

4.A. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM REQUEST SCHEDULE
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Agency code: 529

Agency name:

Health and Human Services Commission

CODE DESCRIPTION

	<u>Excp 2008</u>	<u>Excp 2009</u>
Item Name: Expand Family Violence Services		
Item Priority: 11		
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 04-02-01 Family Violence Services		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
4000 GRANTS		
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	1,000,000	1,000,000
	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 GENERAL REVENUE FUND		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	1,000,000	1,000,000
	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

This request would provide additional funding to improve family violence services in underserved areas of the state and help the Family Violence Program achieve its goal of promoting self-sufficiency, safety, and long-term independence from family violence.

To achieve programmatic goals, HHSC requests exceptional item funding to expand and increase services in the following targeted service areas:

- Primary Prevention services that would employ a variety of methods to prevent domestic violence before it occurs. These methods may include both school and community based educational opportunities and prevention of dating violence and bullying.
- Transitional Housing services would enable shelters to serve additional clients in crisis by moving clients with less immediate and acute needs into transitional housing.
- Legal Services would provide clients with additional assistance in such areas as protective orders, custody disputes, and court appearances.
- Job Training services that support victims in becoming self-sufficient and would include both short and long-term focused training ranging from interviewing skills to assisting victims achieve a college education.
- Child Care services that would allow clients to work or attend school in order to become self-sufficient.

A funding strategy dedicated to primary prevention would benefit an estimated additional 3,000 persons per year.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Current statistics indicate the the number of victims of family violence will continue to grow.