



Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY20 Proposed Budget

10 – Children and Family Services (DCFS)

May 2019

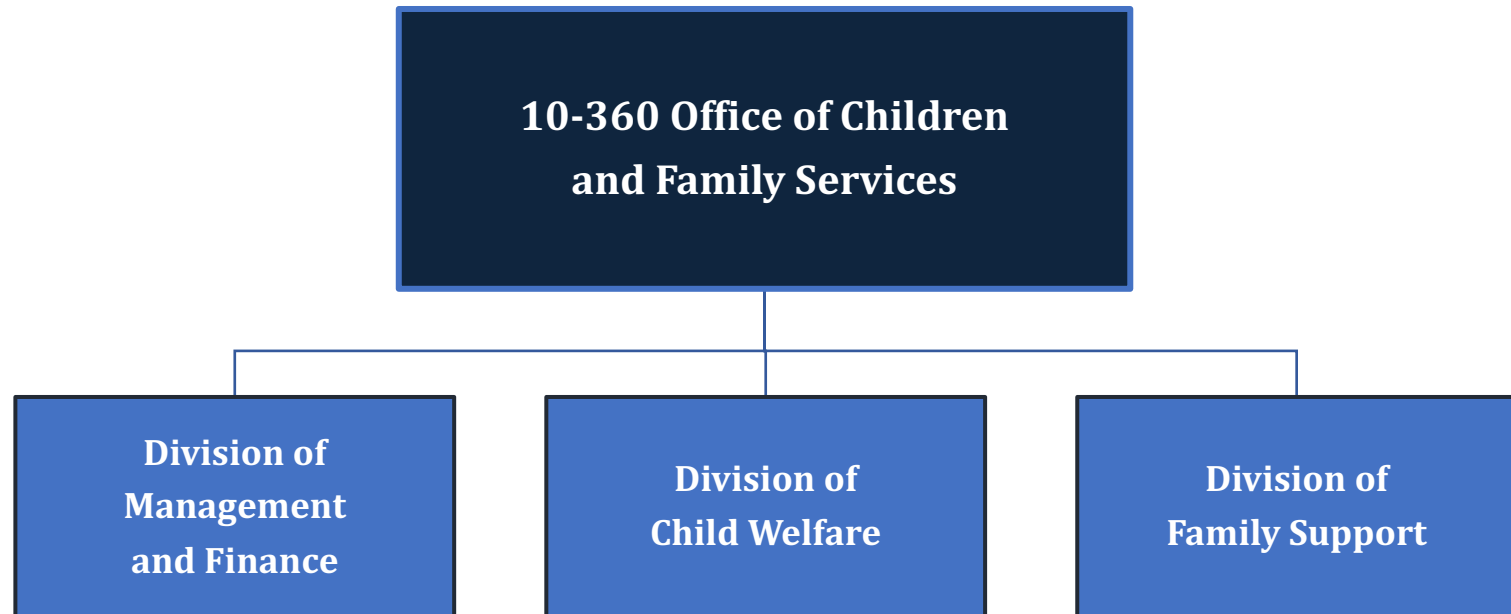
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Schedule 10 — DCFS Agencies

Departmental mission — “To keep children safe, help individuals and families become self-sufficient, and provide safe refuge during disasters.”





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FY18, FY19, and FY20 Comparison

Total Funding — All Means of Finance

Total Funding	FY18 Actual	FY19 Enacted	FY19 EOB as of 12-1-18	FY20 Proposed as of 2-22-19	<i>Difference FY20 Proposed vs. FY19 EOB</i>
Management and Finance	\$ 147,849,245	\$ 177,079,452	\$ 177,079,452	\$ 185,999,057	\$ 8,919,605
Child Welfare	\$ 261,465,623	\$ 266,873,787	\$ 266,873,787	\$ 280,444,227	\$ 13,570,440
Family Support	\$ 215,922,895	\$ 335,270,465	\$ 335,270,465	\$ 329,442,908	\$ (5,827,557)
TOTAL	\$ 625,237,763	\$ 779,223,704	\$ 779,223,704	\$ 795,886,192	\$ 16,662,488
Total Authorized FTEs	3,445	3,506	3,506	3,491	(15)



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FY20 Proposed Means of Finance by Agency

Total MOF by Agency	SGF	IAT	FSGR	Stat Deds	Federal	Total
Management and Finance	\$77,141,108	\$2,575,470	\$0	\$0	\$106,282,479	\$185,999,057
Child Welfare	\$64,002,216	\$13,895,098	\$2,656,768	\$0	\$199,890,145	\$280,444,227
Family Support	\$65,365,480	\$50,000	\$12,765,541	\$827,047	\$250,434,840	\$329,442,908
TOTALS	\$206,508,804	\$16,520,568	\$15,422,309	\$827,047	\$556,607,464	\$795,886,192

Agency	Program Description
Management and Finance	Coordinates department efforts by providing leadership, information, support, and oversight to all Department of Children and Family Services programs. Contains the Office of the Secretary, the Office of Management and Finance, Systems, Research and Analysis, and Licensing.
Child Welfare	Promotes the safety and well-being of children in their own homes and stability and permanence for foster children in the custody of the DCFS. Includes child protection investigations, foster care services, adoptions, family services, and case review.
Family Support	Provides citizens, at-risk and low-income families with greater opportunities for self-sufficiency through strategic investments in programs supporting independence, workforce development and economic stability. Manages FITAP, STEP, Kinship Care, and SNAP programs, as well as child support enforcement, disability determinations, systems, research and analysis, and fraud and recovery units.

