

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

WorkFirst Spending Plan

RCW 74.08A.341 (2)(b)

2019-21 Biennial Spending Plan

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WorkFirst 2019-21 Spending Plan

Per RCW 74.08A.341(2)(b), the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) establishes a biennial spending plan for WorkFirst services and submits it to the fiscal committees of the legislature and the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Oversight Task Force on a biennial basis. DSHS takes actions necessary to ensure that services provided under this chapter are available only to the extent of and consistent with appropriations in the operating budget and policy established by the legislature. DSHS updates the legislative fiscal committees and the task force on the spending plan if modifications are made to the plan previously submitted to the legislature and the task force for that biennium.

Below is additional detail on the provisos included in ESHB 1109 Section 205(1) from the 2019 Legislative session. WorkFirst funding that is not included in the ESA budget provisos is shown under “Other” on the revised Spending Plan.

Economic Services Administration

Assistance to Clients (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(b))

Biennial Total: \$266,668,000

This budget proviso includes funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and State Family Assistance (SFA) grants and funding for the Diversion Cash Assistance Program.

WorkFirst Services (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(c))

Biennial Total: \$158,316,000

This budget proviso includes funding for WorkFirst services (e.g., employment and training services and barrier removal services) and Tribal TANF programs (to meet the state Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding requirement for Tribal TANF programs in RCW 74.08A.040).

WorkFirst employment and training services are provided by the Employment Security Department, Department of Commerce, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, DSHS, and other contractors that provide direct services to WorkFirst clients (including LEP Pathway services for persons with limited English proficiency). In Washington State, 10 Tribes and one Tribal consortium (South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency or SPIPA) operate 11 Tribal TANF programs.

Working Connection Child Care within Department of Children, Youth, and Families (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(d))

Biennial Total: \$353,402,000

This budget proviso designates funding for subsidized child care for low-income working families through the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program within Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Child Welfare Services within Department of Children, Youth, and Families (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(e))

Biennial Total: \$68,496,000

This relates to the TANF funding that partially funds direct social service staff including Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Family Reconciliation Services at the Department of Children, Youth and Families (formally the Children's Administration with DSHS).

Administration and Overhead (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(f))

Biennial Total: \$122,945,000

This budget proviso designates funding for WorkFirst administration and overhead. These funds will be applied to the salaries and benefits, travel and other costs (e.g., supplies, equipment, postage, utilities, building lease costs and maintenance) associated with personnel involved in the administration of the WorkFirst program, including ESA employees who provide direct services to WorkFirst families. Responsibilities of other personnel include fiscal and programmatic oversight, technical assistance, ongoing review, monitoring, data collection and program reporting, and collection of client overpayments.

Other

Tribal TANF - Federal

Biennial Total: \$47,866,000

The amount of the federal TANF block grant that is awarded to Tribes operating Tribal TANF programs in Washington State.

DSHS - Overhead

Biennial Total: \$23,728,000

Funding to support DSHS-wide indirect costs as well as some direct costs charges such as those from the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Enterprise Services, and the State Auditor's Office.

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2019-21 Enacted Budget
Feb 2019 Forecast

2019-21 Biennium			
DSHS - Economic Services Administration (ESA)	2020	2021	2019-21
ESA - Assistance to Clients (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(b))			
TANF Grants (WorkFirst)	132,234	129,460	261,694
Diversion Assistance	2,487	2,487	4,974
Subtotal - ESA Assistance to Clients	134,721	131,947	266,668
ESA - WorkFirst Services (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(c))			
Tribal TANF - State MOE	12,411	12,411	24,822
DSHS - Interpreters	1,385	1,385	2,770
DSHS- Local Contracts	7,067	6,878	13,945
DSHS - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	5,600	5,600	11,200
ESD - Job Search & Placement	13,741	13,703	27,444
SBCTC - Education & Training	14,996	14,957	29,953
Commerce Dept. - Subsidized & Community Employment, LEP	20,828	20,774	41,602
Working Family Support	1,200	1,200	2,400
Home Visits	2,090	2,090	4,180
Subtotal - ESA WorkFirst Services	79,318	78,998	158,316
ESA - Child Care (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(d))			
Child Care Subsidy	176,701	176,701	353,402
Subtotal - ESA Child Care	176,701	176,701	353,402
ESA -Child Welfare Services with in DCYF (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(e))			
Child Welfare Services	34,248	34,248	68,496
Subtotal - ESA Department of Children, Youth and Families	34,248	34,248	68,496
ESA - Overhead & Administration (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(f))			
DSHS Staffing Operations	61,065	60,870	121,935
DSHS Office of Financial Recovery	505	505	1,010
Subtotal - ESA Overhead and Administration	61,570	61,375	122,945
Total State and Federal - ESA (ESHB 1109, Section 205(1)(b) through Section 205(1)(j))	486,558	483,269	969,827
Other			
Tribal TANF - Federal	23,933	23,933	47,866
DSHS - Overhead	11,864	11,864	23,728
Total - Other	35,797	35,797	71,594
Total WorkFirst Spending Plan	522,355	519,066	1,041,421
Total Child Care Program			
ESA	176,701	176,701	353,402
DCYF	217,685	224,879	442,564
Total Child Care	394,386	401,580	795,966