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Department of Social Services

Item 404	First Year - FY1999	Second Year - FY2000
Employment Assistance Services (46200)	\$65,386,473	\$69,163,036
Employment Services Payments (46207)	\$7,691,669	\$12,018,232
Financial Assistance for Employment Services (46209)	\$5,726,253	\$5,676,253
Individual and Family Economic Independence Services Through Employment Assistance Services (46210)	\$51,968,551	\$51,468,551
Fund Sources:		
General	\$23,284,509	\$22,670,217
Federal Trust	\$42,101,964	\$46,492,819

Authority: Title 63.1, Chapter 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5, Code of Virginia; P.L. 104-193, Federal Code, as amended; Title IV, Part A, of the federal Social Security Act.

A. Included in the amount for Financial Assistance for Employment Services is \$1,098,403 from the general fund and \$2,164,708 from nongeneral funds the first year and \$1,098,403 from the general fund and \$2,164,708 from nongeneral funds the second year for services provided under the Food Stamp Employment Training Program.

B. The Department of Social Services, in collaboration with local departments of social services, shall maintain minimum performance standards for all local departments of social services participating in the Virginia Initiative for Employment, Not Welfare (VIEW) program. The department shall allocate VIEW funds to local departments of social services based on these performance standards and VIEW caseloads. The allocation formula shall be developed and revised in cooperation with the local social services departments and the Department of Planning and Budget.

C. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$240,129 from nongeneral funds in the first year and \$240,129 from nongeneral funds in the second year shall be provided to Russell County, in collaboration with other public and private entities to develop and implement job placement, employment training, and skills training for participants in the Virginia Initiative for Employment, Not Welfare (VIEW) program. Funds from this appropriation may also be used in other contiguous localities (Planning District 1 and Planning District 2) with the approval of a steering committee composed of the directors of local departments of social services in the above-listed localities.

D. To the extent permitted by federal law, food stamp recipients subject to a work requirement pursuant to §824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law Number 104-193, as amended, shall be permitted to satisfy such work requirement by providing volunteer services to a public or private, non-profit agency for the number of hours per month determined by dividing the household's monthly food stamp allotment by the federal minimum wage.

E. Out of the amount in Employment Services Payments, \$500,000 from the general fund, \$1,000,000 from

nongeneral funds, and \$6,191,669 from the Temporary Assistance to needy families (TANF) block grant the first year and \$500,000 from the general fund and \$1,000,000 from nongeneral funds and \$10,518,232 from the federal TANF block grant the second year are appropriated to assist hard-to-employ recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to prepare for, obtain, and retain employment.

F. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$50,000 in the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Family Service of Central Virginia, Inc., for the Central Virginia Family Loan Program.

G. Out of this appropriation shall be provided \$500,000 in nongeneral funds from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant the first year for a demonstration of Virginia Individual Development Accounts (VIDAs), tax-exempt accounts for participants in the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare program, when withdrawals are used to complete vocational school or college, purchase a home, or start a business. Sites will be established in five localities. The VIDA demonstration will be conducted with the cooperation of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, Virginia Commonwealth University, and relevant non-profit organizations. Any unexpended balance shall be carried forward and reappropriated in the second year for the purpose of the demonstration. An interim report shall be provided to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by December 1998, and status reports shall be provided annually thereafter.

H.1. Out of this appropriation shall be provided \$1,415,000 in nongeneral funds in the first year and \$1,415,000 in nongeneral funds in the second year from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for child care training of TANF recipients or a TANF-eligible family member. Regional training shall be developed at Norfolk State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, the Virginia Community College System, and private nonprofit agencies in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, local social services departments, and the Virginia League of Social Service Executives.

2. The Department of Social Services shall measure the effectiveness of these programs based on established outcome measures.