

2019-20 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET: CHILD WELFARE AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PROPOSALS

Program	Summary	Appropriation (\$ Millions)	Duration
Child Welfare			
Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program	BFH provides housing-related supports to eligible families experiencing homelessness if that homelessness prevents reunification between an eligible family and a child receiving child welfare services, or where lack of housing prevents a parent or guardian from addressing issues that could lead to foster care placement.	\$9.694 GF	One-time, to be spent by June 30, 2022
Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children	The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children provides additional access to early care and education services for abused and neglected children. Funding will expand the amount available to counties in order to provide additional vouchers to children in care.	\$10 GF	Annual
Family Urgent Response System (FURS)	Funding for FURS is intended to provide children and families with the support they need to be successful while increasing placement stability for children and youth in foster care.	\$15 GF \$30 GF	2019-20 2020-21 & On
Federal Title IV-E Administrative Costs Dependency Counsel	The Judicial Council will receive an ongoing \$1.5 million allocation to assist with administering federal funds to support court-appointed dependency counsel representing children and parents at every stage of the dependency proceeding. The federal reimbursements will result in an increase in the dependency counsel budget from \$156.7 million to \$190.655 million annually beginning in 2019-20.	\$1.5 GF \$33.955 Federal	Annual
Foster Family Agencies (FFA) Rate Increase	Commencing July 1, 2019, based on the California Necessities Index (CNI), the Foster Family Agency (FFA) rate will receive a one-time Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 4.15 percent.	\$6.5 GF	Annual
Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support (FPRRS)	This family stability fund supports activities and services to retain, recruit, and support foster parents, relative caregivers, and resource families in order to more effectively place foster youth.	\$21.6 GF	One-Time
Housing Supports for Transition-Age Youth	Administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, funds will be provided to counties for the support of housing navigators to help young adults aged 18 to 21 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system.	\$5 GF	One-time, to be spent by June 30, 2022
Mental Health Workforce Development	Funding to provide grants and scholarships to repay educational loans for former foster youth who commit to provide direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or mental health professional shortage area for at least 24 months.	\$1 GF	One-Time
Resource Family Approval Program	Funding to support county efforts in eliminating the backlog of foster care resource family applications that are pending review and approval.	\$4.177 GF 14.4 GF	2019-20 2020-21 & On
State Department of Education	\$142,000 to provide one position for the joint interagency resolution team and foster youth coordinated services, and \$120,000 to provide one position to support implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula, such as providing unduplicated student counts, matching foster data received from DSS, and meeting foster youth reporting requirements.	\$.262 GF	Annual
Tracking of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Tool Expenditures	The Department of Social Services (DSS) will be required to collaborate with specific stakeholders to track the utilization, workload, and costs associated with implementing the CANS tool, and to incorporate related findings into changes in the 2020-21 California State Budget.	-	-
Transitional Housing Program (THP) - Plus	The California Department of Housing and Community Development will allocate the associated funding to county child welfare agencies. The funding is intended to prioritize housing and services for young adults aged 18 to 25 years who were formerly in the foster care or probation systems.	\$8 GF	Annual
Tribal Youth Diversion	Allocation for tribal youth diversion programs, which address the needs of Indian children using trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.	\$10 GF	One-Time
Youth Reinvestment Grant	Allocation to the Youth Reinvestment Grant, which diverts low-level offenders from initial contact with the juvenile justice system using approaches that are evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate.	\$5 GF	One-Time

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Youth Homelessness			
CalWORKs: Homeless Assistance (HA) Program	HA offers temporary assistance to eligible CalWORKs recipients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. HA can provide payments for temporary shelter, as well as payments to secure or maintain housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages. A maximum cap of 16 consecutive days has been removed, and families may now use HA for up to 16 cumulative days over a year-long period.	\$14.7 GF \$27.6 GF	2019-20 2020-21 & On
College-Focused Rapid Rehousing	Funding provided to the state's three public post-secondary institutions—the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and California Community College (CCC) systems—which must be used to support rapid rehousing efforts that assist homeless and housing insecure college students. Campuses are to use this funding to establish partnerships with community-based housing providers to provide wrap-around services and rental subsidies for eligible students.	19 GF	Annual
First Star Foster youth Program	Funds a First Star Foster Youth Program Cohort at the California State University, Sacramento.	\$.74 GF	One-Time
Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)	A \$650 million allocation to help local jurisdictions to combat homelessness. Additional reporting requirements will be included to gather more data on the effectiveness of the program. Of the \$650 million, a minimum of eight percent will go toward serving homeless youth.	\$650 GF	One-Time
Homeless Youth Act of 2018	Funding will be provided to staff two additional positions to expand the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and implement SB 918 (Weiner), the Homeless Youth Act of 2018.	\$0.389 GF \$0.359 GF	2019-20 2020-21 & On
Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program	This funding extends the Office of Emergency Services' Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program, which provides grants to cover rental assistance, or transitional or supportive housing to homeless youth under 25 years old.	6.67 GF	One-Time
K-12 Homeless Coordinator Education Investment	Provides for 1.5 additional homeless student coordinator positions at the California Department of Education using ongoing federal McKinney-Vento Act funding.	\$0.207 Federal	Annual
K-12 SDUSD Proposition 98 Investment	An allocation for San Diego Unified School District to support the education of homeless youth.	\$0.5 Prop. 98	One-Time
State Department of Education	Funding to implement and report on the Homeless Youth Assessment Fee Waiver Program.	\$0.021 GF	One-Time
Student Basic Needs: CCC	Funding to address student hunger needs and student basic needs at the CCC.	\$3.9 Prop. 98	One-Time
Student Basic Needs: CSU	The UC, CSU, and CCC systems shall work with SDSS to assess the effectiveness of CalFresh and other state programs in addressing student food and housing insecurity. No later than November 1, 2019, the CSU shall submit a report to the Department of Finance and the Legislature regarding its findings and recommendations, as well as information learned from workgroup meetings.	\$15 GF	One-Time
Student Basic Needs: UC	Funding available to support meal donation programs, food pantries serving students, CalFresh enrollment, and other means of directly providing nutrition assistance to students. The funds shall also be used to assist homeless and housing-insecure students in securing stable housing.	\$15 GF	One-Time
Student Hunger and Homelessness	As part of broader efforts to address student homelessness and basic needs insecurity, provides funding to support a systemwide assessment of college-based food programs.	\$0.5 GF	One-Time