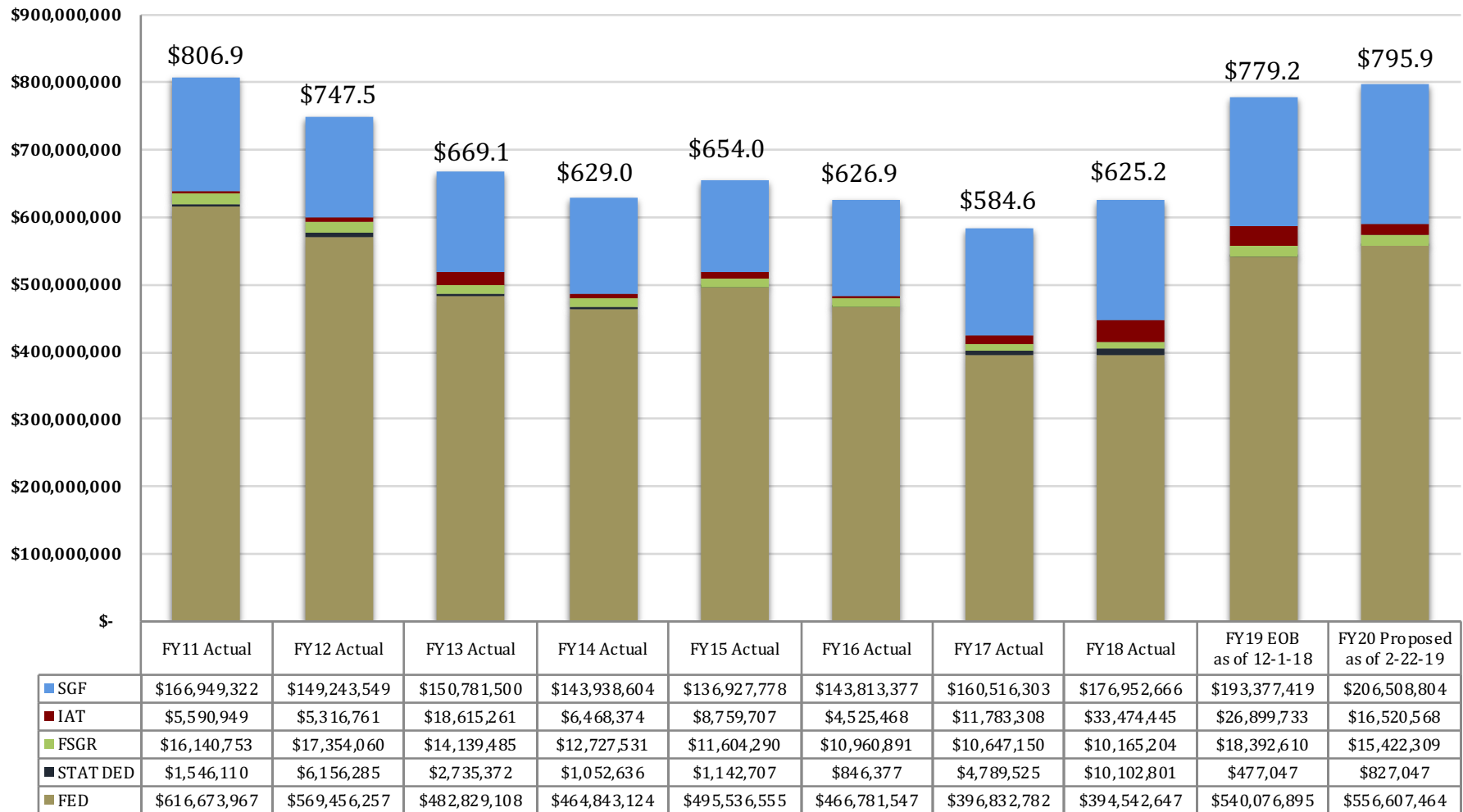


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Changes in Funding since FY11

**Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance
(in \$ millions)**

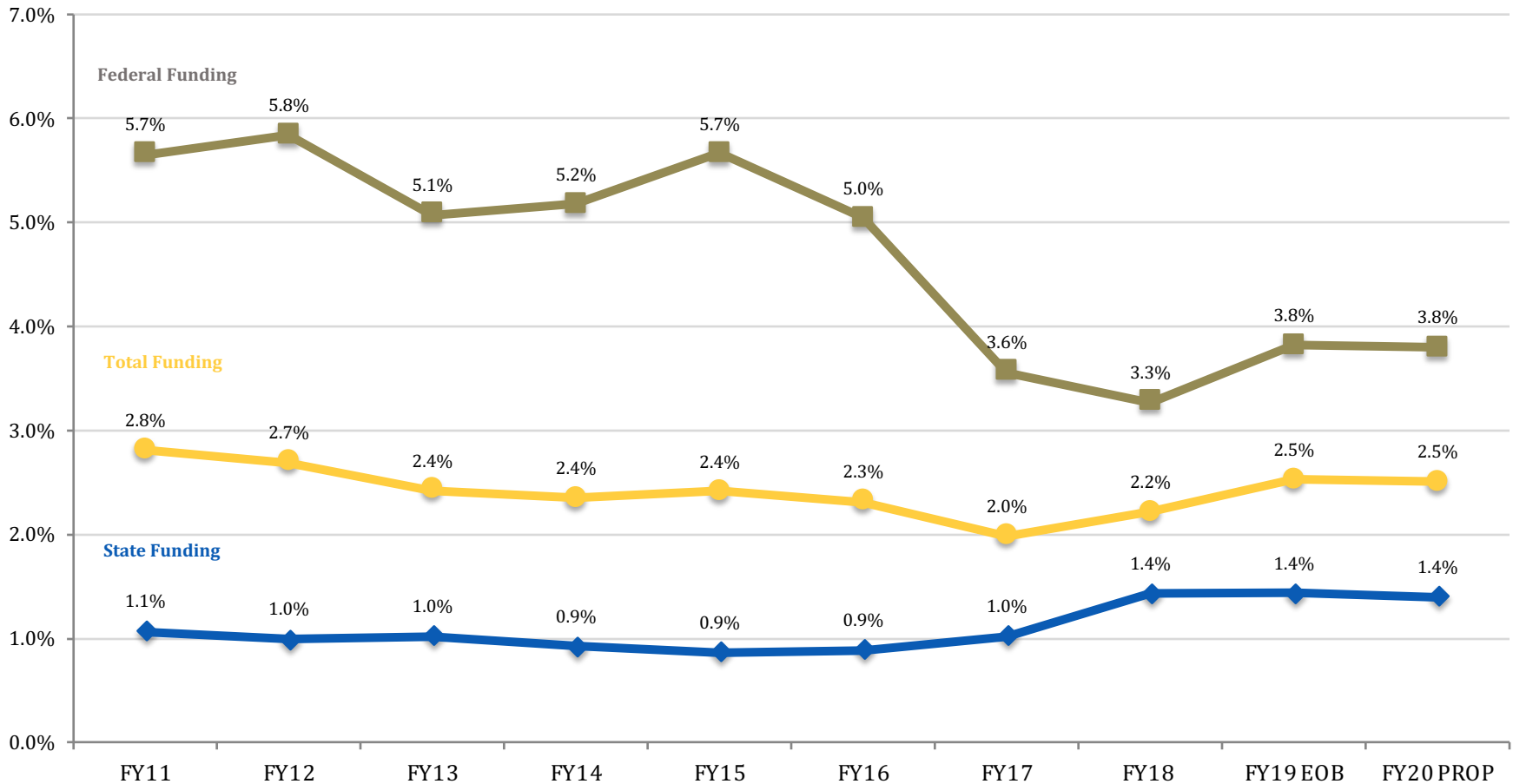
Change from FY11 to FY20 is -1.4%.





DCFS Changes in Funding since FY11

DCFS' Budget as a Portion of the Total State Budget

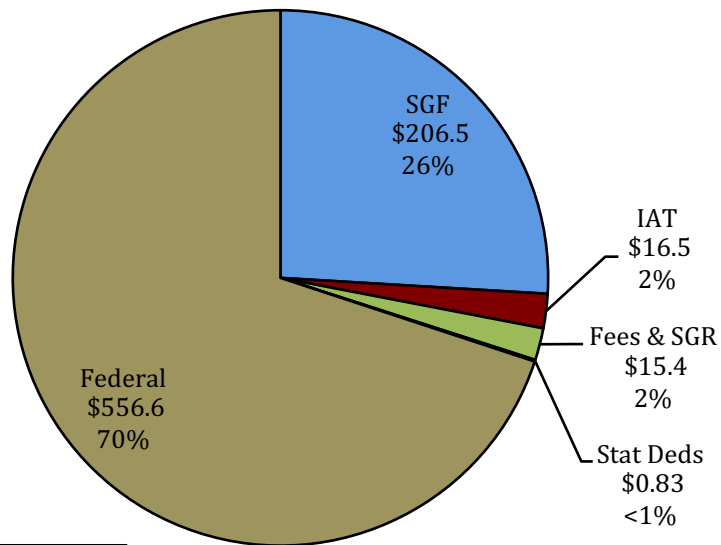




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FY20 Proposed Means of Finance

**FY20 Proposed
Total Means of Finance
(In Millions)**



Total \$795.9 m.

Non-SGF Sources of Funding:

Seventy percent of DCFS funding comes from **Federal sources**. These sources include the Social Security Act, Title IV-D; Food Stamp Act of 1977; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Child Care Block Grant; Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 (P.L. 212) for Needy Families (P.L. 86-571, and Section 1113 of the Social Security Act) for administration of payments to impoverished U.S. citizens returned to this country; Title IV-E for foster children room and board costs and for Independent Living services; Child Abuse and Neglect Grant; Children's Justice Act Grant; Social Security Income (SSI); Social Security Disability Income (SSDI); Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG); Adoption Incentive Payments, and Community Based Family Resource Grant.

