



Dept of Children, Youth, & Families
2027-29 Regular Budget Session
Maintenance Level - B1 - Technical Corrections

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) requests \$3,902,000 (\$26,379,000 GF-S) and 1.00 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in 2027-29 Biennial Budget for technical corrections including base funding adjustments for various budget steps from the 2026 Supplemental budget, a JR rate adjustment, correcting fund splits, and other various technical adjustments.

Program Recommendation Summary

010 - Children and Families Services

DCYF requests \$2,780,000 (\$2,722,000 GF-S) in the 2027-29 Biennial Budget. This includes funding to adjust the base funding levels for the Public Health Nurses and SSB 5911 steps as well as continue the FTE authority for the Positive Indian Parenting step. Additionally, a funding adjustment is requested for Workers Compensation funding splits.

020 - Juvenile Rehabilitation

DCYF requests \$430,000 GF-S in the 2027-29 Biennial budget to update rates paid for county detention beds. DCYF requests funding for the rate increases to keep pace with rising wages and operational costs.

030 - Early Learning

DCYF requests \$692,000 (\$1,162,000 GF-S and -\$143,000 ELTA) in the 2027-29 Biennial Budget. This includes proviso funding adjustments for ESIT, funding restoration for Early Learning Facility technical assistance, and proviso and funding adjustments for ECLIPSE. Additionally, a funding adjustment is requested for Workers Compensation funding splits.

090 - Program Support

DCYF requests \$22,065,000 GF-S to correct Central Service Model and Workers Compensation funding splits.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2028	2029	2027-29	2030	2031	2029-31
Staffing						
FTEs	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	\$1,361	\$1,361	\$2,722	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 2	\$27	\$27	\$54	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 2	(\$9,108)	(\$12,957)	(\$22,065)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 2	(\$92)	(\$92)	(\$184)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 1	\$9,108	\$12,957	\$22,065	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 1	\$581	\$581	\$1,162	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - C	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 001 - 1	\$215	\$215	\$430	\$215	\$215	\$430
Fund 001 - A	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 08A - 1	(\$143)	(\$143)	(\$286)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$1,951	\$1,951	\$3,902	\$215	\$215	\$430
Revenue						
001 - 0393	\$29	\$29	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$0
001 - 0393	(\$92)	(\$92)	(\$184)	\$0	\$0	\$0
001 - 0393	(\$9,108)	(\$12,957)	(\$22,065)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	(\$9,171)	(\$13,020)	(\$22,191)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) requests funding in the amount of \$3,902,000 (\$26,379,000 GF-S) and 1.0 full time equivalent (FTEs) in the 2027-29 Biennial Budget for technical corrections.

For Program 010, DCYF is requesting funding to adjust base funding levels for the Public Health Nurses and 5911 DCYF/Financial Stability

budget steps from the 2026 Supplemental budget to reflect a full year of implementation. Additionally, DCYF is requesting FTE authority to adjust base funding levels continue the FTE authority in the 2027-29 biennium for Positive Indian Parenting. Furthermore, a funding adjustment is requested to align Workers Compensation steps with the new funding splits.

For Program 020, DCYF is requesting a rate increase for county beds. County youth detention beds are used as a placement resource for JR-involved youth at sentencing and during parole if a youth is determined to be a risk to the community. On the day a young person is sentenced, their care becomes the responsibility of DCYF. It takes anywhere from one to five days to facilitate transfer from the county detention to a JR facility. If it is determined that a young person, while on parole, Community Transition Services (CTS), or at a community facility, represent a risk to the community, they are initially moved to a county detention bed to ensure community safety, until transportation to Green Hill School or Echo Glen Children's Center can be facilitated. To maintain this critical resource, JR is requesting a rate increase of \$135 based on the new cost model created by the DCYF rates team. The prior rate established in the FY26 Supplemental was \$250, so this will bring the rate to \$385.

For Program 030, DCYF is requesting a transfer for ECLIPSE program funding associated with IT costs from a prior Program Transfer budget step. Furthermore, an adjustment to Appropriation Index sources is requested for the ECLIPSE program to align with legislative authority. Also, an adjustment is requested to Appropriation Index sources to correct for a Proviso removal in the ESIT program. Additionally, DCYF requests an adjustment for Appropriation Index sources for the ESIT program to increase efficiency and reduce administrative burden, as well as a funding adjustment to accurately reflect a reduction in the Early Learning Technical assistance fund. Finally, a funding adjustment is requested to align Workers Compensation steps with the new funding splits.

