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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS HOME VISITING PROGRAM ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER (ACWDL) DATED APRIL 10, 2024
CFL 25/26-55, CFL 21/22-26, CFL 18/19-84,
CFL 18/19-69, CFL 18/19-49;
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS 11330.6 THROUGH 11330.9

This letter informs counties of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Home Visiting Program (HVP) allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27. A total of approximately $116.2 million in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds and General Fund is available based on the Budget Act of 2026, as shown in the attachment.

Established by WIC Sections 11330.6-11330.9, the CalWORKs HVP is a voluntary program supervised by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and administered by participating California County Welfare Departments (CWDs). The CalWORKs HVP is designed to support positive health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting individuals, families, and infants born into poverty; expand future educational, economic, and financial capability opportunities; and improve the likelihood that the family will exit poverty.

In order to participate in the CalWORKs HVP, counties are required to have an approved Request for County Plan (RFCP) on file in accordance with the application process described in ACWDL dated April 10, 2024. Through the RFCP process, 41

counties applied and have been approved to participate in the CalWORKs HVP during FY 2026-27.

As a reminder, WIC Section 11330.6(b) specifies that the services offered via the HVP are not entitlement services and participating CWDs may limit the number of families participating in the program to ensure that costs do not exceed the amount of funds awarded to the county for this purpose. Funding awarded for the purpose of home visiting services must not supplant expenditures from any other existing funding sources subject to county control for home visiting services. HVP funds may be used in combination with funding from other sources if the entirety of services provided meet the award requirements of the program.

This allocation provides specific funding for the CalWORKs HVP. It does not include funding for the CalWORKs HVP Employment Services, as that portion of the funding is included in the Employment Services component of the CalWORKs Single Allocation. The Employment Services funding will be available for exempt cases not participating in a Welfare-to-Work activity that may become exempt-volunteer cases due to participation in the CalWORKs HVP. Additional information regarding FY 2026-27 funding for Employment Services in the CalWORKs Single Allocation is forthcoming.

The CDSS, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, has distributed the funding based on the following methodology:

- Fifty percent is distributed based on a percent to total of each opt-in county's FY 2025-26 Projected Expenditures.
- The remaining fifty percent is distributed based on a percent to total of each opt-in county's FY 2026-27 Projected Budget based on an increased caseload.
- Each opt-in county is initially allocated at least their FY 2026-27 Projected Budget or their FY 2025-26 HVP Allocation as provided in CFL 25/26-55, whichever is higher.
- In an effort to support the equitable distribution of available funding statewide, counties with a year-over-year allocation growth exceeding 50 percent had a portion of their funds redistributed to ensure all opt-in counties receive a funding increase of at least 13 percent.

The CalWORKs HVP allocation and expenditures are tracked to Ledger 183 – CalWORKs Home Visiting Program. Additional claiming instructions can be found in CFL 18/19-49, CFL 18/19-69, CFL 18/19-84, and CFL 21/22-26.

CalWORKs HVP program costs are claimed to the following PCs:

- PC 4220 – HVP – Federal
- PC 4221 – HVP Federal – Administration
- PC 4222 – HVP Federal – Service Delivery
- PC 4240 – HVP – Non-Federal

- PC 4241 – HVP Non-Federal – Administration
- PC 4242 – HVP Non-Federal – Service Delivery
- PC 4260 – HVP – Non-Federal Non-Maintenance-Of-Effort (MOE)
- PC 4261 – HVP Non-Federal Non-MOE – Administration
- PC 4262 – HVP Non-Federal Non-MOE – Service Delivery

Expenditures exceeding the allocation will be shifted to county-only funding via State Use only (SUO) code 0436 (SUO-Home Visiting Program Overmatch).

Program-related questions regarding the CalWORKs HVP should be directed to the CalWORKs Program Innovation and Evaluation Bureau at CalWORKsHVP@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

FISCAL YEAR 2026-27
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY
AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
HOME VISITING PROGRAM ALLOCATION*

COUNTY	ALLOCATION* (FEDERAL/STATE)
ALAMEDA	$3,498,692
ALPINE	$0
AMADOR	$0
BUTTE	$513,483
CALAVERAS	$0
COLUSA	$182,983
CONTRA COSTA	$1,669,419
DEL NORTE	$0
EL DORADO	$0
FRESNO	$4,949,217
GLENN	$0
HUMBOLDT	$241,948
IMPERIAL	$695,876
INYO	$0
KERN	$5,704,126
KINGS	$1,323,302
LAKE	$0
LASSEN	$100,951
LOS ANGELES	$37,789,312
MADERA	$957,595
MARIN	$0
MARIPOSA	$0
MENDOCINO	$147,246
MERCED	$2,221,198
MODOC	$0
MONO	$0
MONTEREY	$1,699,927
NAPA	$278,011
NEVADA	$171,398
ORANGE	$4,697,452
PLACER	$227,711
PLUMAS	$0
RIVERSIDE	$6,296,540
SACRAMENTO	$6,991,946
SAN BENITO	$0
SAN BERNARDINO	$4,750,962
SAN DIEGO	$4,843,465
SAN FRANCISCO	$5,853,621
SAN JOAQUIN	$3,495,245
SAN LUIS OBISPO	$580,532
SAN MATEO	$100,951
SANTA BARBARA	$0
SANTA CLARA	$2,117,184
SANTA CRUZ	$888,817
SHASTA	$692,831
SIERRA	$0
SISKIYOU	$171,978
SOLANO	$1,983,755
SONOMA	$660,158
STANISLAUS	$2,393,143
SUTTER	$444,554
TEHAMA	$279,640
TRINITY	$0
TULARE	$3,387,971
TUOLUMNE	$179,058
VENTURA	$1,680,345
YOLO	$826,727
YUBA	$579,730
TOTAL	**$116,269,000**

*Federal funds are Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and awarded under Assistance Listing No. 93.558.