DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FY 2022 – FY 2024 BUDGET ANALYSIS

FIGURE 1

BUDGET OVERVIEW, FY 2022 – FY 2024

	Actual FY 2022	Agency FY 2023	Governor FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024
Operating Expenditures:					
State General Fund	$ 326,709,170	$ 388,861,998	$ 394,261,998	$ 412,111,434	$ 389,320,700
Federal Funds	698,521,070	546,440,523	547,290,523	412,820,630	397,523,198
All Other Funds	34,352,703	30,021,697	32,021,697	30,305,923	30,289,264
Subtotal	*$ 1,059,582,943*	*$ 965,324,218*	*$ 973,574,218*	*$ 855,237,987*	*$ 817,133,162*
Capital Improvements:					
State General Fund	$ 186	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Federal Funds	112	-	-	-	-
All Other Funds	204,515	950,000	950,000	-	-
Subtotal	*$ 204,813*	*$ 950,000*	*$ 950,000*	*$ -*	*$ -*
TOTAL	**$ 1,059,787,756**	**$ 966,274,218**	**$ 974,524,218**	**$ 855,237,987**	**$ 817,133,162**
Percentage Change:					
State General Fund	(0.0) %	19.0 %	20.7 %	6.0 %	(1.3) %
All Funds	42.1 %	(8.8) %	(8.0) %	(11.5) %	(16.2) %
FTE Positions	2,657.9	2,682.9	2,682.9	2,659.7	2,642.7

For purposes of this analysis, full-time equivalent (FTE) positions include non-FTE permanent unclassified positions but continue to exclude temporary employees. FTE positions reflect permanent state positions equating to a 40-hour work week.

The Department for Children and Families (DCF) is a cabinet-level agency headed by a secretary appointed by the Governor. The mission of the agency is to protect children, promote healthy families, and encourage personal responsibility. DCF operates through seven programs: Administration, Child Support Services, Economic and Employment Services, Rehabilitation Services, Prevention and Protection Services, the Developmental Disabilities Council, and Client Service Delivery.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Subsequent to the 2022 Session, one adjustment was made to the $374.1 million from the State General Fund (SGF) appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for FY 2023. This adjustment changes the current year approved amount without any legislative action required and includes the following:

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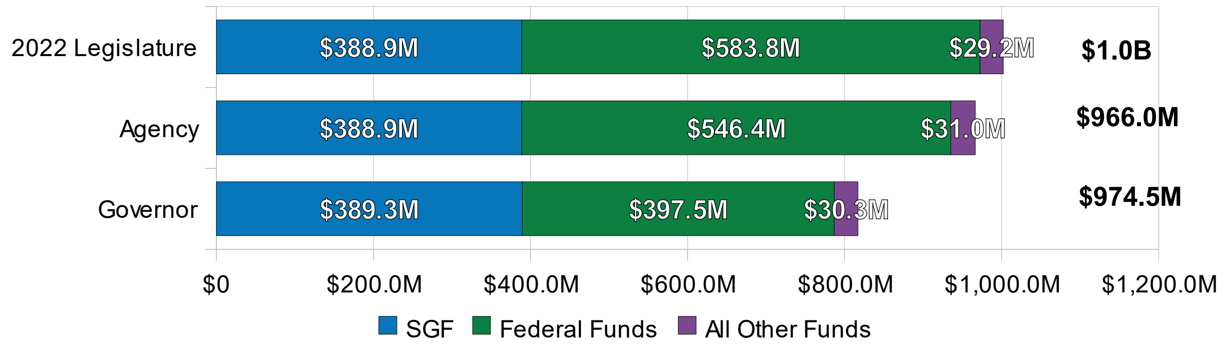
FIGURE 2

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, FY 2023



The **agency** submits an FY 2023 revised estimate of $966.3 million, including $388.9 million SGF, which is a decrease of $35.6 million, or 3.6 percent, below the FY 2023 approved budget. The decrease is all contained in federal or special revenue funds. The decrease is attributable to the depletion of available COVID-19 pandemic funding for child care stabilization grants ($104.1 million) and Child Care Assistance grants ($9.3 million). The decreases were partially offset by increases for new federal programs enhancing Child Care Quality, predominantly for child care bonuses and career pathways ($44.3 million), new utility assistance funding ($17.2 million), and funding allocated for information technology upgrades ($9.4 million).

The agency submits a revised estimate of 2,682.9 FTE positions in FY 2023, which is an increase of 24.0 FTE positions above the approved number. The positions are primarily for new programs in utility assistance and prevention and protection services.

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $974.5 million, including $394.3 million SGF, in FY 2023. The recommendation is an all funds increase of $8.3 million, or 0.8 percent, including an SGF increase of $5.4 million, or 1.4 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to revised estimates for human services caseloads. Expenditures for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) caseloads are anticipated to decline by $750,000, all from federal funds. Expenditures for foster care are projected to increase by $9.0 million, including $5.4 million SGF, in FY 2023. While the projected number of children in foster care is lower than the spring 2022 consensus caseloads estimate, there is an increase in the projected average cost per child.

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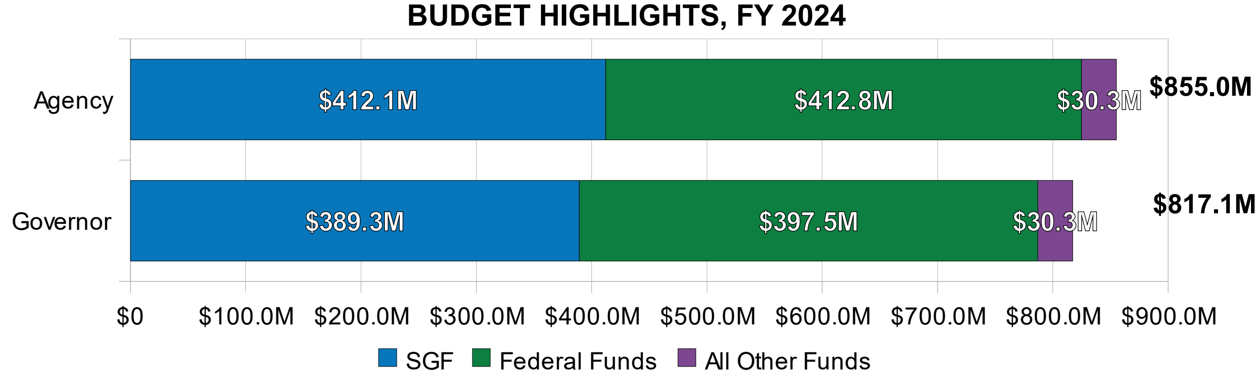

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6.0 percent, from the FY 2023 revised estimate. The request includes 14 enhancement requests totaling $55.8 million, including $37.6 million SGF. Major enhancements include a replacement of the Child Care Welfare Information System ($25.0 million), allowing youth to retain their Social Security Administration/Supplemental Security Income (SSA/SSI) benefits ($7.6 million), enhancing foster care placement rates ($5.1 million), and increasing human services position salaries ($5.8 million). The enhancements are partially offset by reductions in federal funding for various COVID-19 pandemic programs resulting in reductions in staffing levels and child care support grants.

The agency requests 2,659.7 FTE positions for FY 2024, which is a decrease of 23.3 FTE below the FY 2023 revised estimate. The enhancement requests add 17.0 FTE positions related to the Human Services Information Technology Initiative (8.0 FTE positions), 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 employment services (8.0 FTE positions), and changing the allocation for SSA/SSI benefits (1.0 FTE position). The increases are offset by reductions in administration positions and from the reserve pool and due to the end of COVID-19 pandemic funding for some programs.

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $817.1 million, including $389.3 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is an all funds decrease of $38.1 million, or 4.5 percent, including an SGF decrease of $22.8 million, or 5.5 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request. The decrease is attributable to the Governor not recommending enhancements for the Child Care Welfare Information System replacement, expenditures associated with 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 employment services, human services position salary increases, the Human Services Executive Branch Information Technology program, Family Resource Centers, pre-petition legal services, administrative operating expenses, foster care SSA/SS funds, and the Fostering Connections maintenance of effort (MOE).

The Governor recommends partial funding for the Independent Living Subsidy for Youth enhancement request, and the WeKanDrive enhancement request, which is reflected as a decrease from the agency request. In addition to no or partial funding for agency enhancement requests, the overall decrease is also attributable to the deletion of $300,000 SGF for the HOPE Ranch and $900,000 in federal funds to implement the TANF consensus caseloads estimate.

The decreases are partially offset by the the addition of $8.0 million, including $7.4 million SGF, for the foster care consensus caseloads estimate. The foster care estimate is an all funds decrease of $1.0 million, including an SGF increase of $2.0 million, from the FY 2023 revised estimate. While the total number of children in foster care continues to decrease, the daily rate paid to child placing agencies is estimated to increase. Those rate increases are partially offset due to one-time expenditures in FY 2023 for Foster Care Workforce Recruitment ($7.5 million SGF) and the CALM Parent Development Bonus ($450,000 SGF). These expenditures were not included in the fall 2022 consensus caseloads estimate for FY 2024. The estimate does include $3.9 million, including $3.6 million SGF, for a continuation of the Failure to Place Program, which was first initiated in FY 2023.

The Governor recommends the agency requested enhancements for foster care placement rates, rate increases for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services, and Centers for Independent Living. The recommendation also includes $3.7 million, including $1.5 million SGF, to maximize the match for the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The purpose of CCDF is to provide access to child care so parents can work and/or attend school or other training.

EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING

FIGURE 4

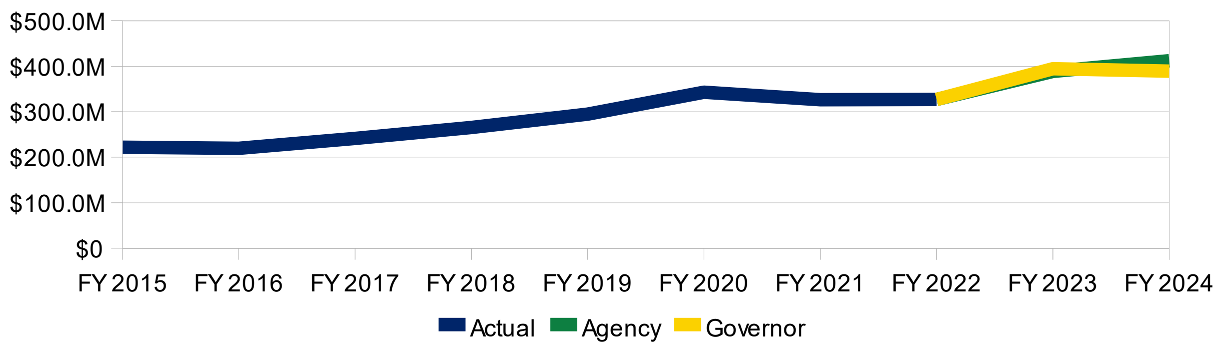
BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE, FY 2022 – FY 2024

	Actual FY 2022	Agency FY 2023	Governor FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024
Category of Expenditure:					
Salaries and Wages	$ 134,356,098	$ 155,075,858	$ 155,075,858	$ 154,766,089	$ 147,518,542
Contractual Services	384,395,405	253,832,424	253,832,424	147,783,585	121,343,531
Commodities	1,213,337	1,285,272	1,285,272	1,323,232	1,316,786
Capital Outlay	1,344,132	4,628,765	4,628,765	1,378,764	1,368,756
Debt Service Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	*$ 521,308,972*	*$ 414,822,319*	*$ 414,822,319*	*$ 305,251,670*	*$ 271,547,615*
Aid to Local Units	1,303,638	-	-	-	-
Other Assistance	536,970,333	550,501,899	558,751,899	549,986,317	545,585,547
Subtotal–Operating	*$ 1,059,582,943*	*$ 965,324,218*	*$ 973,574,218*	*$ 855,237,987*	*$ 817,133,162*
Capital Improvements	204,813	950,000	950,000	-	-
Debt Service Principal	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**$ 1,059,787,756**	**$ 966,274,218**	**$ 974,524,218**	**$ 855,237,987**	**$ 817,133,162**
Financing:					
State General Fund	$ 326,709,356	$ 388,861,998	$ 394,261,998	$ 412,111,434	$ 389,320,700
Special Revenue Funds	34,441,339	30,839,602	32,839,602	30,173,930	30,157,599
Federal Funds	698,521,182	546,440,523	547,290,523	412,820,630	397,523,198
All Other Funds	115,879	132,095	132,095	131,993	131,665
TOTAL	**$ 1,059,787,756**	**$ 966,274,218**	**$ 974,524,218**	**$ 855,237,987**	**$ 817,133,162**
FTE Positions	2,657.9	2,682.9	2,682.9	2,659.7	2,642.7

STATE GENERAL FUND

FIGURE 5

STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



For the Department for Children and Families, SGF expenditures have generally had a gradual increase. SGF moneys are primarily used to provide matching or maintenance of effort requirements for federal funding. The increase in FY 2020 was primarily based on funding for the Family First Prevention Services Act. Grants for these services began October 1, 2019, and the State uses SGF moneys to access federal Title IV-E funding for this subprogram.

