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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 25/26-05

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 25/26-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM ALLOCATION FINAL FISCAL YEAR
(FY) 2025-26

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTOR LETTER \(ACWDL\) DATED
JUNE 11, 2025;](#)
[CFL 24/25-65](#), [CFL 24/25-11](#), [CFL 22/23-43](#),
[CFL 21/22-90](#), [CFL 21/22-26](#)

This letter informs counties of the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 allocation for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP).

A total of \$95.0 million in General Fund (GF) is available for CalWORKs HSP based on the Budget Act of 2025. The FY 2025-26 funding was made available to all 58 counties as outlined in the [ACWDL dated June 11, 2025](#), using the needs-based, non-competitive allocation methodology detailed in that letter. Counties were required to accept or decline all or a portion of the planning allocation via the HSP Director's Certification by July 11, 2025. Funds that were declined have been redistributed to counties that indicated they can accept additional funding using the same needs-based methodology outlined in the [ACWDL dated June 11, 2025](#), up to the amount of additional funding they are able to accept or the amount of funding available to redistribute. All funds must be utilized in accordance with the program guidance and state law as described in that letter.

Attachment I displays the final FY 2025-26 allocation including funds redistributed as a result of the FY 2025-26 Director's Certification process. The FY 2025-26 allocation is available for expenditure through June 30, 2026.

As a result of the one-time expenditure and claiming extension detailed in [CFL 24/25-65](#), the balance of FY 2021-22 through FY 2024-25 allocations is available for expenditure through December 31, 2025. The audited June 2025 County Expense Claim (CEC) data will be available in late August 2025 and the projected multi-year balance of the FY 2021-22 through FY 2024-25 allocations will be calculated at that time. Once the projected

balance has been calculated, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will shift 95 percent from the FY 2024-25 HSP ledger in the County Expense Claim Reporting Information System (CECRIS) to the FY 2025-26 HSP ledger. The remaining five percent of the projected balance will be retained in the FY 2024-25 ledger for potential supplemental claim adjustments, but the full balances are available to counties in FY 2025-26 if not spent in the FY 2024-25 supplemental claims. For HSP, CDSS will also monitor claiming activity throughout the fiscal year and process additional shifts as necessary to ensure funding is accessible during both the supplemental and original quarterly claiming processes and/or FY closeout of these allocations. Please refer to [CFL 22/23-05](#) for additional information.

The CalWORKs HSP allocation is tracked against Ledger 164 – HSP. Counties should claim costs to the following Program Codes (PC) and the associated Time Study Codes, Program Identifier Numbers, and Direct-to-Program codes to capture activities and costs for CalWORKs HSP:

- PC 0893 – CalWORKs Housing Support Non-Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
- PC 0440 – CalWORKs Housing Support Non-MOE Administration
- PC 0894 – CalWORKs Housing Support Non-Federal
- PC 0698 – CalWORKs Housing Support Non-Federal Administration
- PC 0895 – CalWORKs Housing Support Federal
- PC 0408 – CalWORKs Housing Support Federal Administration

The total costs claimed to HSP PCs exceeding the allocation will be transferred to county share using State Use Only (SUO) Code 0896 (SUO CalWORKs Housing Support Overmatch). For additional claiming instructions, please refer to [CFL 21/22-90](#) and [CFL 21/22-26](#).

Historically, CalWORKs HSP has been funded with federal TANF funds and state GF. However, starting from FY 2023-24, counties' HSP expenditures have been reimbursed with reappropriated GF HSP funds regardless of which codes were used to claim expenditures. CDSS will continue to fund CalWORKs HSP with 100 percent GF for FY 2025-26. Counties must continue to claim the CalWORKs HSP codes in accordance with the case's eligibility (i.e., federal, non-federal, non-MOE). Additional information will be provided in a forthcoming CFL.

Questions regarding CalWORKs HSP should be sent to the Housing and Homelessness Division at Housing@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding this CFL should be sent to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Fund/Subclass:
0001/10000
ORG No.: 56107001
Account No.: 7870/0

**CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS)
HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 ALLOCATION**

COUNTY	FY 2025-26 PLANNING ALLOCATION	FY 2025-26 DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION REDISTRIBUTION	FY 2025-26 FINAL ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$2,554,920	\$29,532	\$2,584,452
Alpine*	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0
Amador	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Butte	\$2,467,139	\$0	\$2,467,139
Calaveras	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Colusa	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Contra Costa	\$2,835,605	\$0	\$2,835,605
Del Norte	\$251,030	\$2,902	\$253,932
El Dorado	\$1,089,138	\$0	\$1,089,138
Fresno	\$1,569,182	\$18,138	\$1,587,320
Glenn	\$813,869	(\$239,492)	\$574,377
Humboldt	\$806,655	\$9,324	\$815,979
Imperial	\$1,098,540	\$12,698	\$1,111,238
Inyo	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Kern	\$1,434,927	\$0	\$1,434,927
Kings	\$862,782	\$9,973	\$872,755
Lake	\$360,862	\$4,171	\$365,033
Lassen	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Los Angeles	\$11,639,200	\$134,531	\$11,773,731
Madera	\$518,956	\$5,998	\$524,954
Marin	\$1,018,341	\$11,771	\$1,030,112
Mariposa	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Mendocino	\$426,254	\$0	\$426,254
Merced	\$2,795,866	\$0	\$2,795,866
Modoc	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Mono	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Monterey	\$1,263,996	\$14,610	\$1,278,606
Napa	\$276,159	\$3,192	\$279,351
Nevada	\$541,694	\$6,261	\$547,955
Orange	\$1,744,558	\$20,165	\$1,764,723
Placer	\$795,048	\$9,190	\$804,238
Plumas	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Riverside	\$3,698,068	\$0	\$3,698,068
Sacramento	\$4,128,975	\$0	\$4,128,975
San Benito	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
San Bernardino	\$5,234,961	\$60,510	\$5,295,471
San Diego	\$5,363,811	\$61,999	\$5,425,810
San Francisco	\$5,658,149	\$65,401	\$5,723,550
San Joaquin	\$1,176,166	\$13,595	\$1,189,761
San Luis Obispo	\$3,065,722	\$35,436	\$3,101,158
San Mateo	\$2,315,071	\$0	\$2,315,071
Santa Barbara	\$1,021,895	\$0	\$1,021,895
Santa Clara	\$5,348,244	\$61,819	\$5,410,063
Santa Cruz	\$2,324,881	\$26,873	\$2,351,754
Shasta	\$1,213,226	\$14,023	\$1,227,249
Sierra*	\$250,000	(\$250,000)	\$0
Siskiyou	\$451,816	\$5,222	\$457,038
Solano	\$2,796,452	\$0	\$2,796,452
Sonoma	\$1,626,989	\$0	\$1,626,989
Stanislaus	\$1,813,501	\$20,962	\$1,834,463
Sutter	\$1,051,306	\$12,152	\$1,063,458
Tehama	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Trinity	\$250,000	\$2,890	\$252,890
Tulare	\$652,710	\$0	\$652,710
Tuolumne	\$288,439	\$3,334	\$291,773
Ventura	\$1,420,278	\$0	\$1,420,278
Yolo	\$2,295,107	\$26,529	\$2,321,636
Yuba	\$1,389,512	\$16,061	\$1,405,573
Total	\$95,000,000	\$0	\$95,000,000

*These counties do not operate a CalWORKs Housing Support Program.