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Department of Social Services

Item 350	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	\$118,257,564	\$92,615,728
General Management and Direction (49901)	\$3,583,395	\$3,583,395
Information Technology Services (49902)	\$93,101,459	\$67,441,540
Accounting and Budgeting Services (49903)	\$9,229,000	\$9,242,789
Human Resources Services (49914)	\$3,215,152	\$3,219,446
Planning and Evaluation Services (49916)	\$3,686,920	\$3,686,920
Procurement and Distribution Services (49918)	\$2,904,054	\$2,904,054
Public Information Services (49919)	\$2,184,157	\$2,184,157
Financial and Operational Audits (49929)	\$353,427	\$353,427
Fund Sources:		
General	\$46,368,056	\$38,472,352
Special	\$175,000	\$175,000
Federal Trust	\$71,714,508	\$53,968,376

Authority: Title 63.2, Chapter 1; § [2.2-4000](#) et seq., Code of Virginia; P.L. 98-502, P.L. 104-156, P.L. 104-193, P.L. 104-327, P.L. 105-33, as amended, P.L. 105-89, Federal Code; Titles IV-A, IV-B, IV-D, IV-E, XIX, XX, XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.

A. The Department of Social Services shall require localities to report all expenditures on designated social services, regardless of reimbursement from state and federal sources. The Department of Social Services is authorized to include eligible costs in its claim for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Maintenance of Effort requirements.

B. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner, Department of Social Services shall work with localities that seek to voluntarily merge and consolidate their respective local departments of social services. No funds appropriated under this act shall be used to require a locality to merge or consolidate local departments of social services.

C.1. Out of this appropriation, \$473,844 the first year and \$473,844 the second year from the general fund and \$781,791 the first year and \$781,791 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided to support the statewide [2-1-1](#) Information and Referral System which provides resource and referral information on many of the specialized health and human resource services available in the Commonwealth, including child day care availability and providers in localities throughout the state, and publish consumer-oriented materials for those

interested in learning the location of child day care providers.

2. The Department of Social Services shall request that all state and local child-serving agencies within the Commonwealth be included in the Virginia Statewide Information and Referral System as well as any agency or entity that receives state general fund dollars and provides services to families and youth. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Education and Workforce, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall assist in this effort by requesting all affected agencies within their secretariats to submit information to the statewide Information and Referral System and ensure that such information is accurate and updated annually. Agencies shall also notify the Virginia Information and Referral System of any changes in services that may occur throughout the year.

3. The Department of Social Services shall communicate with child-serving agencies within the Commonwealth about the availability of the statewide Information and Referral System. This information shall also be communicated via the Department of Social Services' broadcast system on their agency-wide Intranet so that all local and regional offices can be better informed about the Statewide Information and Referral System. Information on the Statewide Information and Referral System shall also be included within the department's electronic mailings to all local and regional offices at least biannually.

D.1. Out of this appropriation, \$3,452,065 the first year from the general fund and \$961,620 the first year from nongeneral funds shall be provided to complete the base contract to modernize the eligibility determination systems in the Department of Social Services. If any additional funding is needed, the department shall complete modernization efforts within existing resources.

2. Within 30 days of awarding a contract related to the eligibility project, the Department of Social Services shall provide the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and Director, Department of Planning and Budget with a copy of the contract including costs.

3. Beginning July 1, 2012, the Department of Social Services shall also provide semi-annual progress reports that must include a current project summary, implementation status, accounting of project expenditures and future milestones. All reports shall be submitted to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and Director, Department of Planning and Budget.

E.1. The Department of Social Services shall provide to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a report on the implementation of the Asset Verification Service that is part of the Eligibility Modernization Project on or before September 1, 2016. It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage financial institutions with branches in Virginia to work collaboratively with the department and its vendor in order to maximize participation in the Asset Verification Service program.

2. The Department shall also develop a plan and submit it to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees to incorporate searchable national real estate records as part of the Asset Verification Service program as soon as the data are available.