Interagency Transfer sources include the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) - Medicaid Program for administrative costs for Medicaid funding case management services for child welfare; LDH - Medical Vendor Administration program for joint and shared costs for eligibility determinations; the Department of Education - State Activities for day care funding for foster children ages three or older, and for child care payments for STEP (Strategies to Empower People) eligible families.

Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from parental contributions for foster children costs, from one-half of the fee charged for marriage licenses, and from Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement collections and miscellaneous collections.

Statutory Dedications are from the Children's Trust Fund, the Battered Women's Shelter Fund, the Fraud Detection Fund, and the **SNAP Fraud and Abuse Detection and Prevention Fund (eliminated by Act 612 of the 2018 Regular Session)**.



DCFS Dedicated Funds

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY18 Actual	FY19 EOB as of 12-1-18	FY20 Proposed
Battered Women Shelter Fund	Various court fees over multiple judicial districts	\$92,753	\$92,753	\$92,753
Children's Trust Fund	Legislative appropriations; donations of income tax returns; fees for birth certificates	\$4,180	\$0	\$0
Fraud Detection Fund	Money recovered through fraud detection less the federal funding agency's share; civil fines collected from retailers who violate the provisions of law concerning cash assistance electronic benefits	\$374,294	\$374,294	\$724,294
Overcollections Fund	All recurring SGF for FY18 collected in excess of the official forecast for recurring SGF for FY18 as recognized by REC.	\$9,631,574	\$0	\$0
SNAP Fraud and Abuse Detection and Prevention Fund	Checkoff donations on individual income tax refunds and other contributions	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Emergency Response Fund	Any donations or appropriations to the fund.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS		\$10,102,801	\$477,047	\$827,047

2018 Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee recommendation and *any subsequent legislative action taken during the 2018 Regular Session:*

Fraud Detection Fund = No change

SNAP Fraud and Abuse Detection and Prevention Fund = Elimination [Eliminated effective July 1, 2020 pursuant to Act 612 (SB 400) of the 2018 Regular Session]

2019 Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee recommendation:

Battered Women Shelter Fund = Reclassify to Fees and Self-generated Revenues

Overcollections Fund = No Change

State Emergency Response Fund = No Change



DCFS Categorical Expenditures

FY18, FY19, and FY20

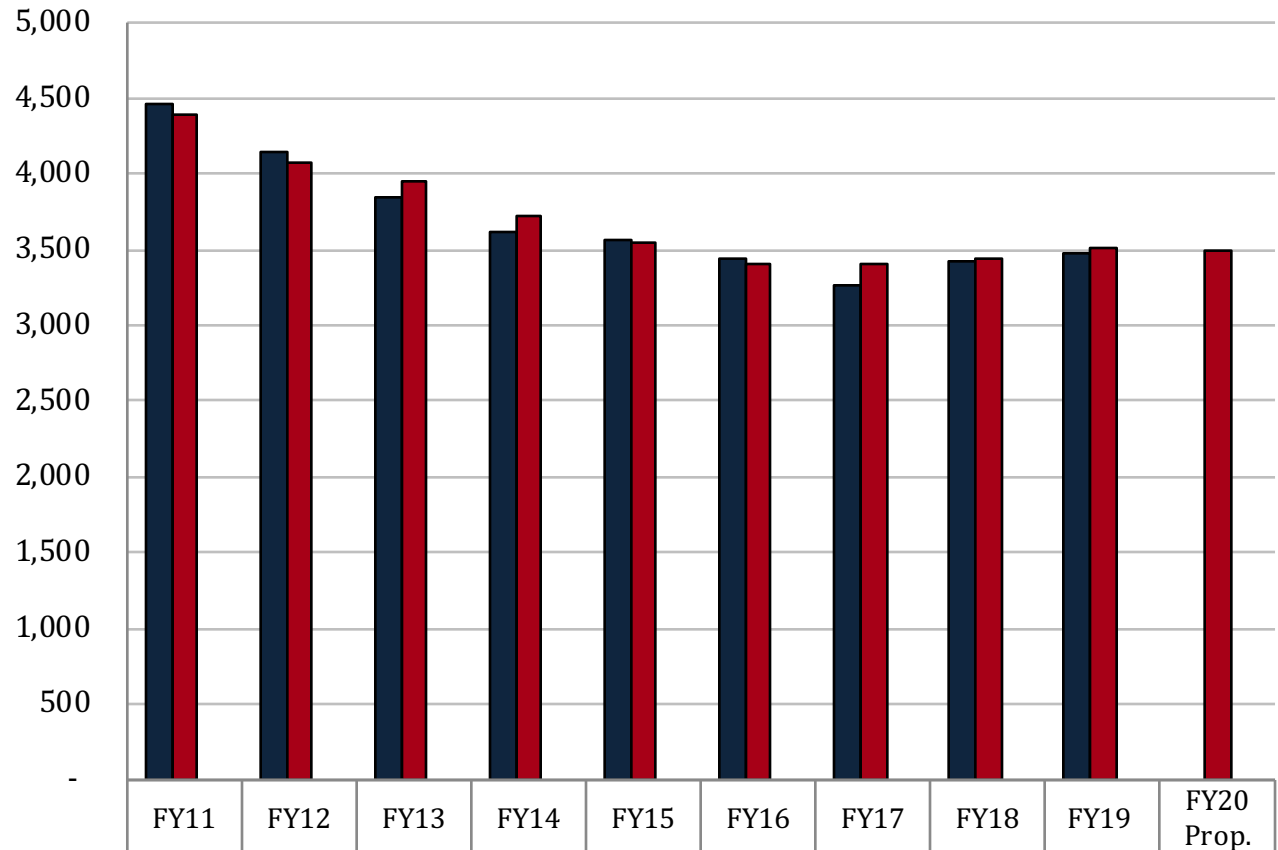
Expenditure Category	FY18 Actual	FY19 EOB (as of 12-01-18)	FY20		Difference FY19 to FY20
			Proposed Budget	Category as Percent of Total	
Personal Services:	\$254,352,234	\$305,142,469	\$306,251,558	38.48%	\$1,109,089
Salaries	\$143,502,554	\$161,269,287	\$165,529,525	20.80%	\$4,260,238
Other Compensation	\$9,826,757	\$12,102,509	\$12,102,509	1.52%	\$0
Related Benefits	\$101,022,923	\$131,770,673	\$128,619,524	16.16%	(\$3,151,149)
Operating Expenses:	\$20,325,282	\$38,370,656	\$39,374,674	4.95%	\$1,004,018
Travel	\$1,407,868	\$2,790,769	\$2,823,294	0.35%	\$32,525
Operating Services	\$17,490,751	\$33,294,893	\$34,254,636	4.30%	\$959,743
Supplies	\$1,426,663	\$2,284,994	\$2,296,744	0.29%	\$11,750
Professional Services	\$8,501,972	\$11,550,117	\$11,550,117	1.45%	\$0
Other Charges:	\$340,561,591	\$423,648,962	\$438,709,843	55.12%	\$15,060,881
Other Charges	\$173,499,543	\$219,261,015	\$231,547,973	29.09%	\$12,286,958
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$167,062,048	\$204,387,947	\$207,161,870	26.03%	\$2,773,923
Acquisitions & Major Repairs:	\$1,496,684	\$511,500	\$0	0.00%	(\$511,500)
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Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$625,237,763	\$779,223,704	\$795,886,192	100.00%	\$16,662,488