FY 2023 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 6

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2023

		SGF		Special Revenue Funds		All Funds	FTE
Legislative Approved:							
Amount Approved by 2022 Legislature	$	374,116,934	$	613,015,746	$	987,132,680	2,658.9
1. SGF Reappropriation		14,745,064		-		14,745,064	--
Subtotal–Legislative Approved	*$*	*388,861,998*	*$*	*613,015,746*	*$*	*1,001,877,744*	*2,658.9*
Agency Revised Estimate:							
2. Child Care Stabilization		-		(104,146,436)		(104,146,436)	--
3. Child Care Quality		-		44,303,988		44,303,988	--
4. Information Technology		-		9,368,663		9,368,663	--
5. Child Support Services		-		1,770,717		1,770,717	--
6. Prevention and Protection Services		-		4,691,583		4,691,583	6.0
7. Utility Assistance		-		17,203,598		17,203,598	14.0
8. Child Care Assistance		-		(9,261,953)		(9,261,953)	--
9. Capital Improvements		-		500,000		500,000	--
10. All Other Adjustments		-		(33,686)		(33,686)	4.0
Subtotal–Agency Revised Estimate	*$*	*388,861,998*	*$*	*577,412,220*	*$*	*966,274,218*	*2,682.9*
Governor's Recommendation:							
11. TANF Caseloads	$	-	$	(750,000)	$	(750,000)	--
12. Foster Care Caseloads		5,400,000		3,600,000		9,000,000	--
TOTAL	**$**	**394,261,998**	**$**	**580,262,220**	**$**	**974,524,218**	**2,682.9**

LEGISLATIVE APPROVED

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1. **SGF REAPPROPRIATION.** The agency added $14.8 million SGF for funds not expended in FY 2022 that reappropriated into FY 2023.

AGENCY ESTIMATE

The **agency** submits an FY 2023 revised estimate of $966.3 million, including $388.9 million SGF, which is a decrease of $35.6 million, or 3.6 percent, below the FY 2023 approved budget. The decrease is all contained in federal or special revenue funds. The decrease is attributable to the depletion of available COVID-19 pandemic funding for child care stabilization grants ($104.1 million) and Child Care Assistance grants ($9.3 million). The decreases are partially offset by increases for new federal programs enhancing child care quality, predominantly for child care bonuses and career pathways ($44.3 million), new utility assistance funding ($17.3 million), and funding allocated for information technology upgrades ($9.4 million).

The agency submits a revised estimate of 2,682.9 FTE positions in FY 2023, which is an increase of 24.0 FTE positions above the approved number. The positions are primarily for new programs in utility assistance and prevention and protection services.

The **agency** estimate includes the following adjustments:

2. **CHILD CARE STABILIZATION.** Deletes $104.1 million, all from special revenue funds, for child care sector grants during the COVID-19 pandemic. The overwhelming majority of the funds were expended by the end of FY 2022.

3. **CHILD CARE QUALITY.** Adds $44.3 million, all from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, for Child Care bonuses, Career Pathways, and other activities funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

4. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.** Adds $9.4 million in additional special revenue funds and allocates SGF reappropriations to enhance funding for Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) and Kansas Management Information System (KMIS) information technology projects.

5. **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES.** Adds $1.8 million in additional special revenue funds and allocates SGF reappropriations for the Child Support Services (CSS) program. The increased expenditures are related to a replatforming of the CSS case management system.

6. **PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES (PPS).** Adds $4.7 million, all from federal funds, for various PPS initiatives. The largest increases are related to local family resource centers ($750,000), Crisis Hotline Marketing ($431,994), pre-petition legal services grants ($785,583), Behavioral Intervention Services ($500,000), and information technology updates in adult protective services ($1.5 million) and the addition of 6.0 FTE positions.

7. **UTILITY ASSISTANCE.** Adds $17.2 million, all from federal funds, for utility assistance including $10.6 million for energy assistance and $6.6 million for water assistance and the addition of 14.0 FTE positions.

8. **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.** Deletes $9.3 million, all from the Child Care Development Block Grant, for child care assistance. The reduction is largely attributable to the decreases in the federal block grant and mandated match funds as pandemic-related programs expire.

9. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.** Adds $500,000, all from the Building Maintenance Fund, for remodeling the lobby and interview rooms in the Topeka Service Center.

10. **ALL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.** Deletes $33,686 for the sum of other various adjustments in the agency budget. In addition to the expenditure and FTE position adjustments described above, the agency added a total of 4.0 FTE positions. The agency deleted a total of 39.0 FTE positions from:

    - Salary and Benefit Reserve Pool (18.0 FTE positions),
    - Client Service Delivery (20.0 FTE positions), and
    - Services for the Blind (1.0 FTE position).

    The deletions are offset by the addition of 43.0 FTE positions, including those for:

    - Administration Program (4.5 FTE positions);
    - Child Support (2.0 FTE positions);
    - Economic and Employment Services Administration (5.7 FTE positions);
    - SNAP Employment Training (6.0 FTE positions);
    - Pre-employment Training Field Staff (13.0 FTE positions);
    - Child and Protective Services Field Staff (9.5 FTE positions); and
    - Other programs (3.7 FTE positions).

GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $974.5 million, including $394.3 million SGF, in FY 2023. The recommendation is an all funds increase of $8.3 million, or 0.8 percent, including an SGF increase of $5.4 million, or 1.4 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to revised estimates for human services caseloads. Expenditures for TANF caseloads are anticipated to decline by $750,000, all from federal funds. Expenditures for foster care are projected to increase by $9.0 million, including $5.4 million SGF, in FY 2023. While the projected number of children in foster care is lower than the spring 2022 consensus caseloads estimate, there is an increase in the projected average cost per child.

The **Governor's** recommendation includes the following adjustments:

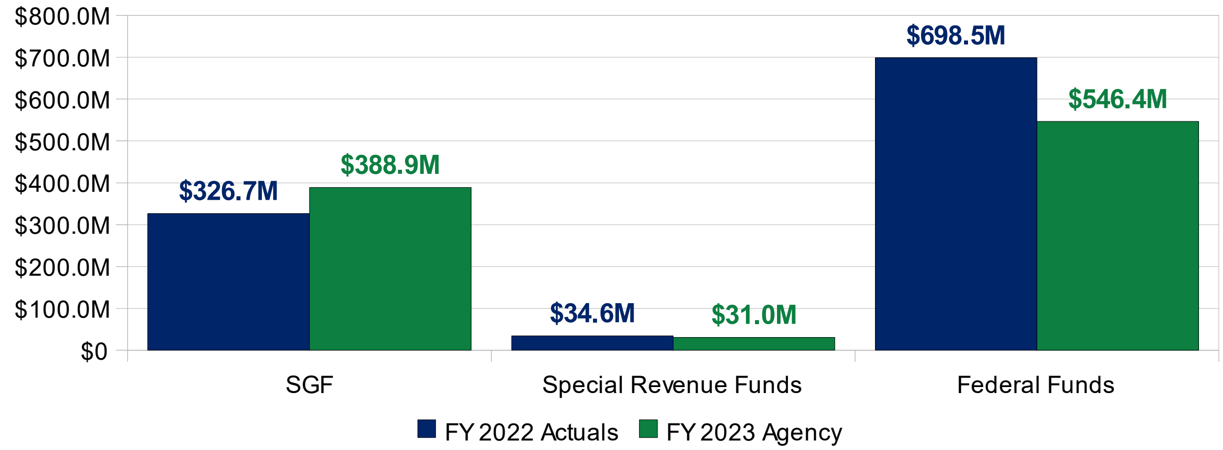
11. **TANF CASELOADS.** Deletes $750,000, all from federal funds, from the FY 2023 revised estimate for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for a total of $10.0 million. The TANF caseload peaked in June 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Supplemental employment benefits made in response to the pandemic ended in September 2021, resulting in a brief spike in TANF benefits, but the decline in benefits has continued since January 2022.

12. **FOSTER CARE CASELOADS.** Adds $9.0 million, including $5.4 million SGF, above the FY 2023 approved budget, for a total of $281.0 million, including $193.0 million SGF. While the projected number of children in foster care is lower than the 2022 spring consensus caseloads estimate, there is an increase in the projected average cost per child. The change is attributable to the number of children in higher cost facilities increasing, an increase in the daily rate paid to facilities, an increase of 15.0 percent in the fees paid to child placement agencies for administrative expenses, and the initiation of a new Failure to Place (FTP) program to reduce the incidence of children sleeping in offices that includes a combination of recruiter positions and additional beds. In FY 2023, DCF will begin enforcing the penalty provisions in the pay for performance contracts that will reduce the expenditures for outcome incentives by $900,000 SGF. Additionally, child placement agencies are expending a larger percentage of their allocated funds, which is reducing the recoupment amounts.

FY 2023 CHANGE FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

FIGURE 7

CHANGE FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, FY 2023



The **agency** estimates revised expenditures of $966.3 million, including $388.9 million SGF, in FY 2023. This is an all funds decrease of $93.5 million, or 8.8 percent, including an SGF increase of $62.2 million, or 19.0 percent, from FY 2022 actual expenditures.

The all funds decrease is attributable to reduced levels of pandemic related federal funding. The Economic and Employment Services program reduced funding by $161.7 million, largely due to reduced Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) funding and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) pandemic stabilization funds.

The all funds reductions were partially offset by an SGF increase of $31.6 million in the Protection and Prevention Services (PPS) program from a combination of legislative initiatives and program underspending. The agency expanded spending for foster care placement ($8.4 million), foster care workforce recruitment ($7.9 million), Families First Services ($8.4 million), and Adoption Support ($2.7 million). The agency also saw underspending in FY 2022 for Family Preservation ($1.6 million).

SGF expenditures for Client Services Delivery increased by $9.5 million over FY 2022 due to a combination of vacant positions in FY 2022 and salary increases.

SGF expenditures for the Administration Program increased by $13.7 million from FY 2022 to the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to funding budgeted for information technology enhancements in the CCWIS and LMIS systems as well as funding budgeted for contingent contracts.

FY 2024 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 8

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2024

	SGF	Special Revenue Funds	All Funds	FTE
Agency Revised Estimate, FY 2023	$ 388,861,998	$ 577,412,220	$ 966,274,218	2,682.9
Agency Request:				
1. Enhancement– CCWIS	$ 12,500,000	$ 12,500,000	$ 25,000,000	--
2. Enhancement– Foster Care Placement	5,132,556	-	5,132,556	--
3. Enhancement– Human Svc. Salaries	3,045,261	2,722,893	5,768,154	--
4. Enhancement– S. Sub. for HB 2448	451,727	1,017,119	1,468,846	8.0
5. Enhancement– VR Services	233,212	861,679	1,094,891	--
6. Enhancement– CILs	216,783	-	216,783	--
7. Enhancement– HS-EBITS	539,311	310,664	849,975	8.0
8. Enhancement– Pre-petition Legal Svc.	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
9. Enhancement– Family Res. Centers	3,125,000	-	3,125,000	--
10. Enhancement– WeKanDrive	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
11. Enhancement– Independent Living Subsidy for Youth	1,162,636	-	1,162,636	--
12. Enhancement– Operating Expenses	638,664	716,923	1,355,587	--
13. Enhancement– Foster Care SSA/SSI	7,566,174	8,355	7,574,529	1.0
14. Enhancement– Fostering Connections MOE	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
15. Economic and Employment Svc.	(1,980,999)	(135,624,690)	(137,605,689)	(0.7)
16. Administration Program	(9,210,516)	(9,188,283)	(18,398,799)	(24.3)
17. Client Services Delivery Programs	(2,193,121)	(2,988,897)	(5,182,018)	(7.3)
18. Prevention and Protections Svc.	(418,404)	(2,674,518)	(3,092,922)	(8.0)
19. Capital Improvements	-	(950,000)	(950,000)	--
20. All Other Adjustments	(558,848)	(996,912)	(1,555,760)	0.1
Subtotal–Agency Estimate	*$ 412,111,434*	*$ 443,126,553*	*$ 855,237,987*	*2,659.7*
Governor's Recommendation:				
21. TANF Caseloads	$ -	$ (900,000)	$ (900,000)	--
22. Foster Care Caseloads	7,400,000	600,000	8,000,000	--
23. Enhancement– CCWIS – Not Rec.	(12,500,000)	(12,500,000)	(25,000,000)	--
24. Enhancement– Senate Sub. for HB 2448 – Not Rec.	(451,727)	(1,017,119)	(1,468,846)	(8.0)
25. Enhancement– Human Svc. Salaries – Not Rec.	(3,045,261)	(2,722,893)	(5,768,154)	--
26. Enhancement– HS-EBITS – Not Rec.	(539,311)	(310,664)	(849,975)	(8.0)
27. Enhancement– Family Resource Centers – Not Rec.	(3,125,000)	-	(3,125,000)	--
28. Enhancement– Pre-petition Legal Svc. – Not Rec.	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	--
29. Enhancement– Operating Expenses – Not Rec.	(638,664)	(716,923)	(1,355,587)	--
30. Enhancement– Foster Care SSA/SSI Funds – Not Rec.	(7,566,174)	(8,355)	(7,574,529)	(1.0)
31. Enhancement– Fostering Connections MOE – Not Rec.	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	--
32. Enhancement (Partial) – Independent Living Subsidy for Youth	(745,527)	-	(745,527)	--
33. Enhancement (Partial) – WeKanDrive	(750,000)	-	(750,000)	--
34. Enhancement - CCDF	1,470,930	2,261,863	3,732,793	--
35. HOPE Ranch	(300,000)	-	(300,000)	--
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AGENCY REQUEST

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The increases are offset by FTE position reductions in administration and from the reserve pool and due to the end of COVID-19 pandemic funding for some programs.

The **agency** request includes the following adjustments:

1. **ENHANCEMENT – CCWIS.** Adds $25.0 million, including $12.5 million SGF, to develop a new system compliant with federal Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System requirements to replace the existing legacy systems: Family and Child Tracking System (FACTS), Kansas Initiative Decision Support (KIDS), Kansas Intake/Investigation Protection System (KIPS), National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), and Statewide Contractor Reimbursement Information and Payment Tracking System (SCRIPTS).

2. **ENHANCEMENT – PLACEMENT RATES FOR FOSTER CARE.** Adds $5.1 million SGF to increase the monthly foster care rates paid to relatives and non-related kin placements to 70.0 percent of the licensed foster home rates.

3. **ENHANCEMENT – HUMAN SERVICES SALARIES.** Adds $5.8 million, including $3.0 million SGF, to raise the salaries of human services and related positions by as much as 15.0 percent, not to exceed the market rate. All positions would receive a minimum 2.5 percent increase. Family Support Coordinators would be limited to a 5.0 percent increase as these positions recently received part of this increase through a position reclassification process.

4. **ENHANCEMENT – 2022 SENATE SUB. FOR HB 2448 EXPENDITURES.** Adds $1.5 million, including $451,727 SGF and 8.0 FTE positions. Six of these positions will be assigned case management duties as Career Navigators within the SNAP Employment and Training program. Case management duties include evaluating strengths and needs related to a client's employment, determining services to address those needs, and using those strengths to assist the client in obtaining and maintaining employment. Two positions will be located in the Regional Offices within the Economic and Employment Services (EES) Field Staff programs.

5. **ENHANCEMENT – VR SERVICES.** Adds $1.1 million, including $233,212 SGF, for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services. The enhancement would increase the reimbursement rates by 10.0 percent for direct service providers and vendors.

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13. **ENHANCEMENT – FOSTER CARE SSA/SSI FUNDS.** Adds $7.6 million, including $7.6 million SGF, and 1.0 FTE position. Some children in foster care receive monthly Social Security Administration (SSA) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. When

the agency receives these benefits, they are used for the child's foster care maintenance such as food, clothing, shelter, education, and daily supervision – not to exceed actual costs. The agency indicates the funding of this enhancement would help children and young adults to save these benefits for future use.

14. **ENHANCEMENT – FOSTERING CONNECTIONS MOE.** Adds $1.0 million SGF to enhance the maintenance of effort (MOE) contributions for state-funded adoption support clients. The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Act) allowed for qualified state-funded adoption support clients to be converted to Title IV-E eligible status. The fiscal impact of this change was to shift approximately 60 percent of the monthly subsidy for these clients to federal funding. The Act included an MOE stipulation requiring states to spend those savings on any other Title IV-E or Title IV-B qualified expenditures without supplanting other funding sources. A minimum of 20 percent of the savings needs to be spent on post-adoption services. However, much of this savings was used to fund Adoption Support caseload increases during recent budget years. DCF has fallen behind in meeting the MOE requirements. States have recently been allowed to use any state funds spent in their Families First programs towards the Act MOE. As of the end of federal fiscal year 2021, there is a $7.8 million deficit in reported MOE.

15. **ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAMS.** Deletes $137.6 million, including $2.0 million SGF, from Economic and Employment Services (EES) programs. Major adjustments include the deletion of $106.2 million for COVID-19 pandemic child care quality grants programs, and $24.3 million in utility assistance programs. The agency also deleted 0.7 FTE positions aligned with the program reductions.

16. **ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM.** Deletes $18.4 million, including $9.2 million SGF, from the Administration program. Major adjustments include the deletion of $15.9 million from the Information Technology Program budgeted for CWIS and KEES development, and the deletion of $2.2 million from the Executive and Administration Program for contingency contracts and imaging fees. The agency also deleted 24.3 FTE positions, including 24.0 FTE positions in the salary and wage reserve pool.

17. **CLIENT SERVICES DELIVERY PROGRAMS.** Deletes $5.2 million, including $2.2 million SGF, for Client Services Delivery Programs. The majority of the reduction is attributable to the deletion of $4.0 million for EES Eligibility and Child and Adult Protective Services Field Staff by increasing the shrinkage rate to 11.5 percent due to the loss of federal pandemic relief funding. Reductions in the field staffing budgets also result in a reduction of 7.3 FTE positions.

18. **PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES PROGRAMS.** Deletes $3.1 million, including $418,404 SGF, for Prevention and Protection Services Programs. The majority of the reduction is attributable to the deletion of $2.4 million for child protective services grants allocated for family resource centers and crisis hotline marketing in FY 2023. The agency also deleted 8.0 FTE positions associated with the Independent Living Centers program for which COVID-19 pandemic funding is expiring.

19. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.** Deletes $950,000, all from special revenue funds, for capital improvements. The agency does not have any projects budgeted for FY 2024 and is not currently budgeting for any ongoing maintenance and repair.

20. **ALL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.** Deletes $1.6 million, including $558,848 SGF, for all other adjustments. The remaining adjustments comprise various smaller changes across multiple subprograms, mostly in EES and the Rehabilitation Program.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $817.1 million, including $389.3 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is an all funds decrease of $38.1 million, or 4.5 percent, including an SGF decrease of $22.8 million, or 5.5 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request.

The decrease is attributable to the Governor not recommending enhancement requests for the Child Care Welfare Information System update, 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 employment services expenditures, human services position salary increases, the Human Services Executive Branch Information Technology Department, Family Resource Centers, pre-petition legal services, operating expenditures, foster care SSA/SSI Funds, and the Fostering Connections MOE. The Governor recommends partial funding for the Independent Living Subsidy for Youth enhancement request, and the WeKanDrive enhancement request, which is reflected as a decrease below the agency request. In addition to no or partial funding for agency enhancements, the decrease is also attributable to the deletion of $300,000 SGF for HOPE Ranch and $900,000 in federal funds to implement the TANF fall human services consensus caseloads adjustment.

The decreases are partially offset by the the addition of $8.0 million, including $7.4 million SGF, for foster care caseloads. The foster care estimate is an all funds decrease of $1.0 million, including an SGF increase of $2.0 million, from the FY 2023 recommendation. While the total number of children continues to decrease, the daily rate paid to child placing agencies is estimated to increase. Those rate increases are partially offset due to one-time expenditures in FY 2023 for Foster Care Workforce Recruitment ($7.5 million SGF) and the CALM Parent Development Bonus ($450,000 SGF). These expenditures were not included in the consensus caseloads estimate for FY 2024. The estimate does include $3.9 million, including $3.6 million SGF, for a continuation of the Failure to Place (FTP) program, which was first initiated in FY 2023.

The Governor's recommendation includes agency requested enhancements for foster care placement rates, rate increases for VR services, and Centers for Independent Living. The recommendation also includes $3.7 million, including $1.5 million SGF, to maximize the match for the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The purposes of CCDF is to provide access to child care so that parents can work and/or attend school or other training.

The **Governor's** recommendation includes the following adjustments:

21. **TANF CASELOADS.** Deletes $900,000, all from federal funds, for TANF caseloads for FY 2024. Current projections show a slowing rate of decrease in TANF beneficiaries. It is anticipated that the total number of beneficiaries will reach a floor at some point. In the event inflationary pressures in FY 2024 result in a recession, this number may increase, but no recession is reflected in the current estimates.

22. **FOSTER CARE CASELOADS.** Adds $8.0 million, including $7.4 million SGF, for the foster care caseloads. The foster care estimate is an all funds decrease of $1.0 million, including an SGF increase of $2.0 million, from the FY 2023 revised estimate. While the total number of children continues to decrease, the daily rate paid to child placing agencies is estimated to increase. Those rate increases are partially offset due to one-time expenditures in FY 2023 for Foster Care Workforce Recruitment ($7.5 million SGF) and the CALM Parent Development Bonus ($450,000 SGF). These expenditures were not included in the consensus caseloads estimate for FY 2024. The estimate does include $3.9 million, including $3.6 million SGF, for a continuation of the FTP program, which was first initiated in FY 2023.

23. **ENHANCEMENT – CCWIS – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $25.0 million, including $12.5 million SGF, to not recommend the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System enhancement (Item 1).

24. **ENHANCEMENT – 2022 SENATE SUB. FOR HB 2448 EXPENSES – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $1.5 million, including $451,727 SGF, and 8.0 FTE positions to not recommend the enhancement for 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 employment services expenditures (Item 4).

25. **ENHANCEMENT – HUMAN SERVICES SALARIES – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $5.8 million, including $3.0 million SGF, to not recommend salary increases for human services employees (Item 3).

26. **ENHANCEMENT – HS-EBITS – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $849,975, including $539,311 SGF, and 8.0 FTE positions for the Human Services – Executive Branch Information Technology initiative (Item 7).

27. **ENHANCEMENT – FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $3.1 million SGF for family resource centers (Item 9).

28. **ENHANCEMENT – PRE-PETITION LEGAL SERVICES – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $1.0 million SGF for pre-petition legal services (Item 8).

29. **ENHANCEMENT – OPERATING EXPENSES – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $1.3 million, including $638,664 SGF, for operating expenditures (Item 12).

30. **ENHANCEMENT – FOSTER CARE SSA/SSI FUNDS – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $7.6 million, including $7.6 million SGF, and 1.0 FTE position for foster care SSA/SSI funds (Item 13).

31. **ENHANCEMENT – FOSTERING CONNECTIONS MOE – NOT RECOMMENDED.** Deletes $1.0 million SGF for the fostering connections maintenance of effort (MOE) (Item 14).

32. **ENHANCEMENT (PARTIAL) – INDEPENDENT LIVING SUBSIDY FOR YOUTH.** Deletes $417,109 SGF to only partially adopt the enhancement request for the independent living for youth for FY 2024. The Governor recommends adding $417,109 SGF for FY 2024. This would increase the monthly independent living assistance subsidy to 100.0 percent of the poverty level (Item 11).

33. **ENHANCEMENT (PARTIAL) – WEKANDRIVE.** Deletes $750,000 SGF, to only partially recommend the WeKanDrive enhancement request for FY 2024. The Governor recommends $250,000 SGF for FY 2024 (Item 10).

34. **ENHANCEMENT – CCDF.** Adds $1,470,930 SGF to maximize the match for federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The purpose of CCDF is to provide access to child care so that parents can work and/or attend school or other training.

35. **HOPE RANCH.** Deletes $300,000 SGF for the HOPE Ranch Pilot Program for FY 2024. According to the Governor, HOPE Ranch is a program that combats human trafficking of adults; DCF, on the other hand, assists youth with human trafficking issues. The Governor notes funding that addresses the human trafficking of adults should be placed in an agency that assists adults and should go through the state bid process to determine the appropriate level of funding for services.

ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS

The agency request includes 14 enhancements totaling $55.8 million, including $37.6 million SGF. Major enhancement requests include a replacement of the Child Care Welfare Information System ($25.0 million), allowing youth to retain their SSA/SSI benefits ($7.6 million), increasing foster care placement rates ($5.1 million), and increasing human services salaries ($5.8 million).

FY 2024 Enhancements

Item	SGF	Special Revenue Funds	All Funds	FTE
Enhancement– CCWIS	$ 12,500,000	$ 12,500,000	$ 25,000,000	--
Enhancement– Placement Rates for Foster Care	5,132,556	-	5,132,556	--
Enhancement– Human Services Salaries	3,045,261	2,722,893	5,768,154	--
Enhancement– Senate Sub. for HB 2448 Expenses	451,727	1,017,119	1,468,846	8.0
Enhancement– VR Services	233,212	861,679	1,094,891	--
Enhancement– Centers for Independent Living	216,783	-	216,783	--
Enhancement– HS-EBITS	539,311	310,664	849,975	8.0
Enhancement– Pre-Petition Legal Services	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
Enhancement– Family Resource Centers	3,125,000	-	3,125,000	--
Enhancement– WeKanDrive	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
Enhancement– Independent Living Subsidy for Youth	1,162,636	-	1,162,636	--
Enhancement– Operating Expenses	638,664	716,923	1,355,587	--
Enhancement– Foster Care SSA/SSI Funds	7,566,174	8,355	7,574,529	1.0
Enhancement– Fostering Connections MOE	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	--
TOTAL	**$ 37,611,324**	**$ 18,137,633**	**$ 55,748,957**	**17.0**

ENHANCEMENT – CCWIS. Adds $25.0 million, including $12.5 million SGF, to develop a new system compliant with federal Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System requirements to replace the existing legacy systems: Family and Child Tracking System (FACTS), Kansas Initiative Decision Support (KIDS), Kansas Intake/Investigation Protection System (KIPS), National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), and Statewide Contractor Reimbursement Information and Payment Tracking System (SCRIPTS).

The Governor does not recommend adoption of this enhancement.

ENHANCEMENT – PLACEMENT RATES FOR FOSTER CARE. Adds $5.1 million SGF to increase the monthly foster care rates paid to relatives and non-related kin placements to 70.0 percent of the licensed foster home rates.

The Governor recommends adoption of this enhancement.

ENHANCEMENT – HUMAN SERVICES SALARIES. Adds $5.8 million, including $3.0 million SGF, to raise the salaries of human services and related positions by as much as 15.0 percent, not to exceed the market rate. All positions would receive a minimum 2.5 percent increase. Family

Support Coordinators would be limited to a 5.0 percent increase as these positions recently received part of this increase through a position reclassification process.

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The Governor recommends partial adoption of this enhancement at $250,000 SGF for FY 2024.

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However, much of this savings was used to fund Adoption Support caseload increases during recent lean budget years. DCF has fallen behind in meeting the MOE requirements. States have recently been allowed to use any state funds spent in their Families First programs towards their Fostering Connections Act MOE. As of the end of federal fiscal year 2021, there is a $7.8 million deficit in the reported MOE.

The Governor does not recommend adoption of this enhancement.

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PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES OVERVIEW

FIGURE 9

EXPENDITURES AND FTE POSITIONS BY PROGRAM, FY 2022 – FY 2024

Programs	Actual FY 2022	Agency FY 2023	Governor FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024
Expenditures:					
Administration	$ 55,618,709	$ 79,823,968	$ 79,823,968	$ 88,150,976	$ 61,425,169
Child Support Services	35,383,432	34,345,506	34,345,506	33,332,224	33,056,115
Economic and Employment Services	464,669,438	302,961,039	302,211,039	167,296,168	168,188,143
Rehabilitation Services	27,342,565	31,109,412	31,109,412	32,155,312	32,151,809
Prevention and Protection Services	363,324,202	393,407,932	402,407,932	410,462,794	403,814,675
Client Service Delivery	110,184,130	122,881,400	122,881,400	123,042,644	117,699,382
Development Disabilities Council	680,613	794,961	794,961	797,869	797,869
Transfers	2,375,000	-	-	-	-
Disaster Relief	5,152	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	204,515	950,000	950,000	-	-
TOTAL	**$1,059,787,756**	**$ 966,274,218**	**$ 974,524,218**	**$ 855,237,987**	**$ 817,133,162**
FTE Positions:					
Administration	265.8	252.3	252.3	237.0	228.0
Child Support Services	33.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
Economic and Employment Services	115.0	141.0	141.0	146.3	140.3
Rehabilitation Services	131.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3
Prevention and Protection Services	202.0	208.0	208.0	200.0	200.0
Client Service Delivery	1,905.9	1,908.4	1,908.4	1,903.1	1,901.1
Development Disabilities Council	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**2,657.9**	**2,682.9**	**2,682.9**	**2,659.7**	**2,642.7**

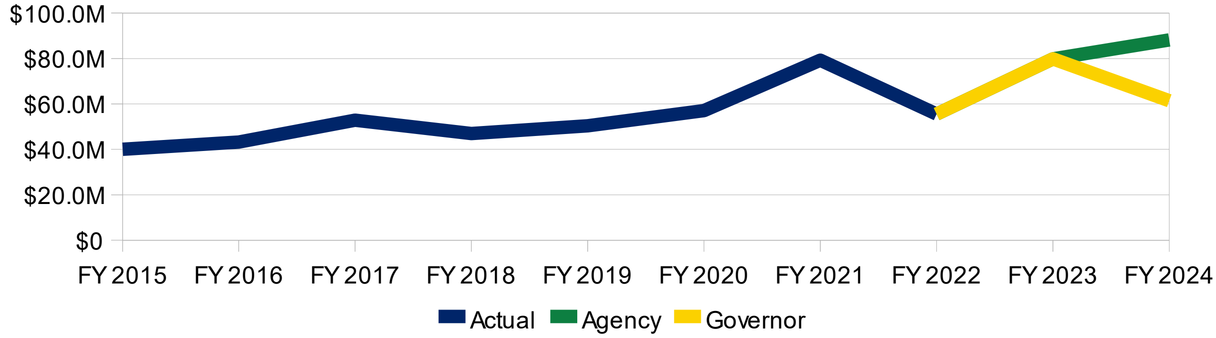
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The 2016 Legislature passed HB 2739, which outlined a three-year process for state agencies to develop and implement a system of performance budgeting using outcome measures to evaluate program effectiveness.

ADMINISTRATION

FIGURE 10

ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



Staff note: The agency had restructuring between FY 2016 and FY 2017. Some of the historical budgetary program data is unavailable.

STATUTORY BASIS:	• KSA 39-708, 75-3516, 75-3702, 75-5301, 75-5310, 75-5316, 75-7205
PROGRAM GOALS:	• N/A

The mission of the Administration Division is to provide quality and cost-effective services to staff, supervisors, and managers within DCF. The division's services enable employees to complete their work with adequate funding, facilities, equipment technology, and other support to help ensure their work complies with federal requirements and state policies. The Administration Division consists of seven subprograms: Executive and Administration, Legal Services, Audit, Organizational Health and Development, Information Technology, Personnel Services, and Reserve Pool and Insurance.

Below are the descriptions of subprograms included in the Administration Division:

- **EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION.** The Executive and Administration subprogram consists of expenditures for the Office of the Secretary and Administrative Services. This subprogram also includes expenditures for KPERS employer contributions for retirees returning to work.

- **LEGAL SERVICES.** The Legal Services subprogram provides legal advice to the Secretary and agency programs, including preparing cases for litigation, managing agency efforts to combat fraud, and coordinating activities related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Fraud Investigations Unit.

- **AUDIT SERVICES.** The Audit Services subprogram provides examination and evaluation of all agency programs, in addition to conducting financial, compliance, and performance audits within the agency. Audit Services is also responsible for performing external audits of grantees, contractors, and providers to ensure compliance with the contract or grant and state rules and regulations.

- **ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT.** The Organizational Health and Development subprogram supports and strengthens the capacity of each DCF employee. The essential elements of safety, effectiveness, and compliance are starting points of the efforts of this subprogram. Online learning opportunities were recently updated to provide employees with expanded opportunities available at an employee's convenience.

- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.** This subprogram is responsible for managing new information technology systems projects, maintaining information systems that support the agency's business, coordinating access to and the protection of the agency's data resources and providing information technology infrastructure management and user support.
- **PERSONNEL SERVICES.** This subprogram is responsible for providing personnel support to the regional offices and the central office. These activities include recruitment, retention, and staff employment as well as succession planning for all positions.
- **RESERVE POOL AND INSURANCE.** This subprogram was established to track unfunded positions.

FIGURE 11
ADMINISTRATION, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
There were no agency performance measures submitted for this program.					
Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 29,190,289	$ 29,879,595		$ 43,569,985	$ 34,359,469
Federal Funds	1,543,869	714,183		35,534,510	26,346,227
All Other Funds	48,572,712	25,024,931		719,473	719,473
TOTAL	$ 79,306,870	$ 55,618,709		$ 79,823,968	$ 61,425,169
Percentage Change:					
SGF	(2.0) %	2.4 %		45.8 %	(21.1) %
All Funds	39.0 %	(29.9) %		43.5 %	(23.0) %
FTE Positions	228.8	265.8		252.3	228.0

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Administration program requests $88.2 million, including $47.9 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an increase of $8.3 million, or 10.4 percent, including an SGF increase of $4.3 million, or 9.9 percent, above the FY 2023 agency estimate for the program.

The increase is attributable to two enhancement requests totaling $26.7 million, including $13.5 million SGF. The enhancement requests are for the upgrades to the Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) and the addition of FTE positions and salaries for the Human Services – Executive Branch Information Technology Systems (HS-EBITS) enhancement request. The increases are partially offset by reductions in reappropriations, and contingent contracts.

The CCWIS request has a seven year time-frame for completion with 50.0 percent of funding from the SGF:

- FY 2021- 2022 - $1.6 million;
- FY 2023 - $13.2 million; and
- FY 2024 – FY 2027 - $116.0 million.

The CCWIS system would replace the following existing legacy systems: Family and Child Tracking System (FACTS), Kansas Initiative Decision Support (KIDS), Kansas Intake/Investigation Protection System (KIPS), National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), and Statewide Contractor Reimbursement Information and Payment Tracking System (SCRIPTS).

The HS-EBITS enhancement would add 8.0 FTE positions to:

- Research, design, implement, test, and manage software programs;
- Identify business objectives and bridge the gap between those objectives and execution;
- Analyze existing business processes and streamline IT service delivery;
- Design, develop, migrate, and implement cloud infrastructure;
- Maintain security hardware and software and protect sensitive information;
- Manage assigned IT projects to ensure adherence to budget, schedule, and project scope;
- Assist in setting priorities, defining capabilities, strengthening operations, and helping IT ensure that stakeholders are working toward common goals and assist in assessing and adjusting the enterprise's direction through data insights and feedback; and

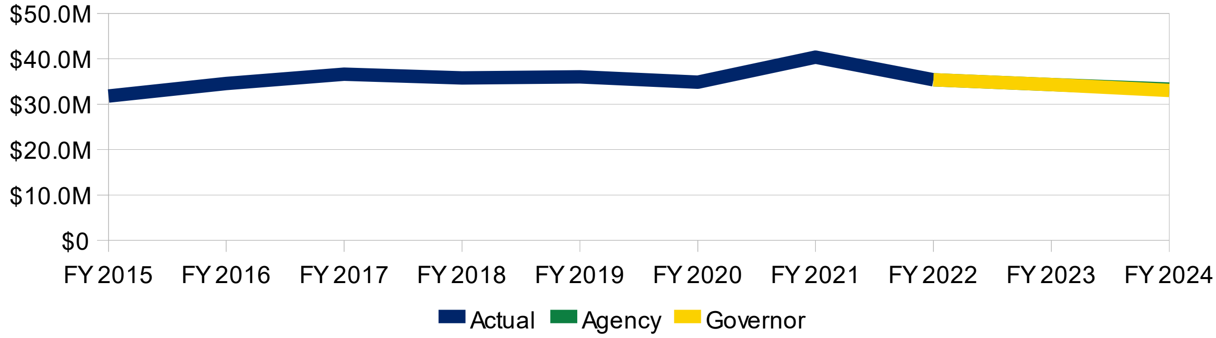
- Promote the translation of strategies into action, making sure that business goals are in alignment with technical aspects. These resources can talk to both technical experts and stakeholders, applying a holistic approach to ensure the projects and initiatives reach their desired goals.

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $61.4 million, including $34.4 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is a decrease of $26.7 million, or 30.3 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request. The decrease is attributable to the Governor not recommending the enhancement for CCWIS, HS-EBITS, or operating expenditures.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

FIGURE 12

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS:	• KSA 39-708, 39-753
PROGRAM GOALS:	• Improve the financial stability of children by establishing parentage and appropriately sized child and medical support orders for each family unit. • Recognize that each family unit is different but that children need financial stability that is a reliable, regular, and consistent source of financial support from a parent who has a court order to provide it. • Ensure timely, reliable, and consistent collection and distribution of payments to family. • Remove barriers identified by entities that Child Support Services (CSS) comes into contact with that have a direct impact on the collection or distribution of child or medical support.

The U.S. Congress passed the Child Support Enforcement program, Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, which requires each state to establish an effective statewide uniform child support program. Failure to meet federal requirements of child support enforcement can result in fiscal sanctions to both the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant and Child Support Enforcement grants. The Child Support Enforcement program is a federal, state, county, and private operation that must satisfy numerous federal requirements.

DCF is the designated Title IV-D child support enforcement agency for Kansas. Although a majority of persons served are receiving other DCF benefits, any custodial parent may ask for absent parent location and support enforcement services. Any non-custodial parents may apply to establish paternity or modify a support order as well. Effective July 1, 2015, cooperation with child support services is mandatory for persons to receive food assistance.

During FY 2022, the Child Support Services program collected $212.0 million and estimates collection of $208.9 million in FY 2023 and $209.9 million for FY 2024. The federally mandated single receipting and disbursement operation for all child support payments, the Kansas Payment Center, has estimated operating costs of $4.2 million in FY 2023. This is an increase of $140,260, or 3.5 percent, above the FY 2022 actual amount, as reflected in the terms of the multi-year contract.

The majority of the expenses for professional services are tied to the full service contracts including call center duties. The original Full-Service contracts and Call Center contract were discontinued effective September 9, 2021. The services provided in prior contracts have been combined and new Full-Service contracts containing Call Center duties became effective October 1, 2021. The initial year of the new contracts contain “start-up” costs; however, after the first year, the program will see savings. In FY 2023, costs are expected to be $4,499,053 lower than the original contract costs in FY 2021, while providing the identical services.

Of the collections, approximately $928,230 will be paid to the Office of Judicial

Administration for child support services provided by the central staff and clerks of the Court in FY 2023.

In FY 2023, the agency estimates a caseload of 131,030 cases with collections of $208.9 million and an average of $1,594 collected per case. Of this amount, the State will retain $5.3 million. For FY 2024, the agency estimates a caseload of 131,714 cases with collections of $209.9 million and an average of $1,593 collected per case. Of this amount, $5.4 million will be retained by the State.

FIGURE 13
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
1.Percent of current child support collected	56.6 %	55.7 %	56.6 %	55.8 %	56.0 %
2.Percent of cases with child support orders	86.6 %	83.8 %	86.5 %	84.0 %	84.2 %
3.Percentage of cases paying on support arrears	62.3 %	61.9 %	63.6 %	62.0 %	62.1 %
Output Measure:					
4.Support collections to cost ratio*	$ 6.05	$ 5.95	$ 6.24	$ 5.97	$ 6.00
Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 2,147,441	$ 1,253,595		$ 2,066,793	$ 1,531,633
Federal Funds	28,466,940	24,403,747		23,579,278	23,139,602
All Other Funds	9,749,765	9,726,090		8,699,435	8,384,880
TOTAL	$ 40,364,146	$ 35,383,432		$ 34,345,506	$ 33,056,115
Percentage Change:					
SGF	168.4 %	(41.6) %		64.9 %	(25.9) %
All Funds	15.9 %	(12.3) %		(2.9) %	(3.8) %
FTE Positions	34.0	33.0		35.0	35.0

*The Governor's Office does not utilize this measure for evaluation purposes.

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Child Support Services (CSS) program requests $33.3 million, including $1.6 million SGF, which is an all funds decrease of $1.0 million, or 3.0 percent, including an SGF decrease of $457,614, or 22.1 percent, below the FY 2023 revised estimate.

The reduction is attributable to a decrease in capital outlay of $2.3 million, or 99.5 percent. A project to modernize the current CSS case management system to be in a supportable format began near the end of FY 2021. This project includes over $2.3 million in new computer equipment and software in FY 2023. This initial replatforming phase of the modernization project of the CSS case management system is scheduled to be complete in early FY 2024. The increase is partially offset by an increase in contractual services expenditures associated with the CSS case management system.

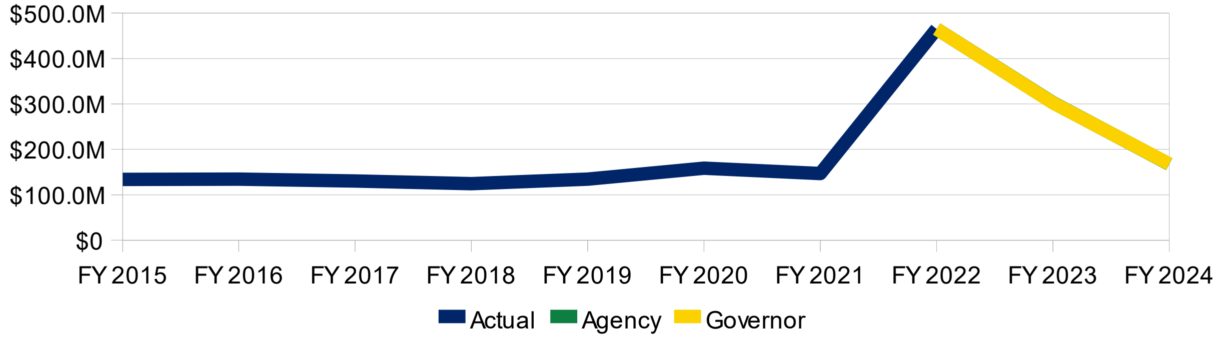
The request also includes an enhancement for other operating expenditures.

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $33.1 million, including $1.5 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an all funds decrease of $276,109, or 0.8 percent, including an SGF decrease of $77,546, or 4.8 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request. The decrease is attributable to not recommending the enhancement requests for operating expenditures and the contract described previously.

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FIGURE 14

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 39-708, 39-709

PROGRAM GOALS:
- Assist low-income families and individuals in obtaining training and education to encourage personal responsibility.
- Provide appropriate support services to assist clients in gaining or retaining employment and becoming self-sufficient.

The Economic and Employment Services Program has the responsibility for a variety of economic and other assistance programs. These include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance and employment services, energy assistance, refugee assistance, food assistance, the food assistance employment program, child care, and federal food distribution programs.

Below are descriptions of the Economic and Employment Services programs:

- **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** This subprogram provides cash assistance to very-low-income families. Families with incomes less than 22.0 percent of the federal poverty level may qualify for TANF cash assistance. Almost all families with an adult must participate in work activities and seek employment through the TANF Employment Services program. Cash assistance is an entitlement and is limited to 24 months, with provisions for extended assistance up to 36 months if the family meets hardship criteria. Families must cooperate with the child support collection program in order to receive benefits. TANF benefits are financed by the federal TANF block grant. This program is subject to the consensus caseloads estimating process in the fall and spring of each year.
    - In order to receive the entire $101.5 million federal TANF Block Grant, Kansas must spend a specified minimum in state funds, the TANF Maintenance of Effort (TANF MOE). The TANF MOE is $65,866,230 and represents 80.0 percent of state funds spent in the base fiscal year of FY 1994. The MOE is reduced to 75.0 percent of the amount for states that meet the work requirements. The TANF MOE is budgeted in specific program budgets. A major source of the MOE is net refunds from the Kansas Earned Income Tax Credit. The TANF law allows states to claim refundable tax credits toward the MOE if the credit exceeds the underlying tax upon which the tax credit is based.
    - The agency estimates a caseload of approximately 3,305 families, including 7,737 average monthly persons, at an average cost of $115.00 per person in FY

2023. The estimate is based on the caseload estimate of $10.7 million. For FY 2024, the agency estimates a caseload of approximately 3,305 families, including 7,737 average monthly persons, at an average cost of $112.00 per person. The estimate is based on the caseload estimate of $10.7 million. These figures were based on the spring 2022 consensus caseload estimates.

- The **Governor** recommends $10.1 million for FY 2023 and $9.8 million for FY 2024. Current projections show a slowing rate of decrease in TANF beneficiaries. It is anticipated that the total number of beneficiaries will reach a floor at some point. In the event inflationary pressures in FY 2024 result in a recession, this number may increase, but no recession is reflected in the current estimates.

- **LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP).** This subprogram provides a one-time annual benefit to low-income households for energy bills to avoid the shutoff of utility services during the winter. To qualify for energy assistance, households must have incomes below 150.0 percent of the federal poverty level, must have made recent payments on their energy bills, and must pay directly for heating costs or must pay rent that includes utility costs. Payments are sent directly to the utility/fuel provider, and the payments are credited to the household's bill.

  The program is funded entirely by a block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, the subprogram also provides funding for weatherization, which is transferred to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Low Income Water Assistance Program was established to assist low-income households, requiring a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services by reducing payments and preventing shut-offs or restoring water services.

  - The agency estimates providing assistance to 40,000 households, including 86,813 persons, at an average benefit per household of $1,071 in FY 2023. For FY 2024, the agency estimates providing assistance to 40,000 households, including 86,813 persons, at an average benefit per household of $604. The estimated funds to be paid for LIEAP benefits total $42.8 million in FY 2023 and $24.2 million for FY 2024.

  - The **Governor** concurs with the agency request for LIEAP for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

- **FOOD ASSISTANCE.** This subprogram provides benefits to individuals and families to assist with food costs. This 100.0 percent federally funded program assists individuals and families with incomes less than 130.0 percent of the federal poverty level when using the gross income test and 100.0 percent of the federal poverty level using the net income test. Food assistance benefits are issued through electronic benefit transfer (EBT). Each family or individual receives a plastic "Vision" card with credit in an individual account that may be used only for the purchase of food. Food assistance benefit expenditures are not shown in the state budget because expenditures are not made from the state treasury. The funding is not included in the state budget; however, the agency estimates a decrease in both caseloads and expenditures for this program. Total food assistance in FY 2022 totals $651.1 million. This is more than twice the amount in FY 2020 of $290.4 million.

- **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.** This subprogram operates in 36 Kansas counties, providing job search, employment education, and job retention services to adults under age 50 receiving SNAP benefits but not receiving TANF cash assistance. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides 100.0 percent of the administrative costs and 50.0 percent of participant costs. Additionally, this subprogram includes the SNAP Work Program, known as Generating Opportunities to Attain Lifelong Success (GOALS), which provides services to SNAP recipients with children.

  - The agency estimates, in FY 2023, assisting a monthly average of 950 persons at an average monthly cost of $70.0 per person in the SNAP Employment and Training program, and 544 average monthly persons at an average monthly cost of $107.16 per person through GOALS. For FY 2023, the agency estimates assisting an average of 1,100 persons at an average monthly cost of $11.91 per person in the SNAP Employment and Training program and 598 persons at an average monthly cost of $117.87 through GOALS.
  - The **Governor** concurs with the agency estimate for FY 2023. For FY 2024, the Governor recommends $3.0 million, including $78,582 SGF. The recommendation is a decrease of $1.5 million due to not recommending the enhancement for 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 expenditures.

- **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** This subprogram provides payments to child care providers, allowing low-income families to remain in the workforce. To qualify, families must have incomes below 250.0 percent of the federal poverty level and must comply with Child Support Enforcement requirements. Families with incomes above 100.0 percent of the federal poverty level are required to pay a share of the child care cost.

  Child care is provided by centers, licensed providers, and unregulated providers, which includes care by relatives and care provided by persons in the child's home. During FY 2022, subsidy rates paid to providers were increased to the equivalent of the 85th percentile according to a statewide child care rate survey, the family share deductions were removed for families with less than 100.0 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and for others it was reduced to 3.0 percent or less for families above 100.0 percent FPL, and initial eligibility income limits were increased to 250.0 percent FPL.

  In response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020, additional federal child care funding was made available to provide services to impacted families. These funds were used to provide child care assistance to families of health care workers and other medical personnel with incomes up to 250.0 percent of the FPL. During FY 2021, the program was expanded to additional job classifications, including teachers. Federal pandemic funds have been authorized through September 2023.

  - A majority of the financing in the Child Care Assistance program is provided by the federal Child Care and Development Fund, which is composed of mandatory, matching, and discretionary funds. For a state to access mandatory and matching funds, it must meet the state MOE ($6.7 million) and use at least 70.0 percent of the total amount for TANF families or those at risk of TANF assistance.

    Discretionary funds are 100.0 percent federal funds and matching funds are matched at the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate. The majority of child care quality expenditures are devoted to resource and referral services.

The program provides information to parents about child care available in their communities and referrals to other programs in response to family needs. It also maintains databases on child care programs, builds the supply of child care by providing training and technical assistance to new and existing providers, and improves child care quality by offering training for family child care providers, center staff, and directors.

- ○ To increase access and availability of quality child care, the income eligibility level was increased to 250.0 percent in July 2021, resulting in more families being eligible for assistance. Additionally, family share deductions will be eliminated for families with incomes less than 100.0 percent of the FPL. Previously, family share deductions began at 70.0 percent of the FPL.
- ○ The submitted budget also included funds for the Hero Relief Program. This program provides child care subsidy payments to first responders, emergency workers, educators, and other employees considered essential during the COVID-19 pandemic. Child care subsidy is provided for up to 12 months for workers at or below 250.0 percent of the FPL.

  The agency estimates an average of 731 families, including 1,260 children, at an average monthly cost of $715 per child in FY 2023. The total costs for the program is estimated to be $10.8 million. Due to the funding being available through September 2022, the agency estimates providing services to an average of 22 families, including 38 children, at an average monthly cost of $715 for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Pandemic Funds authorized through the federal CARES Act are being utilized for these services.
- ○ The agency estimates assisting an average of 6,002 families, including 10,343 children, at an average monthly cost of $715 per child in the Child Care Assistance Program in FY 2023. The total costs for the program is estimated to be $57.4 million. For FY 2024, the agency estimates assisting an average of 6,647 families, including 11,456 children, at an average monthly cost of $494. The total costs for the program is estimated to be $67.9 million.
- ○ The **Governor** concurs with the agency request for FY 2023. For FY 2024, the Governor recommends $72.0 million, including $11.9 million SGF. The increase is attributable the the CCDF enhancement.

- **KANSAS EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM.** This subprogram provides early intervention services to low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers, and children with disabilities. Services include weekly home visits and child care, including physical and mental health education, nutrition education, social services, parental involvement and education, services for children with disabilities, job seeking and retention support services, and other family support services.
  - ○ The agency estimates providing services to an average of 979 children monthly at an average monthly cost of $13,013 per child, in FY 2023 and FY 2024.
  - ○ The **Governor** concurs with the agency request for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

FIGURE 15

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
1. Percent of TANF Recipients Retaining Employment after One Quarter*	73.0 %	78.0 %	75.4 %	78.0 %	78.0 %
2. Percent of TANF Recipients Obtaining Employment*	41.5 %	45.6 %	45.2 %	46.5 %	46.5 %
3. Percent of Families Losing TANF Due to Employment Who Continue to Receive Food Assistance, Transitional Assistance, and Child Care*	70.8 %	82.0 %	80.3 %	85.0 %	85.0 %
4. Percent of employed families receiving child care assistance whose earnings increase at the next review*	66.2 %	66.7 %	69.0 %	70.0 %	70.0 %
Output Measure:					
5. Number of child care providers receiving stabilization grants*	N/A	3,755	N/A	5,000	-
6. Utility Assistance Cost per Household	$ 634	$ 2,365	$ 1,272	$ 1,103	$ 711

Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 12,684,829	$ 10,077,482		$ 14,920,446	$ 14,410,377
Federal Funds	129,109,723	449,395,992		282,033,295	148,709,906
All Other Funds	5,103,977	5,195,964		5,257,298	5,067,860
TOTAL	$ 146,898,529	$ 464,669,438		$ 302,211,039	$ 168,188,143
Percentage Change:					
SGF	0.9 %	(20.6) %		48.1 %	(3.4) %
All Funds	(7.4) %	216.3 %		(35.0) %	(44.3) %
FTE Positions	90.0	115.0		141.0	140.3

*The Governor's Office does not utilize this measure for evaluation purposes.

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Economic and Employment Services Program requests $167.3 million, including $13.6 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is a decrease of $167.3 million, or 44.8 percent, including an SGF decrease of $1.3 million, or 8.9 percent, below the FY 2023 revised estimate.

Major adjustments include the deletions of $106.2 million for COVID-19 pandemic child care quality grants programs, and $24.3 million in utility assistance programs.

The decreases are partially offset by an increase of $1.5 million, including $451,727 SGF and 8.0 FTE positions for an enhancement request related to the Unemployment Modernization Bill (2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448). This bill changed the requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) to be eligible for SNAP benefits. The legislation requires ABAWDS between the ages of 18 and 49 who are not working at least 30 hours per week to be assigned to an employment and training program. Previously, this had been a voluntary program.

As a result of this change from a voluntary to a mandatory program, the average number of clients participating is expected to increase, resulting in the need for additional staff. The increased caseload is also expected to result in an increase in the amount paid on behalf of clients for supportive services.

The monthly caseload is expected to increase from an average of 424 cases in FY 2022 to 950 in FY 2023 to 1,100 in FY 2024. The average benefits per case per month is also expected to increase from $28.75 to $73.50 over this same period. Reappropriated SGF moneys are being used to cover the increase in the client count and benefits for FY 2023.

The **Governor** recommend expenditures of $168.2 million, including $14.4 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is an all funds increase of $891,972, or 0.5 percent, including an SGF increase of $815,755, or 6.0 percent, above the FY 2024 agency request.

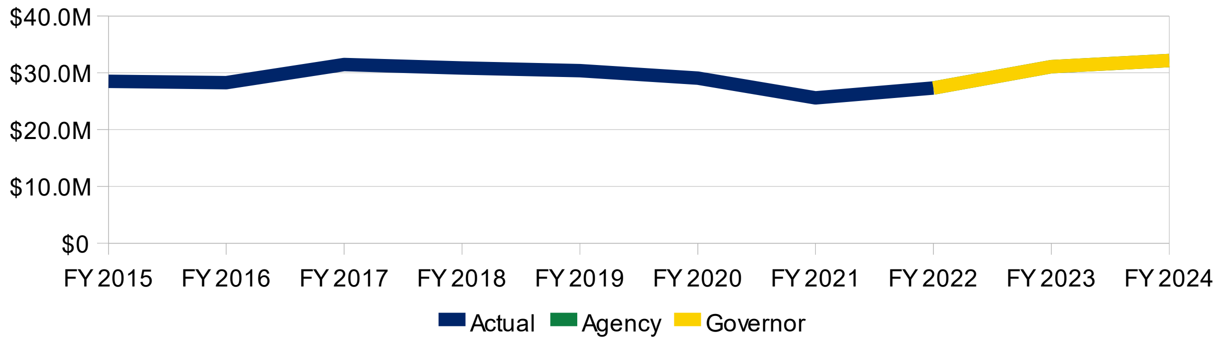
The increase is attributable the CCDF enhancement, which adds $1.5 million SGF to maximize the match for federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The purposes of CCDF is to provide access to child care so that parents can work and/or attend school or other training.

The increase is partially offset by not recommending the enhancement request for 2022 Senate Sub. for HB 2448 expenditures and the associated increase in cases.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

FIGURE 16

REHABILITATION SERVICES EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 39-708, 75-3339, 75-3343, 75-5391

PROGRAM GOALS:
- Assist individuals with disabilities to gain or regain their independence through employment.
- Provide independent living services to facilitate community inclusion and integration for Kansans with disabilities.
- Perform timely and accurate disability decisions.
- Assure access to qualified sign language interpreters.
- Prepare youth with disabilities to achieve employment and self-sufficiency as adults.

The Rehabilitation Services program is responsible for seeing that comprehensive vocational rehabilitation (VR) services are available to help people with disabilities become gainfully employed. Within the Rehabilitation Services program is the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as the agency's responsibilities for the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which requires cooperation with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Board of Regents.

Rehabilitation Services subprograms include:

- **SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.** This subprogram provides programs for people who are blind or visually impaired, including core VR to help consumers become gainfully employed through the Business Enterprise Program (BEP). The BEP implements the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936, which prioritizes vending stands operated by legally blind persons in federal buildings. Kansas law extends the Act to state and local buildings.
- **DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES.** This subprogram provides services that make disability and blindness determinations for the U.S. Social Security Administration on the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims filed or reviewed in Kansas. The workload consists of claims for adults and children filing for initial, reconsideration, and hearings level decisions. Continuing disability reviews also are conducted for Kansans already receiving disability benefits.
- **REHABILITATION SERVICES CASE SERVICES.** This subprogram provides services to assist persons with physical or mental disabilities to obtain employment and live more independently. To be eligible to receive services, a person must have a physical or mental impairment that presents a substantial impairment to employment. In addition, Rehabilitation Services Independent Living develops and provides services to individuals in partnership with the Statewide Independent Living Council.

- **REHABILITATION SERVICES INDEPENDENT LIVING.** This subprogram develops and provides skills for inclusion in all aspects of community life, including engagement on employment goals, teaching independent living skills, and advocating for inclusion of individuals with disabilities. It also provides specialized independent living services to older individuals (those at least 55 years old) who are blind or visually impaired to help them continue living in their own homes and communities through grants to community partners.

- **REHABILITATION SERVICES INNOVATION AND EXPANSION.** This subprogram supports the federally mandated State Rehabilitation Council, which provides guidance in implementing the VR program and direction in developing the State Plan. The Council was established in 1998, and Innovation and Expansion was consolidated into the Rehabilitation Services Administration program effective July 1, 2019.

FIGURE 17

REHABILITATION SERVICES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
1. Number of Kansans with disabilities achieving competitive integrated employment	933	1,113	1,090	1,225	1,230
2. Direct services average monthly cost per person*	$ 118	$ 147	$ 126	$ 145	$ 147
3. Cost per Disability Determination adjudication*	$ 621	$ 547	$ 596	$ 559	$ 529
4. Average annual earnings of blind vendors in the Business Enterprise Program (excludes military bases)*	$ 13,760	$ 22,640	$ 19,473	$ 27,947	$ 30,247
Output Measure:					
5. Number of individuals with disabilities in subminimum wage jobs who receive career counseling about opportunities for competitive integrated employment*	1,644	1,484	1,231	1,400	1,400

Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 4,696,678	$ 3,438,292		$ 5,194,352	$ 5,620,659
Federal Funds	20,592,375	22,288,417		25,764,765	26,390,355
All Other Funds	318,927	1,615,856		150,295	140,795
TOTAL	$ 25,607,980	$ 27,342,565		$ 31,109,412	$ 32,151,809
Percentage Change:					
SGF	5.1 %	(26.8) %		51.1 %	8.2 %
All Funds	(12.0) %	6.8 %		13.8 %	3.4 %
FTE Positions	129.3	121.3		133.3	133.3

*The Governor's Office does not utilize this measure for evaluation purposes.

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Rehabilitation Services program requests $32.2 million, including $5.6 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an increase of $1.0 million, or 3.4 percent, including an SGF increase of $426,726, or 8.2 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to an enhancement request totaling $1.3 million, including $450,414 SGF, for rate increases for VR services and increases for Centers for Independent Living.

The VR Services enhancement request adds $1.1 million, including $232,212 SGF, for VR services. The enhancement will increase the reimbursement rates by 10.0 percent for direct service providers and vendors.

