

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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June 11, 2007

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

LCSA LETTER: 07-10

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS AND ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2006/07

REFERENCE: LCSA LETTER 05-08, DATED APRIL 27, 2005

The purpose of this letter is to provide local child support agencies (LCSAs) the opportunity to use additional Federal Financial Participation (FFP) in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006/07 for expenditures that exceed their allocation. This opportunity only applies to Non-Electronic Data Processing Administrative budgets.

Due to the federal penalty being held in abeyance, LCSAs interested in using additional federal funds will not be required to pay penalty amounts associated with the increased actual expenditures. Therefore, no Memorandum of Understanding is required, although County General Funds must be used to match the FFP.

The amount of available FFP in SFY 2006/07 is \$20 million. The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) may not be able to fully fund all LCSA requests for additional FFP depending on the level of interest statewide. LCSAs will be held to the survey amount submitted to DCSS as per LCSA Letter 06-10, dated September 13, 2006.

As a reminder, the child support program is governed by federal and State law, regulation, and policy directive which apply to any funds spent in operation of the child support program. The use of county funds does not relieve your agency from abiding by all of these same requirements that currently govern the use and expenditure of federal and State monies. Moreover, the use of county funds in the State child support program does not relieve the local agency of requesting prior approval from DCSS for projects and/or activities proposed to be funded with county dollars. The Legislature specifically grants authority to the Director of DCSS to review and approve LCSA budgets and to oversee Title IV-D operations at the LCSA.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this process. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Justina Gould, at (916) 464-5015 or your County Allocations Unit Analyst.

Sincerely,

o/s/Cher Woehl

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