

Sub-strategy Request (continued)

Agency Code:	Agency Name:	Prepared by:	Statewide Goal Code:	Strategy Code:		
530	Family and Protective Services	Donna Krueger	03-19	01-02-11-01		
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:	11 Provide grant benefit payments for families that adopt foster children with special needs who could not be placed in adoption without financial assistance.					
SUB-STRATEGY:	01 Adoption Subsidy Payments					
Code:	Sub-strategy Request	Expended 2005	Estimated 2006	Budgeted 2007	Requested	
					2008	2009
	Method of Financing:					
0001	General Revenue Fund	\$26,641,841	\$0	\$0	\$31,507,538	\$32,850,504
8008	GR Match for Title IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Payments	30,038,231	1,514,963	2,345,688	38,971,223	41,505,126
	Total, General Revenue Funds	\$56,680,072	\$1,514,963	\$2,345,688	\$70,478,761	\$74,355,630
0555	Federal Funds:					
	CFDA #93.659.060 Adoption Assistance Title IV-E - Fed Med Asst	46,629,025	51,055,833	55,927,684	60,141,755	64,564,709
	Total, Federal Funds	\$46,629,025	\$51,055,833	\$55,927,684	\$60,141,755	\$64,564,709
0599	Economic Stabilization Fund	0	28,491,512	30,011,362	0	0
8104	Economic Stabilization Fund - Match for Title IV-E	0	31,568,679	33,758,361	0	0
	Total, Other Funds	\$0	\$60,060,191	\$63,769,723	\$0	\$0
	Total, Method of Financing	\$103,309,097	\$112,630,987	\$122,043,095	\$130,620,516	\$138,920,339
	Number of Positions (FTE)	-	-	-	-	-

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Sub-strategy Description and Justification:

Under this sub-strategy, DFPS provides monthly subsidy payments for eligible children with special needs. This monetary assistance reduces barriers to adoption for sibling groups, minority children, school age children and children with disabilities. Without this assistance, many children in DFPS' care would not be adopted, or their placement would be delayed while staff searched for families whose resources were sufficient to meet the children's needs.

The statutory provisions for this sub-strategy are 42 USC 673(a)(1)(B)(i) and (6) 45 C.F.R. 1356.41, Texas Family Code, Title 5 and the HR Code, Chapters 40 and 42. The Social Security Act requires states to provide adoption assistance. By federal law, eligible children are entitled to adoption assistance to at least age 18.

External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:

DFPS has a two-tiered payment ceiling that allows additional assistance to children whose service needs are moderate or higher at the time of adoptive placement. Since the average cost of an adoption subsidy is significantly less than the average cost of foster care, there is an economic benefit to the State when adoptions of children with special needs increase.

The number of children free for adoption continues to increase, and the projection for the number of children placed for adoption continues to increase. This strategy request represents the projected cost of adoption subsidy payments based on forecasted caseload growth through FY 2009. As a federal entitlement service, adoption subsidy payments were exempted from the required baseline reduction.

Eligible costs are funded with Title IV-E. State funds are included in accordance with the federal financial participation requirements, as well as to cover costs that are unallowable under Title IV-E.