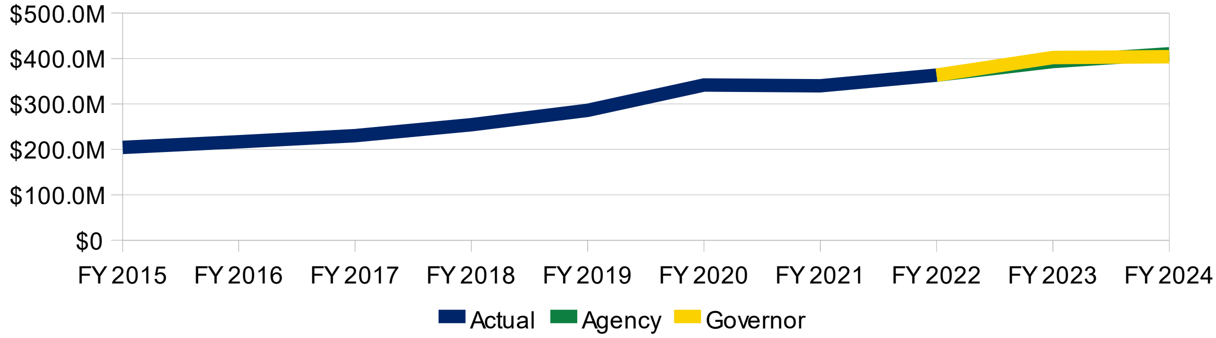
The Centers for Independent Living enhancement request adds $216,783, all SGF, to increase the reimbursement rates by 10.0 percent for the Centers for Independent Living and community organizations providing independent living services to Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIBs).

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $32.2 million, including $5.6 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is a decrease of $3,503, or less than 0.1 percent, below the agency request. The decrease is attributable to not recommending the increase for operating expenditures.

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES

FIGURE 18

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS:	• KSA 38-321, 38-2201, 38-2202, 38-2242, 38-2243, 38-2226, 39-708, 39-709, 39-1433, 65-501, 65-516, 75-53, 75-105
PROGRAM GOALS:	• Provide temporary placements for children who cannot remain safely in their homes. • Secure permanency for children in care by reuniting them with their families or finding permanent families for children who cannot safely return home. • Assist youth leaving foster care without permanent families to live independently and become self-sufficient. • Provide assessments and interventions directed toward safeguarding the well-being and general welfare of children and vulnerable adults who are in need of protection. • Provide prevention services to families based on each family's individual needs, eligibility, and available resources.

The Prevention and Protection Services Program has a mission to protect children; promote permanent, nurturing families; and strengthen community partnerships to serve children. The Prevention and Protection Services Program delivers services to the target population through multiple subprograms: Administration, Protection Reporting Center, Child Protective Services, Family Services, Reintegration/Foster Care, and Adoption/Alternate Permanency.

This program also provides investigative and intervention services for adults directed toward safeguarding the well-being and welfare of adults in need of protection, such as aged and disabled individuals, and potential victims of human trafficking.

Below are the details for selected Prevention and Protection Services subprograms:

- **PROTECTION REPORT CENTER (PRC).** This subprogram provides a 24/7 hotline to take reports from callers statewide regarding alleged abuse or neglect. The PRC screens the reports and sends the reports needing investigation to the local DCF area office if warranted. If reports received at the PRC after hours and are determined to meet the criteria for a same-day response, PRC staff will notify the local law enforcement agency.

- **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.** This subprogram responds to reports alleging a child is in need of care. Social workers in local DCF offices are responsible for determining whether a child abuse report is valid and whether there is a need for further action. If the report alleges abuse or neglect, the response involves assessing the immediate safety of the child, evaluating the family's ability to protect the child, and determining the services required to support the family in safely caring for their child.

- **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES.** This subprogram provides activities directed toward safeguarding the well-being and welfare of adults in need of protection. Social workers investigate reports of abuse or neglect and arrange for provision of services to those individuals in need.

- **FAMILY SERVICES.** Family services are provided to families in crisis resulting from sudden onset of urgent circumstances endangering a child and resulting in the risk of removal from their home. These services are provided to the entire family rather than to individual family members.

- **FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES.** This subprogram provides intensive in-home services offered to families, through a contract with a private vendor, who are at risk of having a child come into the custody of DCF and removed from their home unless the family can make the changes necessary to provide adequate care and safety. The DCF social worker is responsible for monitoring service delivery to achieve established outcomes.

- **FAMILIES FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES.** This subprogram provides prevention services to keep children and youth from entering foster care and out-of-home placement through evidence-based or emerging programs in mental health, substance abuse, parent skill building, and kinship navigation. This subprogram is based on the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) requirements, which permit states to use Title IV-E funds for these prevention services.

  DCF has awarded Families First Prevention Service grants to 12 community partners and stakeholders who provide approved evidence-based or emerging programs in counties and communities statewide. The program also includes administrative expenses and an FFPSA Evaluation grant, which assures there is statewide coordination of all FFPSA programs and that all grantees are adhering to the fidelity of their chosen models. Kansas was one of the first states to implement an FFPSA program. Since DCF did not delay implementation, many of the services being provided had yet to be rated by the Title IV-E Clearinghouse, which determines eligibility. Several awarded grants provide services that have since been determined as “not meeting criteria.” These services must now be funded as “state only” grants. The agency received funding for the state-only grants from the 2022 Legislature.

  - The agency has budgeted grants totaling $19.3 million in FY 2023 and for FY 2024 with $16.0 million in Family First Grants and $2.6 million in State Only Grants. The budget includes a $7.0 million enhancement request for FY 2023 carried forward into FY 2024 and approved by the 2022 Legislature.

- **REINTEGRATION/FOSTER CARE SERVICES.** This subprogram provides services that have been provided through private contract agencies since 1997. Services provided by the child welfare case management providers include case planning, placement, service delivery, and collaboration with communities. DCF workers are responsible for monitoring service delivery to achieve established outcomes. Services are provided to children and families when the court has found the child to be a child in need of care and requiring out-of-home placement to meet their safety needs. New foster care grants began October 1, 2019. One grant was awarded in each of the eight DCF catchment areas. The foster grantees are Saint Francis Ministries, KVC Kansas, TFI, and Cornerstones of Care.

  - The agency estimates serving approximately 6,400 children per month at an estimated monthly cost of $3,438 per child in FY 2023 and for FY 2024. This does not include any adjustments made to account for the consensus caseloads estimating process to which this program is subject.

  - The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $272.0 million, including $187.6 million SGF, in FY 2023. The recommendation concurs with the FY 2023 agency request. For FY 2024, the Governor recommends $284.6 million, which is an increase of $12.6 million above the FY 2023 Governor's recommendation. The recommendation is an increase of $600,000 above the FY 2024 agency request.

- **ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES.** This subprogram provides services that are designed to benefit children whose parents' parental rights have been terminated or relinquished by providing the children with a permanent family. Examples of services include:

  - Adoption support payments are made to assist adoptive families in meeting the special needs of the children they adopt.

  - Permanent guardianship is an alternative permanent placement when the courts have determined children cannot return home but adoption is not an option.

  - Life Skills and Independent Living Services are provided to older children to prepare them for adulthood once they leave state custody.

- **PERMANENT CUSTODIANSHIP.** This is a permanency option when reintegration and adoption are not a preferred option for the child. When a custodianship is established, a subsidy may be provided to assist the families until the child reaches 18 years of age.

  - The agency estimates serving an average of 115 children at an average monthly cost of $301 per child in FY 2023. For FY 2024, the agency estimates serving an average of 120 children at an average monthly cost of $302.

  - The **Governor** concurs with the program request in FY 2023 and for FY 2024.

- **INDEPENDENT LIVING.** Independent living services are available to any child in the custody of the Secretary and in out-of-home placement for any length of time on or after their 15th birthday. Available services include assistance with completing secondary and postsecondary education, monthly subsidies, life-skills training, and leadership opportunities.

  - The agency estimates serving an average of 950 youth annually at an annual cost per youth of $4,748 in FY 2023. For FY 2024, the agency estimates serving an average of 901 youth annually at an annual cost per youth of $4,280.

  - The **Governor** recommends FY 2024 expenditures of $5.3 million, which is a decrease of $1.5 million below the agency request for the independent living program. The decrease is attributable to the Governor not including the enhancement request for a monthly independent living subsidy.

- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES.** This program rapidly assesses alleged juvenile victims of human trafficking and refers them to the appropriate services and temporary placement.

FIGURE 19

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
1. Percent of Protection Reporting Center initial assessment decisions completed within the timeframe established in policy	95.2 %	90.9 %	88.2 %	93.4 %	95.6 %
2. Percent of children reaching permanency within 12 months of entering foster care	34.0 %	33.3 %	34.4 %	36.9 %	40.5 %
3. Percent of adult protective service investigations completed timely	84.2 %	77.0 %	81.9 %	81.0 %	85.0 %
4. Direct services average monthly cost per adopted child*	$458	$466	$460	$477	$463
Output Measure:					
5. Number of foster care and residential facilities licensed*	2,850	2,567	2,817	3,256	3,396
6. Number of children adopted*	846	948	931	983	1,019
Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 211,478,358	$ 216,860,994		$ 253,790,952	$ 260,872,213
Federal Funds	118,677,820	129,372,750		131,421,784	126,980,465
All Other Funds	9,915,470	17,090,458		17,195,196	15,961,997
TOTAL	$ 340,071,648	$ 363,324,202		$ 402,407,932	$ 403,814,675
Percentage Change:					
SGF	(6.7) %	2.5 %		17.0 %	2.8 %
All Funds	(0.5) %	6.8 %		10.8 %	0.3 %
FTE Positions	192.0	202.0		208.0	200.0

*The Governor's Office does not utilize this measure for evaluation purposes.

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Prevention and Protection Services (PPS) program requests $410.5 million, including $268.1 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an increase of $17.1 million, or 4.3 percent, including an SGF increase of $19.7 million, or 7.9 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. Included in the PPS program are nine enhancement requests totaling $20.1 million, mostly from the SGF.

Major enhancement requests include the following:

Enhancement for **pre-petition legal services** adding $1.0 million SGF to expand a program providing pre-petition legal assistance to parents with children ages 0 to 17 who have been the subject of a report received by the Kansas Reporting Center that has been assigned for assessment or who have come to the attention of the agency. These legal services are initiated prior to the filing of a Child in Need of Care petition to help prevent involved children from entering foster care. Currently these services are offered in only nine counties and are provided by only one contracted legal agency. This enhancement would allow DCF to expand these services into other counties.

Enhancement for **family resource centers** adding $3.1 million SGF to to assist in establishing and supporting 25 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) statewide. FRCs provide support to families and communities by providing, identifying, and accessing services for families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by following research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors.

Enhancement for **WeKanDrive** adding $1.0 million SGF to the $250,000 pilot in the DCF East Region approved by the 2022 Legislature. The WeKanDrive program supports older youth in foster care and young adults receiving Independent Living services in obtaining their driver's license in the state of Kansas. The enhancement would expand the program statewide but total participants may be limited.

Enhancement for **independent living subsidy for youth** adding $1.2 million SGF to increase the monthly assistance subsidy for adults ages 18 to 20 who have exited foster care. This enhancement would allow DCF to increase the subsidy to a maximum of $1,400 per month, or approximately 125.0 percent of the federal poverty level, allowing DCF to cover a greater percentage of living costs.

Enhancement for **foster care SSA/SSI funds** adding $7.6 million, including $7.6 million SGF, and 1.0 FTE position. Some children in foster care receive monthly Social Security Administration (SSA) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. When the agency receives these benefits, they are used for the child's foster care maintenance such as food, clothing, shelter, education, and daily supervision – not to exceed actual costs. The funding of this enhancement would help children and young adults to save these benefits for future use.

Enhancement for **fostering connections MOE** adding $1.0 million SGF to enhance the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) contributions for state funded adoption support clients. The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 allowed for qualified state-funded adoption support clients to be converted to Title IV-E eligible status. The fiscal impact of this change was to shift approximately 60 percent of the monthly subsidy for these clients to federal funding. The Act included an MOE stipulation requiring states to spend those savings on any other Title IV-E or Title IV-B qualified expenditures without supplanting other funding sources. A minimum of 20 percent of the savings needs to be spent on post-adoption services. However, much of this savings was used to fund Adoption Support caseload increases during recent budget years. DCF has fallen behind in meeting the MOE requirements. States have recently been allowed to use any state funds spent in their Families First programs towards their Fostering Connections Act MOE. As of the end of federal fiscal year 2021, there is a $7.8 million deficit in reported MOE.

