

Board Agenda Item 70

DATE:	June 10, 2025
TO:	Board of Supervisors
SUBMITTED BY:	Sanja Bugay, Director, Department of Social Services
SUBJECT:	Budget Resolutions

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Adopt Budget Resolution increasing the FY 2024-25 appropriations for the Social Services Fund 0065, Subclass 17235, SB163-AAP Org 1130 in the amount of \$2,200,000 to offset the Adoptions Program expenses (4/5 vote); and
- 2. Adopt Budget Resolution decreasing FY 2024-25 appropriations for the Local Revenue Fund 2011 Fund 0271, Subclass 13027, Protective Services Subaccount Org 6210 in the amount of \$2,200,000 (4/5 vote).

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Approval of the recommended actions will provide the Department with the budgetary tools needed to adjust funding sources by transferring appropriations between the Department's Special Revenue Funds, the SB163-AAP Org 1130 and Protective Services Subaccount Org 6210, to offset Adoptions Program expenses. This item is countywide

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There are no viable alternative actions. If the recommended actions are not approved, the Department will not have sufficient appropriations in the SB163-AAP Org 1130 to reimburse expenses associated with the Adoptions Program through the end of the fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Recommended Action one will increase appropriations in the SB163-AAP Org 1130 (\$2,200,000) with available fund balance and recommended Action two will decrease appropriations in the Protective Services Subaccount Org 6210 (\$2,200,000).

DISCUSSION:

The Department administers the Adoptions Program designed to support families and children through the adoptions process. This includes assisting in the adoptive placement and activities preceding the adoptive placement, such as child adoptability assessment, adoptive applicant screening, home study, and Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP) assessment. With Assembly Bill 1301 (Chapter 827, Statutes of 2019), effective July 1, 2020, the Department also manages and distributes funds for the Private Adoptions Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP), which compensates licensed private adoption agencies for costs associated with supporting families through the process of adopting children eligible for AAP benefits. The Department is able to support Adoption services through Federal, State, State approved Senate Bill 163

Wrap Around Program (SB163-AAP) funds for the adoptive population, as well as County funds from either county general fund, 1991 Realignment, or 2011 Realignment.

Currently the Department supports 3,200 in active adoption cases as well as a yearly average of 200 youth into permanent adoptive homes. Support to existing finalized adoption cases sometimes requires additional service and case management support to assure adoptions are not disrupted. The Department utilizes a team of approximately 20 social workers to support the adoption process and support existing adoptive families and youth experiencing a crisis to avoid disillusionment of the adoption. This sometimes requires short-term intensive services supported through SB163-AAP.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to maximize revenue and continue to reimburse the General Fund timely for Adoptions Program expenses. The first recommended action will provide the Department with sufficient appropriations to use available fund balance in the SB163-AAP Org 1130 to offset Adoptions Program. The second recommended action will decrease the appropriations in the Protective Services Subaccount Org 6210 by the same amount, completing the transfer of the appropriations between the Special Revenue Funds.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Resolution (Org 1130) On file with Clerk - Resolution (Org 6210)

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander