

2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

ENHANCING TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE

Request	FY14	FY15	13-15
FTE	0	1.0	0.5
GF-State	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Total	\$0	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Children's Administration (CA) requests pass through funds to tribal governments and one FTE in order to further develop the ability of tribes to provide child welfare responses. By funding this request, CA is expected to enhance the safety of children involved in tribal child welfare systems.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Currently, tribes lack the resources to adequately address the child welfare needs of their citizens. In addition, tribal children are over represented in the state child welfare system. Both CA and the tribes lack an adequate number of tribal foster placements. As CA implements its change in front end practice, Family Assessment Response (FAR), tribes need resources to co-implement this change.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

CA proposes to make small grants available to tribes to enhance tribal child welfare response. Specifically, these resources would assist in creating or enhancing tribal run foster care licensing, tribal specific recruitment for foster homes, and resources for tribes to build implementation plans for FAR in their own communities. CA anticipates needing an additional staff member to administer these grants and provide outreach and technical assistance to tribes.

EXPECTED RESULTS

CA expects these funds to increase the number of available tribal foster homes and increase child safety in tribally involved child welfare cases.

This request supports Results Washington Goal 4 of Healthy and Safe Communities. Funding this request will result in less tribal children with founded allegations of abuse or neglect, Child Protective Cases that are open more than 90 days and in out-of-home placement for five or more years.

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STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Our tribal partners and service providers will be supportive of this proposal.