In addition to these primary enhancements, the Prevention and Protection Services program includes portions of the enhancements for administrative operating expenses ($2,486) and human services salary increases ($225,106).

Partially offsetting the enhancements is the reduction of $3.1 million, including $418,404 SGF, attributable to the deletion of $2.4 million for child protective services grants allocated for family resource centers and crisis hotline marketing in FY 2023. The agency also deleted 8.0 FTE positions associated with the Independent Living Centers program for which COVID-19 pandemic funding is expiring

The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $403.8 million, including $260.9 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is an all funds decrease of $6.6 million, or 1.6 percent, including an SGF decrease of $7.2 million, or 2.7 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request.

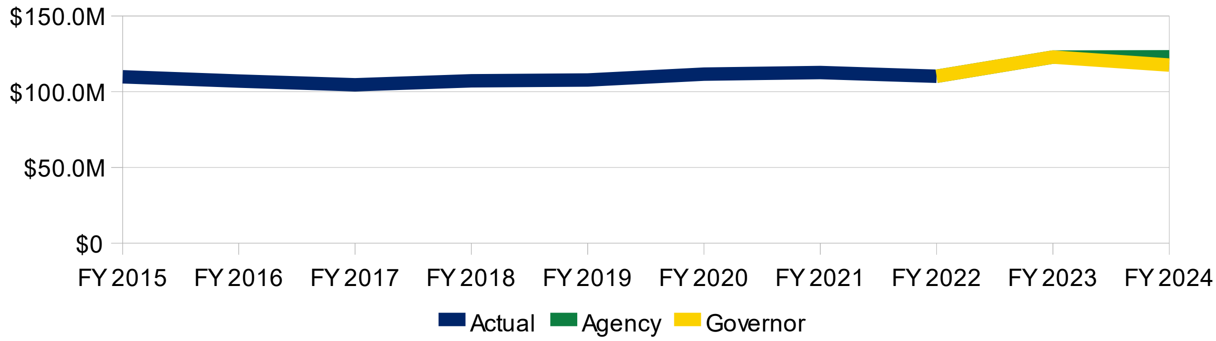
The decrease is due to not recommending the enhancement requests for pre-petition legal services, foster care SSA/SSI funding, fostering connections MOE, and family resource centers. The Governor partially adopted the recommendations for WeKanDrive by adding $250,000 SGF, and the monthly independent living for youth subsidy by adding $417,109 SGF.

The decreases are partially offset by the the addition of $8.0 million, including $7.4 million SGF, above agency request, for a total of $281.0 million, including $193.0 million SGF. While the projected number of children in foster care is lower than the spring 2022 estimate, there is an increase in the projected average cost per child. The increase is attributable to the number of children in higher cost facilities increasing, an increase in the daily rate paid to facilities, an increase of 15.0 percent in the fees paid to Child Placement Agencies for administrative expenditures, and the initiation of a new Failure to Place (FTP) program to reduce the incidence of children sleeping in offices, which includes a combination of recruiter positions and additional beds. In FY 2023, DCF will begin enforcing the penalty provisions in the pay for performance contracts, which will reduce the expenditures for outcome incentives by $900,000 SGF. Additionally, child placement agencies are expending a larger percentage of their allocated funds, which is reducing the recoupment amounts.

CLIENT SERVICE DELIVERY

FIGURE 20

CLIENT SERVICE DELIVERY EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 38-2226, 39-708, 39-709, 39-1433, 75-5316a

PROGRAM GOALS:
- Accurately assess the safety and needs of children and adults during abuse investigations.
- Perform accurate and timely service assessments and eligibility determinations.
- Provide case management and services appropriate to client needs.
- Provide services resulting in gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

The Client Service Delivery staff are employed throughout Kansas and deliver the bulk of all DCF benefits and many direct services in 36 service centers throughout the 4 regional management areas (East, Kansas City, West, and Wichita). The staff in these four regions perform a variety of functions, including determining eligibility for DCF programs; investigating alleged abuse, neglect, and fiduciary abuse of adults, and helping provide protective services; investigating alleged abuse and neglect of children, and coordinating with and overseeing all foster care, adoption, and family preservation contractors; coordinating all DCF programs and services; and conducting quality assurance and monitoring for children and adults receiving services.

FIGURE 21

CLIENT SERVICE DELIVERY, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Outcome Measure:					
1. Percent of EES applications processed timely	95.5 %	84.0 %	91.8 %	90.0 %	90.0 %
2. Food assistance payment error rate	6.6 %	5.5 %	6.0 %	5.5 %	5.5 %
3. Number of Kansans with disabilities achieving competitive, integrated employment*	933	1,113	1,090	1,225	1,230
4. Percent of adult protective service investigations completed timely	84.2 %	77.0 %	81.9 %	81.0 %	85.0 %

Financing	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
SGF	$ 66,437,472	$ 65,192,134		$ 74,715,950	$ 72,522,829
Federal Funds	46,256,040	44,986,996		48,165,450	45,162,294
All Other Funds	24,592	5,000		-	14,259
TOTAL	$ 112,718,104	$ 110,184,130		$ 122,881,400	$ 117,699,382
Percentage Change:					
SGF	(2.6) %	(1.9) %		14.6 %	(2.9) %
All Funds	1.0 %	(2.2) %		11.5 %	(4.2) %
FTE Positions	1,859.9	1,905.9		1,908.4	1,901.1

*The Governor's Office does not utilize this measure for evaluation purposes.

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Client Service Delivery program requests $123.0 million, including $75.3 million SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an increase of $161,244, or 0.1 percent, including an SGF increase of $599,967, or 0.8 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate.

The increase is attributable to to the enhancement request to increase human services salaries adding $5.8 million, including $3.0 million SGF, to raise the salaries of human services and related positions by as much as 15.0 percent, not to exceed the market rate. All positions would receive a minimum 2.5 percent increase. Family Support Coordinators would be limited to a 5.0 percent increase as these positions recently received part of this increase through a position reclassification process.

In addition to this enhancement request, the agency also requests $95,017, including $45,209 SGF, to add 2.0 FTE positions for SNAP benefits and $77,032 for a portion of the administrative operating expenses enhancement.

The increase is partially offset by deleting $5.2 million, including $2.2 million SGF, for Client Services Delivery programs. The majority of the reduction is attributable to the deletion of $4.0 million for EES Eligibility and Child and Adult Protective Services Field Staff by increasing the shrinkage rate to 11.5 percent due to the loss of COVID-19 pandemic funding. Reductions in field staffing budgets also result in a reduction of 7.3 FTE positions.

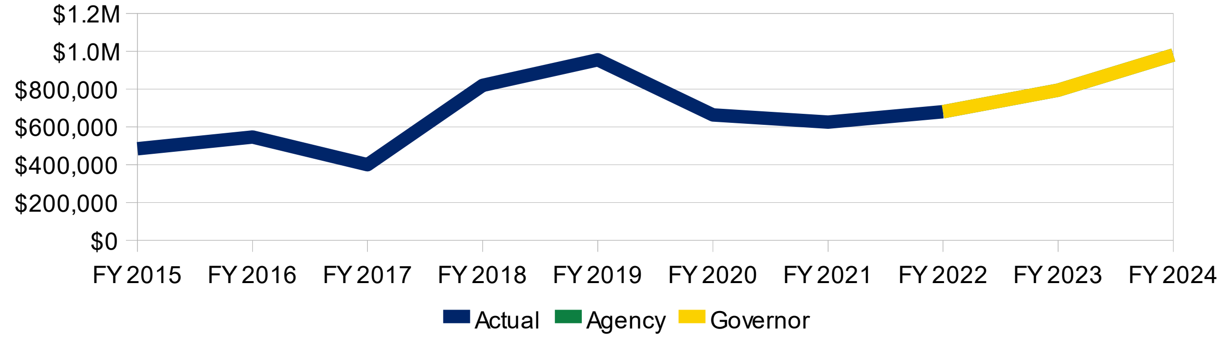
The **Governor** recommends expenditures of $117.7 million, including $72.5 million SGF, for FY 2024. The recommendation is a decrease of $5.3 million, or 4.3 percent, including an SGF decrease of $2.8 million, or 3.7 percent, below the FY 2024 agency request.

The decrease is attributable to the Governor not recommending the agency enhancement requests for human services salary increases or SNAP benefits. The governor also did not recommend the FTE position increase.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

FIGURE 22

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL EXPENDITURES, FY 2015 – FY 2024



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 39-708(c)

PROGRAM GOALS: • Build capacity and advocate for services supporting individuals with disabilities.

The Developmental Disabilities Council responsibilities include monitoring and evaluating the developmental disabilities program and services to ensure increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community. This program is federally established and funded.

FIGURE 23

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual 3-Year Avg.	Target FY 2023	Target FY 2024
Output Measure:					
1. Number of people with developmental disabilities and families who participated in council-supported activities	1,859	1,920	1,876	1,970	2,020
	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022		Governor FY 2023	Governor FY 2024
Financing					
SGF	$ 6,506	$ 7,264		$ 3,520	$ 3,520
Federal Funds	619,345	673,349		791,441	794,349
All Other Funds	-	-		-	-
TOTAL	$ 625,851	$ 680,613		$ 794,961	$ 797,869
Percentage Change:					
SGF	54.4 %	11.7 %		(51.5) %	-- %
All Funds	(5.6) %	8.8 %		16.8 %	0.4 %
FTE Positions	4.0	5.0		5.0	5.0

PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Developmental Disabilities Council requests $787,869, including $3,520 SGF, for FY 2024. The request is an increase of $2,908, or 0.4 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to employer contributions for group health insurance, partially offset by a reduction for other fringe benefit costs.

The **Governor** concurs with the agency request for FY 2024.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Topeka Service Center at 500 SW Van Buren in Topeka serves as the DCF service center for the East Region. The agency leases this building from the Department of Administration on a lease-to-buy agreement. During FY 2021, the existing bonds associated to this lease were recalled, and the building was refinanced. This was completed through the Department of Administration along with the Curtis State Office Building. The lease agreement requires the agency to set aside $0.75 per square foot, or $64,725 annually, into a state Project Maintenance Reserve Fund. The fund has a balance of $811,498, as of September 2022. The agency is currently responsible for capital improvements to this building. The Department of Administration indicates it would prefer that a minimum balance of $400,000 be maintained in this fund.

Per federal rules, expenditures are made using state funds when incurred. These are then amortized over time to leverage federal funds. Approximately one-half of total expenditures will eventually be claimed to federal funding sources. As a result, future improvements will be funded 50.0 percent from Maintenance Funds and 50.0 percent from fee funds. As federal funds are claimed, the dollars will be used to reimburse the fee fund. The Maintenance Fund will be replenished via the annual contribution cited above.

FIGURE 24

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, FY 2022 – FY 2024

	Actual FY 2022	Agency FY 2023	Governor FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024
Capital Projects:					
Service Center Boiler Replacement	$ 204,813	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Service Center Lobby and Interview Room Remodeling	-	950,000	950,000	-	-
TOTAL	**$ 204,813**	**$ 950,000**	**$ 950,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Financing:					
SGF	$ 186	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Federal Funds	112	-	-	-	-
All Other Funds	204,515	950,000	950,000	-	-
TOTAL	**$ 204,813**	**$ 950,000**	**$ 950,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**

FY 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The **agency** requests capital improvement expenditures of $950,000, all from special revenue funds, which is an increase of $500,000, or 111.1 percent, above the FY 2023 approved budget. The expenditures are for remodeling of the lobby and interview rooms in the Topeka Service Center. According to the agency, the first floor to the Topeka Service Center is open to the public Monday through Friday, assisting approximately 10,000 clients each year, not including over 250 DCF employees who have access to the lobby and interview rooms. The high volume of client traffic throughout the last 20 years has caused significant wear and damage to the flooring. Renovation of the first floor lobby includes interview rooms; updating interior finishes; increasing security in interview rooms with glass and panic buttons; upgrading technology; centralizing workflow supports; and adding a lactation room.

The **Governor** concurs with the agency revised estimate for FY 2023.

FY 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The **agency** is not requesting capital improvement expenditures for FY 2024.

The **Governor** concurs with the agency request for FY 2024.