For Program 090, DCYF requests a funding adjustment to correct Central Service Model and Workers Compensation funding splits.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

This request does not expand, reduce, or eliminate any DCYF programs. It only aligns funding to meet the programmatic needs of the agency.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

Tables below show the funding adjustments being requested by program and budget step.

Program 010 – Children and Families Services

Public Health Nurses: In 2026 Supplemental budget, DCYF received six months of funding to implement Step NURS Public Health Nurses to allow time to implement this new program. The base funding level, Carryforward Level adjustment, provided six months of funding, rather than providing for full implementation in FY 2028 and FY 2029. DCYF requests \$1,754,000 GF-S in the 2027-29 Biennial budget to provide a full 12 months of funding for each fiscal year.

Program 010: Carryforward level step NURS Public Health Nurses				
Original Budget Item	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
FY26 Supplemental Public Health Nurses Funding	\$ -	\$ 876,000	\$ 1,753,000	\$ 1,753,000
CFL Adjustment			Funding	
			FY 2028	FY 2029
FY 1 and FY 2 Base			\$ -	\$ 876,000
Funding Adjustment			\$ 876,000	\$ -
Total Funding			\$ 876,000	\$ 876,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request			FY 2028	FY 2029
FY27-29 Original Funding			\$ 1,753,000	\$ 1,753,000
Less Carryforward level Adjustment			\$ 876,000	\$ 876,000
Difference Needed			\$ 877,000	\$ 877,000

Positive Indian Parenting: In the Carryforward Level Step Positive Indian Parenting, FTE authority was not provided in FY 2028 and FY 2029. However, the amounts for the FTE were fully funded. DCYF requests that FTE continue in FY 2028 and FY 2029. There's no additional funding requested.

Program 010: Carryforward level step Positive Indian Parenting					
Original Budget Item	Fund/FTE	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
FY27-29 Biennium Positive Indian Parenting	FTE	1.0	1.0	-	-
FY27-29 Biennium Positive Indian Parenting	All Funds	\$ 448,000	\$ 441,000	\$ 441,000	\$ 441,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request				FY 2028	FY 2029
Difference Needed				1.0	1.0

SB 5911/Financial Stability: In the outlook for the FY26 Supplemental Budget, Step 5911 DCYF/Financial Stability was fully funded at \$2,252,000 GF-S for the 2027-29 biennium. However, the Carryforward level only funded \$1,226,000 GF-S. DCYF requests \$1,026,000 GF-S to align funding with the outlook.

Program 010: Carryforward level step 5911 DCYF/Financial Stability				
Original Budget Item	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
FY26 5911 DCYF/Financial Stability	\$ -	\$ 613,000	\$ 1,126,000	\$ 1,126,000
CFL Adjustment			Funding	
			FY 2028	FY 2029
FY 1 and FY 2 Base			\$ -	\$ 613,000
Funding Adjustment			\$ 613,000	\$ -
Total Funding			\$ 613,000	\$ 613,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request			FY 2028	FY 2029
FY27-29 Original Funding			\$ 1,126,000	\$ 1,126,000
Less Carryforward level Adjustment			\$ 613,000	\$ 613,000
Difference Needed			\$ 513,000	\$ 513,000

Central Service Model: The Central Services Model calculates a Workers Compensation funding split of 68 percent General Fund State and 32 percent General Fund Federal. However, these costs do not reflect the actual fund split of the expenditures incurred, which results in overfunding General Fund State for DCYF. DCYF is requesting that the funding model be aligned with the actual fund split of 80.7 percent General Fund State and 19.3 percent General Fund Federal. DCYF requests a fund swap of (\$27,000) per year from GF-S to GF-Federal to correct this overfunding.

Program 010: Workers Compensation Fund Splits			
Original Budget Item	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-1	897,000	897,000
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-2	181,000	181,000
Total		1,078,000	1,078,000
Updated Fund Splits	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
80.70% GF-S	001-1	870,000	870,000
19.30% GF-Federal	001-2	208,000	208,000
Total		1,078,000	1,078,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	(27,000)	(27,000)
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-2	27,000	27,000
Total		-	-

Program 020 – Juvenile Rehabilitation

DCYF is proposing an increase of the \$250 per bed daily rate to \$385 in the FY27 Supplemental budget as a step towards a fair rate that more appropriately accounts for the rising operational costs that counties are experiencing and the true cost of providing detention service.

