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Department of Social Services

Item 338	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	**$160,180,965**	**$160,180,965**
General Management and Direction (49901)	$13,660,827	$13,660,827
Information Technology Services (49902)	$101,060,983	$101,060,983
Accounting and Budgeting Services (49903)	$10,814,040	$10,814,040
Human Resources Services (49914)	$7,345,285	$7,345,285
Planning and Evaluation Services (49916)	$7,038,243	$7,038,243
Procurement and Distribution Services (49918)	$5,842,130	$5,842,130
Public Information Services (49919)	$4,689,612	$4,689,612
Financial and Operational Audits (49929)	$9,729,845	$9,729,845
Fund Sources:		
General	$70,972,083	$74,114,030
Special	$975,000	$975,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
Federal Trust	$86,133,882	$82,991,935

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. At least 60 days prior to the modification of any public guidance document, handbook, manual, or state plan, the Department of Social Services (DSS) shall provide written notification to the Governor and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget as to the purpose of such change. This notice shall also assess whether the amendment may require any 1) future state regulatory action; 2) increase in local costs; and/or 3) any state expenditure beyond that which is appropriated in this Act. This notice does not exempt the agency from any requirements set forth within § 4-5.03 of this Act.

B. The Department of Social Services shall report a detailed accounting, annually, of the agency's organization and operations. This report shall include an organizational chart that shows all full- and part-time positions (by job title) employed by the agency as well as the current management structure and unit responsibilities. The report shall also provide a summary of organization changes implemented over the previous year. The report shall be made available on the department's website by August 15 of each year.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E.1. Out of this appropriation, $936,149 the first year and $936,149 the second year from the general fund and $1,331,847 the first year and $1,331,847 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. Of the amounts appropriated in E.1., $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Social Services to increase interpretation and translation services to help immigrants in Virginia access local resources through 2-1-1, including healthcare, housing, and other social services.

3. 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 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.

4. 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.

F.1. Within 30 days of awarding or amending any contract related to the Virginia Case Management System (VaCMS), the Department of Social Services (DSS) shall provide the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and Director, Department of Planning and Budget with a copy of the contract, including any fiscal implications.

2. Prior to the award of any contract that will potentially obligate the Commonwealth to future unappropriated spending, the department shall receive prior written concurrence from Director, Department of Planning and Budget. Any approved increases in funding requests shall be reported by DSS to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within 30 days.

G.1. Out of this appropriation, $350,000 the first year and $350,000 the second year from the general fund and $350,000 the first year and $350,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be available for the development of an integrated benefits system and replacement for CommonHelp. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward

and reappropriated for this purpose. Funding is not authorized for any purpose other than the design, development, and implementation of the new CommonHelp Portal.

2. The appropriation made in Item 334 G., Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, shall only be used for the design, development, and implementation of the new CommonHelp Portal.

H. Out of this appropriation, $780,000 the first year and $780,000 the second year from the general fund and $780,000 the first year and $780,000 the second year from nongeneral funds are provided to implement enhanced electronic identity validation services. The department shall report the impact of these services to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1 of each year.

I. Out of this appropriation, $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund shall be provided to the Department of Social Services to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator that will allow members of the public seeking care to determine the proper level of care, access providers in their area, determine insurance coverage, and view provider quality metrics.