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FTEs, Authorized Positions, and Other Charges Positions

Total FY20 Proposed Authorized Positions of 3,491 are 10.4% of Total State FY20 Proposed Authorized Positions of 33,675.



■ Total FTEs (as of July 1 of each fiscal year)	4,465	4,141	3,845	3,620	3,568	3,437	3,273	3,427	3,484	-
■ Total Authorized Positions (Enacted)	4,395	4,082	3,960	3,726	3,540	3,409	3,409	3,447	3,506	3,491
■ Authorized Other Charges Positions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

Data for Total FTEs uses the first weekly employment report published by State Civil Service in July at the start of the named fiscal year.

Data for Total Authorized Positions uses fiscal year enacted levels, except for FY20 Proposed.

Data for Other Charges Positions are reflected in the Proposed Budget per Act 377 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session (beginning in FY15).

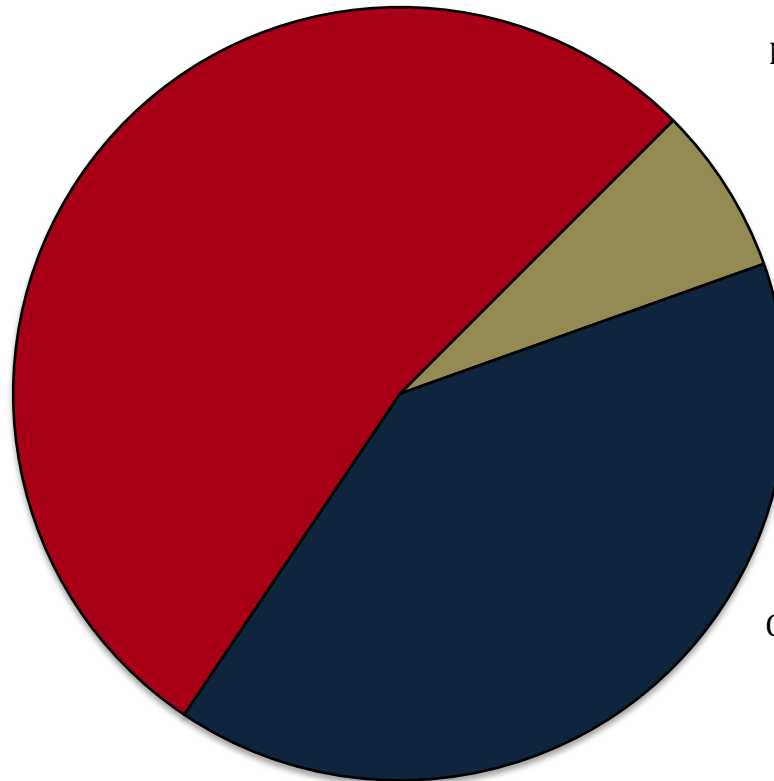


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FY20 Proposed Total Authorized Positions by Agency

Family
Support
1,853
53%

Staff implement and administer family assistance programs, such as FITAP, disaster relief, STEP, Kinship Care, and SNAP; provide enforcement for child support payments; perform disability determinations; maintain and enhance departmental computer systems; provide fraud and abuse prevention and investigation; etc.