Using the average bed days from 2023-2025 (1,595) x \$135 per day increase, it results in \$215,00 GF-S additional annual cost, or \$430,000 GF-S per biennium.

Program 30 – Early Learning

In the FY26 Supplemental budget EEC ECEAP/ECLIPSE Transfer step, funding was provided to manage the ECLIPSE contracts. DCYF is requesting to transfer the funding to Program 090 Program Support to cover the costs of IT management of the contracts. This funding authority transfer nets to zero.

Program 030: ECLIPSE					
Original Budget Item	Fund	Program	Appropriation	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial CFL - ECLIPSE Services	08A-1	030	091/092	\$ 142,000	\$ 142,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	Program	Appropriation	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	08A-1	030	091/092	\$ (142,000)	\$ (142,000)
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	08A-1	090	091/092	\$ 142,000	\$ 142,000

In the 2026 Supplemental budget, the legislature increased GF-S authority for the ECLIPSE program by \$143,000 and reduced ELTA funding by \$143,000. During development of the expenditure authority schedule, the GF-S non proviso authority was inadvertently reduced by \$143,000 per fiscal year, and \$143,000 was added to ELTA non-proviso authority. DCYF is requesting a funding adjustment to the expenditure authority schedule to reflect legislative intent. This funding adjustment nets to zero.

In the FY26 Supplemental budget a proviso was created for the ESIT program ELTA funding. DCYF requests that this proviso ESSB 5998 Section 236 (22) be removed and the funding moved to the non-proviso ELTA appropriation. The funding adjustment nets to zero.

Program 030: Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Base Funding					
Original Budget Item	Fund	Proviso	Appropriation	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 CFL Base Funding	08A-1	236(22)	AG1/2	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund		Appropriation	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	08A-1	236(22)	AG1/2	\$ (2,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	08A-1	No	EA1/2	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000

In the 2025-27 Biennial budget, legislature funded an ESIT multiplier increase through the Special Education Funding proviso GP1/2. In the

FY26 Supplemental budget, the legislature proviso'd the state special education funding with the Early Support/Infants and Toddlers proviso AP1/2, which resulted in two separate provisos for the state special education funding. DCYF requests that the Special Education Funding Proviso GP1/1 be combined with the Early Supports/Infants and Toddlers proviso AP1/2 to increase efficiency and reduce administrative burden. The funding adjustment nets to zero.

Program 030: Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Multiplier Increase						
Original Budget Item	Fund	Appropriation	FY1 - FY26	FY2 - FY27	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
FY26 Supplemental Budget Special Education Proviso	001-1	GP1/2	\$ 8,144,000	\$ 9,264,000		
27-29 CFL - Special Education Proviso	001-1	GP1/2			\$ 1,120,000	
27-29 Base Funding - Special Education Proviso	001-1	GP1/2			\$ 8,144,000	\$ 9,264,000
27-29 Biennial Funding					\$ 9,264,000	\$ 9,264,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	Appropriation			FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	GP1/2			\$ (9,264,000)	\$ (9,264,000)
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	AP1/2			\$ 9,264,000	\$ 9,264,000

In the 2025-27 Biennial budget, Legislature intended to reduce base funding for the Fair Start for Kids Act Early Learning Facility technical assistance by the 2023-25 Biennial underspend in the Early Learning Technical Assistance Fund. Instead, the reduction was mistakenly taken out of GF-S. DCYF is requested that the GF-S be restored.

Program 030: Fair Start for Kids Act						
Original Budget Item	Fund	FY1 - FY26	FY2 - FY27	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29	
25-27 CFL - FS11 Employer-Supported Child Care	08A-1	\$ 408,000	\$ 408,000			
25-27 ELFF - ELF Fund Technical Assistance	001-1	\$ (346,000)	\$ (346,000)			
FY26 Supplemental Budget - 0034 Employer-Supported Child Care	08A-1	\$ (408,000)	\$ (408,000)			
27-29 Biennial Funding	001-1	\$ (346,000)	\$ (346,000)			
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund			FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29	
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1			\$ 346,000	\$ 346,000	

The Central Services Model calculates a Workers Compensation funding split of 52 percent General Fund State and 48 percent General Fund Federal. However, these costs do not reflect the actual fund split of the expenditures incurred, which results in underfunding General Fund State for DCYF. DCYF is requesting that the funding model be aligned with the actual fund split of 100 percent General Fund State. DCYF requests a fund swap of \$92,000 to GF-S per year, and (\$92,000) GF-Federal per year to correct this underfunding.

