



**Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County Children's Trust
Fund Three-Year Funding Proposal for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-21 through 2022-23**

BACKGROUND

In accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18967 the following three-year funding proposal for FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23 is hereby submitted for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' (Board) review and approval.

2019/2020 TRUST FUND BALANCE:

2019/2020 FY beginning balance on July 1, 2019: **\$601,383**

2019/2020 FY Revenue: **\$908,698**

2019/2020 FY Spending: **\$1,079,455**

2019/2020 Balance as of June 30, 2020: **\$430,626**

2020/2021 TRUST FUND BALANCE:

2020/2021 FY beginning balance on July 1, 2020: **\$430,626**

2020/2021 FY Revenue: **\$990,715**

2020/2021 FY Spending: **\$775,751**

2020/2021 Balance as of June 30, 2021: **\$645,590**

The final trust fund balance for 2021/2022 is anticipated to be available in September 2022.

2020-2021 and 2021-2022 FUNDING PROPOSAL:

The AB 2994 Children's Trust Fund funding is proposed for the following ongoing child maltreatment prevention and intervention programs and services:

A. Voluntary Guardianship Services and Special Education Legal Advocacy: \$550,000

Contracted services provide guardianship counseling for parents and assistance to relatives with low income who seek to obtain legal guardianship of children. Services also provide legal advice, advocacy, education/training, collaboration, and/or representation to relative and non-related caregivers of youth in foster care in the areas of special education, compliance with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and school related disciplinary matters.

The recommendation of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 is used to support Legal Guardianship and \$250,000 for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 is used to support Special Education Legal Advocacy services. Funds were allocated to the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) for these legal services and support through current contracts with nonprofits.

B. Kinship Caregiver Support: \$300,000

Funds were allocated to provide primary and secondary prevention services through existing contracts for Kinship Caregiver Support. These funds support kinship caregivers programs and activities. The recommendation for \$300,000 for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 will support CWS contracted services for:

- Kinship support groups;
- Caregiver navigation services to identify caregiver needs and linkages to services and resources; and
- Family enrichment and social connection activities.

C. Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board: \$50,000 - Reduced from \$200,000

Funds were allocated to further the mission of the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board:

- To serve as an informational resource to the Board on issues related to child maltreatment.
- Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child maltreatment cases.
- Recommend improvements in services to strengthen families and victims who are in public charge, as well as children, youth, and families whose safety and welfare may be at risk.
- Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect, and family strengthening programs.
- Address emerging issues including Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.

This allocation has been adjusted down from the previous allocation of \$200,000 to align with the current funding utilization.

2022-2023 FUNDING PROPOSAL:

The AB 2994 Children's Trust Fund funding is proposed for the following ongoing child maltreatment prevention and intervention programs and services and new priority:

A. Voluntary Guardianship Services and Special Education Legal Advocacy: \$550,000 – Ongoing

Funds will be allocated to CWS for the current contract with a nonprofit provider for the continued provision of legal services and special education representation.

B. Kinship Caregiver Support: \$400,000 - Increased from \$300,000

Funds will be allocated to CWS for the current Kinship Support contract to continue efforts supporting Kinship caregivers programs and activities. This allocation is an increase of \$100,000 to expand the current contract to increase the reach of services and resources to formal and informal Kinship families and bolster community support and connections with an emphasis on Kinship families of color residing in under-resourced communities.

C. Pre-Petition Legal Advocacy: \$300,000 – New Priority

Funds will be allocated to CWS to contract with providers for the provision of pre-petition legal advocacy for families interacting with CWS and not in an open case. These funds will provide legal services to parents in an effort to mitigate safety concerns and prevent the need for children to enter foster care. This allocation is in direct alignment with the CWS Working

Group Recommendation (#23) to explore the provision of court-appointed legal services to children as well as parents who are diverted to Probate Court.

D. Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board: \$50,000 – Ongoing

Funds will be allocated for qualifying child abuse prevention promotional events, materials, and communication.

Funding Proposal for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Voluntary Guardianship Services and Special Education Legal Advocacy: \$550,000
Kinship Caregiver Support: \$300,000
Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board: \$50,000
Proposed Allocation: \$900,000
Actual FY Expenditure: \$775,751

Funding Proposal for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
Voluntary Guardianship Services and Special Education Legal Advocacy: \$550,000
Kinship Caregiver Support: \$300,000
Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board: \$50,000
Proposed Allocation: \$900,000
Actual FY Expenditure: To Be Determined

Funding Proposal for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Voluntary Guardianship Services and Special Education Legal Advocacy: \$550,000
Kinship Caregiver Support: \$400,000
Pre-Petition Legal Advocacy: \$300,000
Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board: \$50,000
Proposed Allocation: \$1,300,000