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Agency code: **539** Agency name: **AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES**

GOAL: 1 Long-term Care Continuum Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 3 3
 OBJECTIVE: 3 Community Care - Waivers Service Categories:
 STRATEGY: 3 Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Service: 26 Income: A.1 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2003	Est 2004	Bud 2005	BL 2006	BL 2007
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$60,043,817	\$60,043,817
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$56,702,208	\$60,222,617	\$60,690,780	\$60,043,817	\$60,043,817

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Community Living Assistance & Support Services (CLASS) program provides home & community-based services to persons with a "related condition" diagnosis, qualifying them for placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (ICF-MR/RC). Clients have a disability, other than mental retardation, which originated before age 22 and affects their ability to function in daily life. CLASS is a Medicaid (XIX) funded 1915(c) home & community based services waiver, utilizing state matching funds. Services include case management, habilitation (including consumer directed habilitation), respite care (including consumer directed respite care), nursing services, psychological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, adaptive aids/supplies, minor home modifications, and unlimited prescriptions. Prescription drugs are paid through the Health & Human Services Commission's Vendor Drug program. Applicants must be financially eligible for Medicaid if residing in a Medicaid-certified institution, be SSI eligible, and be eligible for Medicaid benefits under a federally mandated protective status or be a disabled child who would be eligible for Medicaid if institutionalized and if parental income is not deemed to the child. The client must meet ICF-MR/RC level of care criteria, have a demonstrated need for habilitation services, have a DADS-approved individual plan of care for waiver services, and reside in the appropriate geographic catchment area. Statutory Authority: Social Security Act, Title XIX, §1915(c)(7)(B).

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

In the base request, CLASS provider rates have been reduced by 1.06% due to funding restraints associated with 5% reductions and the biennial decrease in the FMAP. Exceptional Items 2 and 3 seek to restore these reductions.

Demand for this program is projected to increase during the FY 2006-2007 biennium, increasing the number of individuals waiting for services.

Exceptional items related to addressing this program's interest lists are included in the Health and Human Services Commission's Legislative Appropriations Request.