

# ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SSPS Replacement



## 2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	Placeholder	Placeholder	Placeholder
GF-State	Placeholder	Placeholder	Placeholder
<b>Total</b>	Placeholder	Placeholder	Placeholder

### DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Economic Services Administration (ESA) requests a PLACEHOLDER for funding in the 2016 Supplemental Budget for a payment replacement solution to the Social Service Payment System (SSPS).

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

SSPS in 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. SSPS makes payments for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), Seasonal Child Care, payments to outside providers to support Supplemental Security Income (SSI) facilitation and other ESA programs. WCCC subsidy payments are assumed to be moving to a new system to be developed by the Department of Early Learning in the future, leaving the smaller payment public assistance programs on the aging system.

SSPS processes ESA provider payments and is essential to supporting mission critical public assistance programs. ESA's payments represent approximately 35 percent of all SSPS payments in a fiscal year. ESA processes approximately \$21,358,000 in payments through SSPS each month to 8,085 providers. Failure of SSPS would jeopardize payments to providers.

### PROPOSED SOLUTION

ESA proposes to begin work on purchasing or developing a replacement payment option to continue providing payments that support ESA programs that also meet with federal privacy requirements.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

ESA will move to a modern payment system and continue making payments for its public assistance programs.

### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

ESA expects that stakeholders will support moving to a more modern, operational system to provide assistance 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