

**3.A. STRATEGY REQUEST**  
 80th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1  
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Agency code: **529** Agency name: **Health and Human Services Commission**

GOAL: 4 Encourage Self Sufficiency  
 OBJECTIVE: 2 Other Family Support Services  
 STRATEGY: 2 Alternatives to Abortion

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 3 14  
 Service Categories:  
 Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2005	Est 2006	Bud 2007	BL 2008	BL 2009
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>						
4000	GRANTS	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>						
555	FEDERAL FUNDS					
93.558.000	Temp AssistNeedy Families	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
CFDA Subtotal, Fund	555	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (FEDERAL FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)</b>					<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

**FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:**

**STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Regular Session, of the 79th Texas Legislature Section 50 Special Provisions Article II, S. B. (The General Appropriations Act) effective September 1, 2005.

The purpose is to implement a statewide program for females focused on pregnancy support services that promote childbirth. The provision authorizes HHSC to use the funds appropriated to acquire services, through grant or contract, to specify and develop a program of coordinated services and supports to/for female expectant mothers and others considering who seek alternatives to abortion in a secure, healthy, and nurturing environment.

HHSC determined to contract for these services and solicited proposals to accomplish the legislative purpose. HHSC recognizes that many organizations in Texas already provide support services that promote childbirth and alternatives to abortion; therefore, the program is intended to supplement and expand the availability and use of such services.

This strategy is a continuation of the agency's efforts to enhance the Alternatives to Abortion support services such as GED preparation, counseling services to the entire family members as well as the pregnant mother. Additional services provided are information and referral services and some material services such as maternity clothes and car seats.

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**EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:**

External: Legislation which addresses the issue of Alternatives to Abortions will continue to impact the strategy.

Internal: Availability of funding will be a factor that affects both the addition of new service providers and the expansion of services provided.

Current statistics show that Texas leads the nation of Hispanic teen pregnancies. This trend increases the need for Alternatives to Abortion support services. Current statistics indicate the average number of abortions performed is 17.5 % out of 100. Additionally, there is a need to increase services in currently underserved areas of Texas and develop services for un/under-served populations.