

Sub-strategy Request

Agency Code:	Agency Name:	Prepared by:	Statewide Goal Code:	Strategy Code:		
530	Family and Protective Services	Donna Krueger	03-18	01-02-10-04		
AGENCY GOAL:	01 In collaboration with other public and private entities, protect children, elder adults, and persons with disabilities, from abuse, neglect and/or exploitation by providing integrated service delivery systems that results in quality outcomes, and reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation by maximizing resources for early intervention, prevention, and aftercare.					
OBJECTIVE:	02 By 2009, provide or manage a quality integrated service delivery system for 70 percent of children at risk of abuse/neglect to mitigate the effects of such maltreatment and assure that the confirmed incidence of abuse and neglect does not exceed 7.3 per 1,000 children.					
STRATEGY:	10 Provide financial reimbursement for the care, maintenance, and support of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in licensed, verified childcare facilities; and monetary assistance for children in the relative and other designated caregiver program.					
SUB-STRATEGY:	04 Kinship Care Pilot Project					
Code:	Sub-strategy Request	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Objects of Expense:					
1001	Salaries and Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1002	Other Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	0
2001	Professional Fees and Services	0	0	0	0	0
2002	Fuels and Lubricants	0	0	0	0	0
2003	Consumable Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
2004	Utilities	0	0	0	0	0
2005	Travel	0	0	0	0	0
2006	Rent - Building	0	0	0	0	0
2007	Rent - Machine and Other	0	0	0	0	0
2009	Other Operating Expense	0	0	0	0	0
3001	Client Services	91,000	60,000	0	0	0
3002	Food for Persons - Wards of State	0	0	0	0	0
4000	Grants	0	0	0	0	0
5000	Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
	Total, Objects of Expense	\$91,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Method of Financing:					
0555	Federal Funds:					
	CFDA #93.558 TANF State Family Assistance	91,000	60,000	0	0	0
	Total, Federal Funds	\$91,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total, Method of Financing	\$91,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Number of Positions (FTE)		-	-	-	-	-

Sub-strategy Request (continued)

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Sub-strategy Description and Justification:

The Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program established in SB 6 was modeled after the kinship care pilot operating in Region 11 (Corpus Christi, Edinburg, and the Valley). This sub-strategy reports the FY 2005 cost of the Region 11 pilot for the one-time integration payments of up to \$1,000 for each caregiver and the reimbursement of other expenses up to \$500 per year per child. This pilot ended with the implementation of the Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Monetary Assistance Program beginning in March 2006.

The statutory and/or constitutional provisions for this sub-strategy are the Texas Family Code, Title 5 and the HR Code, Chapters 40 and 42.

External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:

Relative and other designated caregiver placements enable the child to live with people they know and trust, reinforce a child's sense of identify, and help ensure the continuation of lifelong family culture. It helps reduce the stress a child experiences when removed and helps overcome the "foster child" stigma. Providing relative and other designated caregivers with monetary assistance decreases the chances for families to become more deeply involved with the child welfare system and creates placement stability.

Federal and state statutes require placement preference to a relative able to meet the needs of the child in CPS conservatorship. SB 6 provided the ability to expand the pilot project statewide, based on its success that demonstrated fewer children returning to foster care and more relative and other designated caregivers receiving permanent placement of relative children.

This sub-strategy was funded with federal TANF funds. The State is required to provide a minimum of funding referred to as a "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE) in order to receive TANF federal block grant funding. Specific agencies are designated by the Legislature to provide the MOE for the State.