Management
and Finance
246
7%

Secretary, undersecretary, and assistant secretaries; budget; fiscal services; administrative staff; appeals; cost allocation, etc.

Child Welfare
1,392
40%

Staff provide support for the Child Welfare Program; investigate abuse and neglect cases; assist foster and adoptive parents; conduct training for parents and legal guardians; implement licensing of residential facilities; etc.



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Statewide Adjustments Proposed for FY20

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$3,058,226	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,058,228	\$6,116,454	0	Market Rate Salary Adjustment – Classified
\$540,292	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$540,296	\$1,080,588	0	Civil Service Training Series Adjustment
(\$1,486,186)	\$0	(\$3,025,301)	\$0	(\$1,486,186)	(\$5,997,673)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$2,843,371	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,843,372	\$5,686,743	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$364,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$364,859	\$729,716	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$372,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$372,819	\$745,637	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$1,750,236	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,239	\$3,500,475	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$3,450,304)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,450,307)	(\$6,900,611)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$532,534)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$728,648)	(\$1,261,182)	(15)	Personnel Reductions
(\$511,500)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$511,500)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$348,233)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$646,718)	(\$994,951)	0	Risk Management
(\$53,505)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$103,862)	(\$157,367)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$183,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$340,875	\$524,423	0	Rent in State-owned Buildings
\$585	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,087	\$1,672	0	Maintenance in State-owned Buildings
\$852	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,654	\$2,506	0	Capitol Police
\$3,370	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,542	\$9,912	0	UPS Fees
\$28,982	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,982	\$57,964	0	Civil Service Fees
(\$10,911)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$21,179)	(\$32,090)	0	State Treasury Fees
\$2,770,987	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,770,987	\$5,541,974	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
(\$1,172,923)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,172,923)	0	Administrative Law Judges
(\$64,021)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$64,022)	(\$128,043)	0	Office of State Procurement
(\$6,021)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$6,021)	(\$12,042)	0	Topographic Mapping
\$4,281,986	\$0	(\$3,025,301)	\$0	\$5,572,997	\$6,829,682	(15)	Total Statewide Adjustments



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Significant Increases for FY20

Increase	Source	T.O.	Agency	Description
\$4,777,673	\$3,105,489 SGF; \$1,672,184 FED	0	Child Welfare	Provides funding to conform to the rates paid by OJJ to Non-Medical Group Homes for children who can no longer be placed in family settings, who are discharged from mental health treatment facilities, or who have developmental disabilities.
\$3,160,871	\$373,087 SGF; \$2,767,784 FED	0	Child Welfare	Provides funding to extend the age of Foster Care to serve additional youth in accordance with Act 649 of the 2018 Regular Session. In the current year, the Foster Care extension is paid for with State General Fund and covers youth who are either a full-time high school student or in the process of receiving an equivalent degree. These youth may remain in Foster Care until they graduate or turn 21, whichever comes first. Federal budget authority is increased in FY20 Proposed so that DCFS can seek Title IV-E reimbursement for youth who turned 18 and remained in the Foster Care system in FYs 19 and 20. DCFS is also amending its Child Welfare policies to submit an amended Child Welfare Plan to the federal government to seek approval for reimbursement of Title IV-E funds for youth aged 18-21 who remain in Foster Care in accordance with Act 649.
\$1,841,396	\$1,196,906 SGF; \$644,490 FED	0	Child Welfare	Provides funding to conform to the rates paid by OJJ to Therapeutic Foster Care Facilities for children with medical or developmental conditions or with emotional or behavioral needs that require specialized care and supervision.
\$1,672,687	\$936,704 SGF; \$735,983 FED	0	Mgt. & Finance	Provides funding for 10-year lease renewals in field offices in 20 parishes.
\$700,000	\$350,000 Stat Deds; \$350,000 FED	0	Family Support	Utilizes existing fund balance in the Fraud Detection Fund and Federal SNAP Funds to provide funding for upgrades for reporting and tracking systems in the Fraud and Recovery Section.
\$401,179	\$300,884 SGF; \$100,295 FED	0	Child Welfare	Provides funding to purchase 104 replacement vehicles to maintain a fleet of 85 vehicles in Child Welfare.
\$41,686	\$20,843 SGF; \$20,843 FED	0	Family Support	Provides funding to purchase 104 replacement vehicles to maintain a fleet of 19 vehicles in Family Support.
\$35,820	SGF	0	Mgt. & Finance	Provides funding to the Bureau of Licensing Application System (BLAS) which is used to regulate juvenile detention centers, child placing agencies, residential homes, and maternity homes.



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Significant Adjustments for FY20

Significant Decreases for FY19

Decrease	Source	T.O.	Agency	Description
(\$2,798,506)	\$2,487,141 SGF; (\$10,379,165) IAT; \$5,093,518 FED	0	Mgt. & Finance	Decreases IAT authority and increases SGF and FED authority for continuation of the Integrated Eligibility (IE) information technology project. IAT funding that had been transferred to DCFS from LDH in prior years is no longer needed. SGF and FED authority is increased to meet contractual obligations.

