

CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
SSPS Operations



2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	\$264,000	\$545,000	\$809,000
Total	\$264,000	\$545,000	\$809,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Children's Administration (CA) requests \$809,000 GF-State in the 2016 Supplemental Budget for maintenance and operations costs of the Social Service Payment System (SSPS) until such time CA is able to secure funding and a vendor to replace the SSPS authorization and payment processing functionality. If the CA SSPS Replacement Decision Package is funded, the Fiscal Year 2017 funding in this request may shift to the Economic Services Administration.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Multiple administrations within DSHS utilize SSPS to provide authorization and payment processing for direct services provided to children and families. SSPS processes CA provider payments and is essential to support a mission-critical child welfare system. On average, CA processes a total of \$20,700,000 in provider payments through SSPS each month. This represents approximately 40,000 payments to 14,000 providers per month.

Each DSHS administration utilizing SSPS is allocated their fair share of the system costs to operate SSPS. However, other administrations are phasing out the use of SSPS, leaving CA with an increased percentage of the maintenance and operations costs. This request is for funding to support the increased share of SSPS costs attributed to CA.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

CA requests funding to support the maintenance and operation costs of SSPS until such time as CA is able to secure funding and a vendor to replace the SSPS authorization and payment processing functionality. SSPS is an antiquated, 40 year old Unisys system that is no longer able to be sustained by DSHS and must be sunset. The system costs and the risks of operating SSPS are increasing due to difficulties in the ability to maintain an obsolete, near end-of life system.

If the SSPS Replacement DP is funded, the Fiscal Year 2017 funding in this request may shift to ESA.

EXPECTED RESULTS

CA will be able to continue making 40,000 payments to 14,000 providers per month.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

CA has active key stakeholders. This request is to fund an essential operational function to pay providers for services to children and families in the child welfare system.



DSHS VISION

People are healthy • People are safe • People are supported • Taxpayer resources are guarded

DSHS MISSION

To transform lives

DSHS VALUES

Honesty and Integrity • Pursuit of Excellence • Open Communication • Diversity and Inclusion • Commitment to Service