

SPECIAL CABINET MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

June 24, 2022



6/24/2022 Cabinet Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Transfer \$5,311,851 from the KEY Fund ending balance to the CIF in FY24 and \$5,444,473 in FY25 for targeted investments as recommended by the Children's Cabinet.

In accordance with the responsibilities outlined in Kansas statute, the Kansas Children's Cabinet has conducted a thorough review of historical KEY Fund and CIF transfers, ending balance trends and the KEY fund current ending balance.

Transfers from the KEY Fund to the CIF over time have failed to keep up with inflation. Most programs have received flat funding although real costs to run their programs have increased.

Adopting a two-year transfer approach allows for strategic investment decisions and balances risks associated with one-time funding increases for local programs.

The proposed budget below represents the FY24 recommendation, which builds on the statutory increase (102.5% from previous year or \$1,311,851) by adding **installment one** of a two year plan. Including initial budget recommendations made at the 6/3/22 Cabinet meeting, the Children's Cabinet recommends a transfer from the KEY Fund to the CIF for FY24 of \$5,311,851 allocated as follows:

1. Parent Education (Parents as Teachers) – increase of \$1,300,337 for a total of \$9,737,972
2. Early Childhood Block Grant – increase of \$2,985,782 for a total of \$23,715,630 (includes \$311,851 increase approved 6/3)
3. SIDS Network – increase of \$25,732 for a total of \$122,106
4. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – increase of \$1,000,000 for a total of \$1,500,000 (\$1,000,000 increase approved 6/3)

CIF Budget

CIF Program	FY23 Actual	Recommended increase	FY24 Cabinet Rec. Final
Human Services			

<i>Dept. for Children and Families</i>			
*Child Care Services	\$5,033,679		\$5,033,679
Family Preservation	\$3,241,062		\$3,241,062
Total -- Children and Families	\$8,274,741		\$8,274,741
<i>Dept. of Health and Environment</i>			
Healthy Start/Home Visitor	\$1,650,000		\$1,650,000
*Infants & Toddlers Program	\$5,800,000		\$5,800,000
Smoking Prevention Grants	\$1,001,960		\$1,001,960
SIDS Network Grant	\$96,374	\$25,732	\$122,106
Total -- KDHE - Health	\$8,548,334		\$8,574,066
Total -- Human Services	\$16,823,075		\$16,848,807
Education			
<i>Department of Education</i>			
Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund	\$375,000		\$375,000
CIF Grants (ECBG)	\$20,729,848	\$2,985,782	\$23,715,630
Parent Education (PAT)	\$8,437,635	\$1,300,337	\$9,737,972
Pre-K Pilot Program	\$4,200,000		\$4,200,000
Early Childhood Infrastructure	\$1,400,773		\$1,400,773
Imagination Library (DPIL)	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Total -- Dept of Education	\$35,643,256		\$41,929,375
State Employee Pay Plan	\$7,739		\$0
Total Expenditures	\$52,474,070	\$5,311,851	\$57,778,182

* denotes programs with a Maintenance of Effort requirement

denotes programs with a Match requirement

Additional Context

- FY 23 budget (governors rec) \$52,474,070
- On April 21, 2022, the Kansas Attorney General's Office reported that Kansas had received \$61,332,865 from the annual tobacco settlement payout

Recommendation 2

The Children's Cabinet, in its role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council, requests the State Home Visiting Leadership Team provide an initial proposal for a more aligned approach to funding the multiple home visiting models in Kansas. The Children's Cabinet recognizes the

important role that home visiting services play in supporting both the goals of the *All in For Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan and the building blocks outlined in the Early Childhood Blueprint, and has directed CIF funding to support multiple models, including statewide funding for Healthy Start/Home Visitor, the Infants & Toddlers Program and Parent Education (Parents as Teachers), and ECBG funding for these and other home visiting programs at a local level. The *All In For Kansas Kids* strategic plan outlines that state agencies, partners, and elected officials will “develop recommendations to expand promising and evidence-based home visiting models, and support a statewide home visiting infrastructure with a variety of sustainable home visiting service options that meet the needs of families and communities” ([tactic 5.2.6](#)).

The Children’s Cabinet makes this request as part of both its statutory role ([K.S.A. 38-1901\(g\)\(1-7\)](#)) and its role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council ([Executive Order 20-02](#)) to ensure an aligned and collaborative early childhood care and education system. The State Home Visiting Leadership Team is a key member of the Kansas Early Childhood Care and Education Governance structure and includes representatives from many of the nine home visiting models in Kansas. As such, this team is well-positioned to gather the information and build an initial proposal. A deeper understanding of the options for increasing funding for the different models in Kansas will help strengthen the case for increased, ongoing investment in the home visiting services that will meet the unique needs of all Kansas families.

6/3/2022 Cabinet Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Create a Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Advisory Committee to assist the Children’s Cabinet in its role as the state lead for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. By adopting this recommendation, the Executive Director shall be charged with bringing a slate of members to the Children’s Cabinet at the August meeting for approval. The purpose of the DPIL Advisory Committee will be to assist the Cabinet in activities related to promoting, growing and sustaining the Imagination Library Program. The Advisory Committee will be tasked with providing input regarding the formation of a 501c3 nonprofit foundation for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Kansas and identifying opportunities for growing private sector support for the program. Membership will include representatives of the business sector, philanthropy, education, elected officials and interested Children’s Cabinet members.

Recommendation 2

The Kansas Children’s Cabinet requests statutory authority to create a 501c3 nonprofit “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Kansas” in order to meet the requirements set forth by the Dollywood Foundation. The Foundation framework requires all state and local partners to be organized as a 501c3 nonprofit. This is both to ensure the most favorable postage rates for the mailing of the books each month to contain costs, and to allow for private sector donors to receive

the tax benefit of a charitable contribution for any financial contributions made to support the program in Kansas. The Children’s Cabinet needs legislative approval to proceed with the formation of a 501c3 entity.

Over the past 20 years, the Dollywood Foundation has established best practices and expectations for program affiliates that include private sector fundraising to ensure that children enrolled in the program do not suddenly get cut off if an affiliate runs into financial difficulty. A 501c3 entity would have the authority to build a rainy-day fund to provide that cushion. Dollywood Foundation is temporarily serving in this role for Kansas but is working hand in hand to help put the building blocks in place needed for the Children’s Cabinet to be a full-fledged state affiliate.

Recommendation 3

Support the Every Child Can Read Act third grade literacy policy goal and the Kansans Can vision for public education goal of kindergarten readiness by increasing investments in programs that support the [Kansas Early Childhood Blueprint](#) vision which says, “All children will have their basic needs met and have equitable access to quality early childhood care and education opportunities, so they are prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.”