER	\$171,486	\$60,649	\$232,135
PLUMAS	\$36,990	\$27,188	\$64,178
RIVERSIDE	\$2,087,932	\$1,211,926	\$3,299,858
SACRAMENTO	\$1,092,517	\$969,331	\$2,061,848
SAN BENITO	\$72,349	\$15,747	\$88,096
SAN BERNARDINO	\$2,518,371	\$799,933	\$3,318,304
SAN DIEGO	\$1,515,000	\$621,125	\$2,136,125
SAN FRANCISCO	\$511,455	\$444,408	\$955,863
SAN JOAQUIN	\$664,188	\$373,302	\$1,037,490
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$236,364	\$145,347	\$381,711
SAN MATEO	\$189,000	\$43,917	\$232,917
SANTA BARBARA	\$223,560	\$253,051	\$476,611
SANTA CLARA	\$826,887	\$119,205	\$946,092
SANTA CRUZ	\$112,557	\$134,891	\$247,448
SHASTA	\$235,382	\$115,023	\$350,405
SIERRA	\$2,095	\$0	\$2,095
SISKIYOU	\$69,125	\$33,461	\$102,586
SOLANO	\$234,452	\$64,831	\$299,283
SONOMA	\$276,108	\$299,061	\$575,169
STANISLAUS	\$321,714	\$350,298	\$672,012
SUTTER	\$75,668	\$15,747	\$91,415
TEHAMA	\$115,464	\$50,192	\$165,656
TRINITY	\$68,850	\$21,959	\$90,809
TULARE	\$461,627	\$36,599	\$498,226
TUOLUMNE	\$90,650	\$35,553	\$126,203
VENTURA	\$375,521	\$161,032	\$536,553
YOLO	\$119,504	\$74,243	\$193,747
YUBA	\$98,830	\$82,600	\$181,430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,693,000</b>	<b>\$15,567,000</b>	<b>\$43,260,000</b>