Means of Financing Substitutions for FY19

MOF Swap	Source	T.O.	Agency	Description
\$0	\$392,525 SGF; \$55,000 FSGR; (\$447,525) FED	0	Child Welfare	MOF swap increasing SGF and FSGR authority and decreasing FED authority to continue funding Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters, which is a model program to increase chances for adoption for children. Federal Adoption Incentive funds used in prior years have been exhausted and are not available in FY20. Funds from FSGR are a grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation.



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TANF Initiatives for FY20

Projections	FY20 TANF Anticipated Revenue				
	Annual Block Grant	\$ 163,377,090			
	SSBG Transfer	\$ (16,337,709)			
	Total Revenue	\$ 147,039,381			
CORE WELFARE	Initiative	Agency	FY18 Actual	FY19	FY20 Proposed
	Cash Assistance-FITAP/KCSP	DCFS	\$ 19,662,012	\$ 20,885,099	\$ 20,885,099
	STEP	DCFS	\$ 3,546,890	\$ 7,238,284	\$ 7,238,284
	Call Center/Document Imaging	DCFS	\$ 213,315	\$ 307,552	\$ 307,552
	Integrated Eligibility Project		\$ 670,409	\$ 1,313,070	\$ 1,950,754
	Administration	DCFS	\$ 6,939,441	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 8,000,000
FEDERAL INITIATIVES	Community Supervision	OJJ	\$ 810,000	\$ 810,000	\$ 810,000
Program 3000	LA4	DOE	\$ 40,151,269	\$ 40,492,803	\$ 40,492,803
FAMILY SUPPORT	CASA	Supreme Crt	\$ 3,992,850	\$ 3,992,850	\$ 3,992,850
	Substance Abuse	LDH/OBH	\$ 2,510,242	\$ 2,753,512	\$ 2,753,512
	Nurse Family Partnership	LDH/OPH	\$ 2,874,213	\$ 2,877,075	\$ 2,877,075
	Jobs for America's Graduates	DOE	\$ 2,402,299	\$ 2,655,000	\$ 2,655,000
	Drug Courts	Supreme Crt	\$ 5,272,871	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 5,400,000
	Homeless	DCFS	\$ 625,283	\$ 637,500	\$ 637,500
	Family Violence	DCFS	\$ 5,760,365	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
	Abortion Alternatives	DCFS	\$ 1,229,831	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,260,000
CHILD WELFARE	CPI/FS	DCFS	\$ 26,336,259	\$ 28,962,112	\$ 28,962,112
	Emergency Assistance	DCFS	\$ 11,648,564	\$ 14,454,524	\$ 14,316,840
TOTALS	Core Welfare		\$ 31,032,067	\$ 38,244,005	\$ 38,381,689
	Federal Initiatives		\$ 65,629,223	\$ 65,378,740	\$ 65,378,740
	Child Welfare		\$ 37,984,823	\$ 43,416,636	\$ 43,278,952
	Total		\$ 134,646,113	\$ 147,039,381	\$ 147,039,381
	STEP Budget				
	STEP Activities		\$ 584,627	\$ 1,420,998	\$ 1,420,998
	STEP Transportation & Support		\$ 740,882	\$ 1,329,002	\$ 1,329,002
	STEP Case Management		\$ 2,221,381	\$ 4,488,284	\$ 4,488,284
	TOTAL		\$ 3,546,890	\$ 3,546,890	\$ 7,238,284

Source: DCFS



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Budget Issues for FY20

Integrated Eligibility (IE) Project

- Allows clients to electronically submit documents required by federal law.
- Development and design phase is finishing.
- Pilot program scheduled to start in August 2019/System in production in November 2019.
- Current Year 2019 funding is \$26.4 million/FY20 Proposed total funding is \$25.2 million.

Rate Increases for Non-Medical Group Home and Therapeutic Foster Care

- Costs associated with Title IV-E (Federal Payments for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) eligible youth in the custody of OJJ.
- DCFS provides federal Title IV-E funding, and OJJ identifies the state match through SGF.
- A rate study was conducted in 2017 to document rate levels necessary to maximize federal reimbursement and to ensure appropriate living arrangements for children in state custody.
- The study was necessary due to audit findings showing the departments were in potential jeopardy of losing federal funds due to unsupported rates.

Vehicle Replacement

- Three-year project to replace 225 vehicles
- In FY18, 72 vehicles were purchased at a cost of nearly \$1.5 million.
- No funding appropriated for vehicle purchases in FY19.
- Total FY20 funding for vehicles is \$442,865 through LEAF payments.

Foster Care Extension for Youth up to Age 21

- Act 649 of the 2018 Regular Session provided for Foster Care coverage for youth up to age 21 who were pursuing a high school diploma or equivalent certification – covering 175 youth.
- DCFS is planning to cover all youth up to age 21 by seeking to amend the state's Title IV-E plan to cover the 18 to 21 population, a required step before federal funds can be drawn down – would cover 255 youth.
- Total cost for FY20 is \$4.2 million -- \$1.4 million SGF and \$2.8 million federal.



