Dept of Children, Youth, & Families

2023-25 First Supplemental Budget Session

Maintenance Level - A4 - Settlement Payouts

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Children, Youth and Families requests $94,615,000 General Fund State in the 2024 Supplemental Budget to cover the balance of settlement agreements not covered by the State Agency Self-insurance Liability Program.

Program Recommendation Summary

090 - Program Support

The Department of Children, Youth and Families requests $94,615,000 General Fund State in the 2024 Supplemental Budget to cover the balance of settlement agreements not covered by the State Agency Self-insurance Liability Program.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary *Dollars in Thousands*	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2024	2025	2023-25	2026	2027	2025-27
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	$94,615	$0	**$94,615**	$0	$0	**$0**
Total Expenditures	**$94,615**	**$0**	**$94,615**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Decision Package Description

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families requests funding of $94,615,000 for two settlement agreements. DCYF requests $91,250,000 to cover obligations related to the settlement and legal fees associated with the Powell v. State of Washington agreement. DCYF also requests funding of $3,365,000 for the Aroni v. State of Washington agreement. (DCYF is liable to pay settlement agreements that exceed the amount covered by State Agency Self-Insurance Liability.)

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

Not Applicable.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

DCYF requests total funding of $94,615,000 for two settlement agreements.

The cost of the Powell v. State of Washington settlement agreement is $91,250,000.

The cost of the Aroni v. State of Washington settlement agreement is $3,365,000.

Workforce Assumptions:

Not Applicable.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

Results Washington Goals:

Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government

Performance Outcomes:

This request funds liability obligations.

Equity Impacts

Community outreach and engagement:

Not Applicable.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

Not Applicable.

Target Populations or Communities:

Not Applicable.

Other Collateral Connections

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not Applicable.

State Workforce Impacts:

Not Applicable.

Intergovernmental:

Not Applicable.

Stakeholder Response:

Not Applicable.

State Facilities Impacts:

Not Applicable.

Changes from Current Law:

Not Applicable.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

Not Applicable.

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

Not Applicable.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure *Dollars in Thousands*	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2024	2025	2023-25	2026	2027	2025-27
Obj. E	$94,615	$0	**$94,615**	$0	$0	**$0**

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