



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

**THROUGH:** TRENT RHORER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FROM:** DANIEL KAPLAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

**DATE:** APRIL 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** **AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** TO ADMINISTER THE “2011 REALIGNMENT CONTRACT SPECIAL ACCOUNT” ON BEHALF OF THE 58 COUNTIES OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Benefits  
and Family Support

Department of Disability  
and Aging Services

The Human Services Agency (HSA) requests authorization to approve the 59<sup>th</sup> County Letter of Agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in accordance with Government Code section 30029.8, for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. HSA would receive allocated funds and reimburse CDSS for services performed on behalf of the 58 California counties through statewide contracts, at no cost to HSA.



### Background

In 2011, California enacted several pieces of legislation (AB 109, AB 117, AB 118, and ABX1 16) which collectively are known as the 2011 Realignment Legislation and which moved the programmatic and fiscal responsibilities for several programs from the State level to the local level of government. In Social Services, the realigned programs included Adoption Assistance, Adoption Administration, Foster Care Assistance, Foster Care Administration, Child Abuse Prevention, Child Welfare Services, and Adult Protective Services.

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The realigned services included several services which were and continue to be provided through Statewide contracts. SB 1020 created a permanent financing structure for the 2011 Realignment programs, including the establishment of the “2011 Realignment Contract Special Account” for the purpose of funding these Statewide contracts. One of the counties is responsible for serving as the “59th county” to fulfill this role and receive the allocated 2011 Realignment funds in order to reimburse the State for the Statewide contracts. Santa Clara County had served as the original “59th County” for the first two fiscal years, fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15. However, in fiscal year 2015-16, with turnover at the top level of fiscal administration in Santa Clara County, San Francisco was approached to take over that role. San Francisco stepped in and has served as the 59th County



since fiscal year 2015-16, with annual agreements each year. Attached is the agreement for fiscal year 2026-27.

**Performance**

In FY 2025-2026, as the 59th county, to date we have received \$10,072,825 of 2011 Realignment Funds into this account, which when added to the \$32,359,456 balance from the previous year, total \$42,432,281 of available funds. In FY 2025-2026, we have been invoiced and have paid to date \$2,094,547 of costs, leaving a current balance of \$40,337,734 to roll forward for fiscal year 2026-27, as of today.

**Services to be Provided**

In FY 2026-2027, the 59th county is projected to receive and reimburse the State \$27,000,000 for the following Statewide contracts.

<b>FY 2026-27: CDSS Contracts to Provide Services</b>	<b>26-27 Amount</b>
Chafee Post-Secondary Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)	\$ 5,700,000
Family Builders – Online Registry	\$245,339
Foster Parent Summit (CSUS College of Continuing Education)	\$62,392
Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) Training by Youth Law Center	\$627,844
Department of Health Care Services (PHN)	\$8,293,000
Child and Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC)	\$1,946,897
Department of Health Care Services (ACE)	\$25,801
CFPIC (Adult Services/APS Support)	\$466,666
CFPIC Complex Care (CalAIM Implementation)	\$1,502,000
Northwest Media Inc. – Foster Parent College	\$55,445
Think of Us (Kinship Navigator)	\$379,778
Adult and Child Welfare Services TA (Workforce Workgroup)	\$205,602
MSW Training Program (San Jose University)	\$900,000
Miscellaneous Contracts	\$ 6,489,236
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,000,000</b>

**Funding**

The administration of this contract is at no cost to the Department; it does not require any budget appropriations.

**Attachments**

CDSS Letter of Agreement