Program 030: Workers Compensation Fund Splits			
Original Budget Item	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-1	218,000	216,000
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-2	92,000	92,000
Total		310,000	308,000
Updated Fund Splits	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
100.00% GF-S	001-1	310,000	308,000
00.00% GF-Federal	001-2	-	-
Total		310,000	308,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	92,000	92,000
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-2	(92,000)	(92,000)
Total		-	-

Program 090 – Program Support

The Central Services Model calculates a funding split of 86 percent General Fund State and 14 percent General Fund Federal. However, these costs do not reflect the actual fund split of the expenditures incurred, which results in underfunding General Fund State for DCYF in the Central Services Model. DCYF is requesting that the funding model be aligned with the actual fund split of 89.49 percent General Fund State and 10.51

percent General Fund Federal. DCYF requests a fund swap of \$9,136,000 to GF-S and (\$9,136,000) from GF-Federal for FY28 and \$12,984,000 to GF-S and (\$12,984,000) from GF-Federal for FY29.

Program 090: Central Service Model Fund Splits			
Original Budget Item	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Total Central Service CFL	001-1	210,597,000	171,416,000
27-29 Total Central Service CFL	001-2	34,942,000	34,641,000
Total		245,539,000	206,057,000
Updated Fund Splits	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
89.49% GF-S	001-1	219,733,000	184,400,000
10.51% GF-Federal	001-2	25,806,000	21,657,000
Total		245,539,000	206,057,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	9,136,000	12,984,000
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-2	(9,136,000)	(12,984,000)
Total		-	-

The Central Services Model calculates a Workers Compensation funding split of 86 percent General Fund State and 14 percent General Fund Federal. However, these costs do not reflect the actual fund split of the expenditures incurred, which results in overfunding General Fund State for DCYF. DCYF is requesting that the funding model be aligned with the actual fund split of 80.60 percent General Fund State and 19.40 percent General Fund Federal. DCYF requests a fund swap of (\$28,000) per year from GF-S to GF-Federal to correct this overfunding.

Program 090: Workers Compensation Fund Splits			
Original Budget Item	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-1	418,000	416,000
27-29 Workers Comp CFL	001-2	66,000	67,000
Total		484,000	483,000
Updated Fund Splits	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
80.60% GF-S	001-1	390,000	389,000
19.40% GF-Federal	001-2	94,000	94,000
Total		484,000	483,000
FY 2027 - 2029 Biennial Request	Fund	FY1 - FY28	FY2 - FY29
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-1	(28,000)	(27,000)
27-29 Biennial Request -- Difference Needed	001-2	28,000	27,000
Total		-	-

Workforce Assumptions:

Not applicable.

Historical Funding:

Not applicable.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

This request is in support of the Governor's Results Washington Goal 5: Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government.

Performance Outcomes:

This request supports DCYF's workforce stability, growth, professional learning, and fiduciary, information technology as well as data integrity.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

The agency is committed to meaningful community outreach and engagement, particularly with populations disproportionately impacted. This includes working closely with tribes, community-based organizations, families with lived experience, and service providers to deliver culturally responsive services that are accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the families' needs.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

The services supported by this request will ensure there is no disruption in service delivery.

Target Communities and Populations:

This request ensures the continuation of essential services that directly support underserved children, youth, and families, who already face systemic barriers to access. This proposal helps protect equitable access and prevents increasing disparities.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

The agency actively seeks and incorporates input from impacted communities.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

Not applicable.

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not applicable.

State Workforce Impacts:

Not applicable.

Intergovernmental:

Not applicable.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Not applicable.

State Facilities Impacts:

Not applicable.

Changes from Current Law:

Not applicable.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

Not applicable.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

Not applicable.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2028	2029	2027-29	2030	2031	2029-31
Obj. A	\$26	\$26	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$8	\$8	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$472	\$472	\$944	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. N	\$884	\$884	\$1,768	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. C	\$215	\$215	\$430	\$215	\$215	\$430
Obj. A	\$228	\$228	\$456	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$118	\$118	\$236	\$0	\$0	\$0

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