Comparison Adjustments to the State General Fund in the FY20 Continuation, Standstill and Proposed Budgets FY19 EOB, HB103, and HB105 Comparison

Children and Family Services	FY19 EOB	FY20 Proposed Budget	FY20 Continuation Budget	FY20 Standstill Budget	DIFFERENCE					
					CONTINUATION OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB	STANDSTILL OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB	CONTINUATION OVER/(UNDER) STANDSTILL	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) CONTINUATION	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) STANDSTILL	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$193,377,419	\$206,508,804	\$207,324,104	\$202,024,184	\$13,946,685	\$8,646,765	\$5,299,920	(\$815,300)	\$4,484,620	\$13,131,385

Continuation Budget, Standstill Budget, and Proposed Budget

- The approximately \$13.9 m. difference between the Continuation and FY19 EOB results from net Statewide Adjustments of \$4.3 m. plus line-item adjustments for Document Imaging and Content Management (\$1.5 m.); lease renewals for field offices (\$936 k.); the Bureau of Licensing Application System (\$36 k.); the Integrated Eligibility Project (\$2.5 m.); funding to replace 104 vehicles (\$321 k.); adoption services for Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters (\$392 k.); and funding for youth in Foster Care (\$373 k.).
- The \$8.6 m. difference between the Standstill Budget and FY19 EOB includes net Statewide Adjustments of \$4.3 m. plus adoption services for Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters (\$392 k.) and funding for youth in Foster Care (\$373 k.).
- The differences among Continuation, Standstill, and Proposed results from changes in Statewide Adjustments, such as inflation, rent, and State Procurement, plus \$4.2 m. for changes in the rates paid to Non-Medical Group Home providers and Therapeutic Foster Care Facilities, and other line-item adjustments.
- The \$13.1 m. difference between FY19 EOB and Proposed results from net Statewide Adjustments of \$4.3 m. plus the various line-item adjustments of lease renewals for field offices (\$936 k.); the Bureau of Licensing Application System (\$36 k.); the Integrated Eligibility Project (\$2.5 m.); funding to replace 104 vehicles (\$321 k.); adoption services for Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters (\$392 k.); funding for youth in Foster Care (\$373 k.), plus \$4.2 m. for changes in the rates paid to Non-Medical Group Home providers and Therapeutic Foster Care Facilities.

Difference between the Governor's Proposed Budget (HB 103 by Rep. Leger) and House Bill No. 105 by Rep. Henry

For this department, there is a \$13.1 million decrease in State General Fund between the FY20 budget proposed by the governor (HB 103) and the amount contained in HB 105.

DEPARTMENT	EOB as of 12/01/2018	HB 103 REP. LEGER	HB 105 REP. HENRY	HB 105 OVER/(UNDER) HB 103
Department of Children and Family Services	\$193,377,419	\$206,508,804	\$193,377,419	(\$13,131,385)



DCFS – Audit Findings

SNAP Benefits Spent after Participants' Death

March 21, 2018

The Department of Children and Family Services significantly improved its processes for identifying and removing deceased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants from the program. A LLA report issued in July 2014 determined that, between July 2009 and June 2013, \$1.3 million in SNAP benefits for 3,938 single-person households was spent after the individual had died. In response, DCFS set up an automated death match process that receives vital records information each night. In addition, the Department established a monthly process to audit the nightly match to determine if it was working correctly. In the 2018 follow-up report, auditors found that, between July 2013 and June 2017, the Department's data checks identified 3,809 deceased SNAP participants, who then were removed from the program. However, the additional processes failed to identify 108 deceased participants, resulting in \$42,599 in SNAP benefits that were spent improperly.

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services – Management Letter

December 17, 2018

Between October 2017 and March 2018, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Louisiana Workforce Commission did not fully implement a contract for case management services to ensure work-eligible cash assistance recipients received assessments to be considered work ready. In addition, for the seventh consecutive year, DCFS did not have adequate documentation of work activities reported in its tracking system for some of the records tested. Auditors noted that DCFS' Fraud and Recovery Unit identified improper activity by one employee who received SNAP benefits and by one employee who violated department policy related to a SNAP case. Finally, DCFS did not ensure that all changes related to the reorganization of the Department were implemented into the cost allocation process, which assigns costs to federal programs.



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House Amendments to HB 105

House Amendments to HB105						
HB 105	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
Original	\$193,377,419	\$16,520,568	\$15,422,309	\$827,047	\$556,607,464	\$782,754,807
Appropriations Amendments:	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
Language -- No SGF reductions to Family Support for administration of SNAP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DCFS - Excess budget authority reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$100,600,000)	(\$100,600,000)
DCFS for operating expenses	\$5,238,516	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,238,516
Engrossed	\$198,615,935	\$16,520,568	\$15,422,309	\$827,047	\$456,007,464	\$687,393,323
<i>Difference HB105 Original to HB105 Engrossed</i>	<i>\$5,238,516</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$100,600,000)</i>	<i>(\$95,361,484)</i>
FY20 Proposed	\$206,508,804	\$16,520,568	\$15,422,309	\$827,047	\$556,607,464	\$795,886,192
<i>Difference HB105 Original to FY20 Proposed</i>	<i>(\$13,131,385)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$13,131,385)</i>
<i>Difference HB105 Engrossed to FY20 Proposed</i>	<i>(\$7,892,869)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$100,600,000)</i>	<i>(\$108,492,869)</i>