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Department of Social Services

Item 343	First Year - FY2013	Second Year - FY2014
Financial Assistance to Community Human Services Organizations (49200)	\$24,150,789	\$23,400,789 \$24,150,789
Community Action Agencies (49201)	\$12,888,048	\$12,888,048
Volunteer Services (49202)	\$3,866,340	\$3,866,340
Other Payments to Human Services Organizations (49203)	\$7,396,401	\$6,646,401 \$7,396,401
Fund Sources:		
General	\$4,406,725	\$3,656,725 \$3,748,621
Federal Trust	\$19,744,064	\$19,744,064 \$20,402,168

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 54; Title 63.2, Code of Virginia; Title VI, Subtitle B, P.L. 97-35, as amended; P.L. 103-252, as amended; P.L. 104-193, as amended, Federal Code.

A.1. All increased state or federal funds distributed to Community Action Agencies shall be distributed as follows: The funds shall be distributed to all local Community Action Agencies according to the Department of Social Services funding formula (75 percent based on low-income population, 20 percent based on number of jurisdictions served, and five percent based on square mileage served), adjusted to ensure that no agency receives less than 1.5 percent of any increase.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$185,725 the first year and \$185,725 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Community Action Partnership to support the Virginia Earned Income Tax Coalition (EITC) and provide grants to local organizations to provide outreach, education and tax preparation services to citizens who may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. The Virginia Community Action Partnership shall report on its efforts to expand the number of Virginians who are able to claim the federal EITC, including the number of individuals identified who could benefit from the credit, the number of individuals counseled on the availability of the federal EITC, and the number of individuals assisted with tax preparation to claim the federal EITC. This report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by December 1 each year.

3. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year *from the general fund* and \$500,000 the second year from ~~the general fund~~ *the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant* shall be provided to Community Action Agencies.

B. The department shall continue to fund from this Item all organizations recognized by the Commonwealth as community action agencies as defined in §2.2-540 et seq.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$760,000 the first year and ~~\$760,000~~ \$601,896 the second year from the general fund and \$2,475,501 the first year and ~~\$2,475,501~~ \$2,633,605 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant shall be provided to Healthy Families Virginia. These funds shall be used at the discretion of local sites for obtaining matching Title IV-E nongeneral funds when available. The Department of Social Services shall continue to allocate funds from this item to the statewide office of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia for providing the coordination, technical support, quality assurance, training and evaluation of the Healthy Families Virginia program.

D.1. Out of ~~the this~~ appropriation, \$1,500,000 the first year and ~~\$750,000~~ \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF). These funds shall be matched with local public and private resources with a goal of leveraging a dollar for each state dollar provided. Funds shall be awarded to proposals that seed and foster community programs that enhance the health, safety and well-being of Virginia's youth. The Foundation shall account for the expenditure of these funds by providing the Governor, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees with a certified audit and full report on Foundation initiatives and results not later than October 1 of each year for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30.

2. On or before October 1 of each year, the foundation shall submit to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a report on the actual amount, by fiscal year, of private and local government funds received by the foundation.

3. Out of the appropriation in D.1., the VECF shall work with public and private partners to develop recommendations for a kindergarten readiness assessment and subsequent pilot project(s). The VECF shall appoint an advisory committee comprised of relevant stakeholders, which include representatives from the Departments of Social Services and Education, local school divisions, private sector, higher education, Smart Beginnings coalitions, and subject matter experts, to develop a pilot design and appropriate metrics. Recommendations and approved pilot design shall be reported by July 1, 2013, and outcomes from pilot projects shall be reported by July 1, 2014, to the Governor, Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and Education.

E. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided for Volunteer Emergency Families for Children to expand its shelter care network for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless, and at-risk children throughout Virginia.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided for the Child Abuse Prevention Play administered by Theatre IV of Richmond.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for dementia-specific training of long-term care workers dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders through the Virginia Alzheimer's Association Chapters.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Northern Virginia Family Services to provide comprehensive safety net services for children and families.

I. Out of this appropriation, \$931,000 the first year and \$931,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to sustain statewide services provided through child advocacy centers. The department shall develop a request for proposal to (i) distribute 67 percent of the allocated funds for accredited child advocacy centers and 30 percent for associate/developing child advocacy centers, as recognized and in good standing with the National Children's Alliance, with input from Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia (CACVA); (ii) allocate three percent to Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia, the recognized chapter of National Children's Alliance for Virginia's child advocacy centers, for the purpose of assisting and supporting the development, continuation and sustainability of

community-coordinated, child-focused services delivered by children's advocacy centers; and (iii) distribute any non-allocated funding equally to accredited and associate/developing child advocacy centers awarded funding in section (i) of this paragraph.

J. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the County of Prince William to establish a pilot program that improves services and performance at facilities located within the county that are licensed residential treatment centers for children eligible for pool funding under the Comprehensive Services Act. The objectives of these grants shall be to assist facilities to improve practices with a goal of implementing a "system of care" model, resulting in placement of children in the least restrictive environment. Desired outcomes shall include, but not be limited to, improved patient scores on the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths instrument; and, appropriate lengths of stay based on identified reasons for referral to the facility. Of this amount, up to \$10,000 per year may be retained by Prince William County for grant administration.