

## 2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

### MEETING FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

Request	FY14	FY15	13-15
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	\$0	\$743,000	\$743,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,485,000</b>	<b>\$1,485,000</b>

#### DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Children's Administration (CA) requests contracted IT services in order to bring the FamLink system into full federal compliance. By funding this request, CA is expected to increase data integrity and support for good social work practice by bringing FamLink into federal compliance.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

FamLink has not been federally certified, making maintenance and operations ineligible for full federal match. CA has typically only received funding to upgrade FamLink to address legislative mandates such as Family Assessment Response (FAR) implementation. Federal recommendations have included pre-populating forms where possible to ease use of the system, creating linkages so data changed in one portion of FamLink is adjusted elsewhere in the system, updating drop down options to reflect current practice, creating more escalation alerts and payment integrity alerts, and creating linkages to reports and documents currently maintained outside of FamLink such as court-related documents. Without additional resources, CA will only be able to minimally address the recommendations in our federal review and will not be able to maximize federal funding for FamLink.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTION

CA estimates it will require \$1.485 million in an IT contract to make the changes to FamLink to make the system compliant with federal requirements. CA has 15 change requests that were generated from initial meetings with our federal reviewers. We expect to receive a final report with recommendations in the fall and may receive additional change requests at that time. CA is proposing that this work be done within its current contract with CGI but has begun planning for exiting from that contract in 2015 and moving to the use of more state employees, which is more cost effective and sustainable.

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#### EXPECTED RESULTS

The recommendations made by our federal regulators regarding our IT system should have several benefits including improving system performance, data integrity and security, and workload for social workers.

This request supports Results Washington Goal 5 of Effective, Efficient and Accountable Government. Funding this request will result in meeting federal compliance.

#### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Child welfare stakeholders and system participants should support this investment because it will ensure CA's focus on creating and maintaining a consistent and high quality child welfare system.