

# ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SSPS Operations



## 2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	\$408,000	\$912,000	\$1,320,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$520,000</b>	<b>\$1,164,000</b>	<b>\$1,684,000</b>

### DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Economic Services Administration (ESA) requests \$1,684,000 (\$1,320,000 GF-State) in the 2016 Supplemental Budget for maintenance and operations costs of the Social Service Payment System (SSPS) until such time ESA is able to secure funding and a vendor to replace the SSPS authorization and payment processing functionality. If the SSPS Replacement DP is funded, the Fiscal Year 2017 funding in this request may not be needed.

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

Multiple administrations within DSHS utilize SSPS to provide authorization and payment processing for direct services provided to children and families. Each DSHS administration utilizing SSPS is allocated their fair share of the system costs to support SSPS. However, other administrations are phasing out the use of SSPS, leaving ESA 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 ESA.

### PROPOSED SOLUTION

ESA requests funding to support the maintenance and operation costs of SSPS until such time as ESA 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 not be needed.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

ESA will continue making payments for various public assistance programs, including child care, to providers and clients.

### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

ESA has active key stakeholders. This request is to fund an essential operational function to pay providers for services to children and cash grants to clients.



#### 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