



Supplemental Caseload Information

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Follow-Up Questions for Department of Human Services

Rhode Island Works (RIW)

1. Please explain all variables used in calculating the cost of transportation. Is the cost of the monthly pass \$10.49 (as used in the Appendix A file)? If so, what accounts for the September figure being lower?

Answer: The estimated transportation cost was a calculation of the number of persons receiving RIW and an average cost per person. The average transportation cost from 7.2019 through 9.2020 divided by the average persons from the same time period, resulted in the \$10.49. Using that figure, the transportation cost was based off of the expected persons served multiplied by the cost per person calculated above. September 2020 was the actual number for transportation costs.

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

2. According to the Budget Office COVID Relief Fund documents, the correct amount for the COVID rate increase should be \$7,568,255 for the June through December period. The testimony has this amount at \$3,610,632. Does that figure represent June through August 31st?

Answer: Yes

3. Is the \$16.8M figure on page 34 the total cost of the rate increase from June 2020 to June 2021?

Answer: This figure is the estimated cost for SFY2021 (7/1 – 6/30) based on the average additional costs calculated from current pay cycles.

4. What accounts for the 25% increase in enrollment from Batch 17 to Batch 18? Are we expecting the enrollment to increase that steeply from a M/M .8% increase for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year?

Answer: Consistent with previous caseload estimates, payment cycles are increased incrementally.

5. Please provide the general revenue savings from the FMAP rate increase for childcare.

Answer. The savings from the FMAP rate as compared to the FY2021 May CEC is \$348,595.53.

6. Please show all child care funding sources, amounts and expirations dates together in one location.

Answer: Please see the table below.

Line Sequence	Source	Description	Federal Fiscal Year	FY21 Oct CEC	Expires
2395101	State	State Funding	N/A	\$30,000.00	
2395102	State	MOE	N/A	\$ 5,322,000.00	
2395103	State	Match	N/A	\$3,626,310.47	
2400104	Federal	SSBG	FFY20	\$784,793.00	9/30/2022
2400105	Federal	CCDF Mandatory	FFY20	\$3,126,816.07	Within 5 years of award
2400105	Federal	CCDF Mandatory	FFY21	\$3,506,957.93	Within 5 years of award
2400106	Federal	CCDF Federal Match	FFY20	\$1,871,066.71	9/30/2021
2400106	Federal	CCDF Federal Match	FFY21	\$3,505,380.29	9/30/2022
2400108	Federal	CCDF Discretionary	FFY20	\$2,630,455.05	9/30/2022
2400108	Federal	CCDF Discretionary	FFY21	\$2,369,545.00	9/30/2023
2400110	Federal	TANF Transfer to SSBG	FFY20	\$2,333,750.15	9/30/2033
2400110	Federal	TANF Transfer to SSBG	FFY21	\$5,226,249.85	9/30/2034
2400112	Federal	TANF	FFY20	\$ 8,544,693.25	9/30/2033
2400112	Federal	TANF	FFY21	\$26,202,867.23	9/30/2034
2400115	Federal	TANF	FFY20	\$229,523.10	9/30/2033
2400115	Federal	TANF	FFY21	\$707,020.90	9/30/2034
4669101	Federal	CARES ACT	FFY20	\$ -	9/30/2023
				\$70,017,429.00	

General Public Assistance (GPA)

7. What is the rationale for the 33% increase from December to January? Is the assumption that part of the drop is due to the PUA?

Answer: Since some of the reason for the GPA bridge significant drop in FY 2020 is due to COVID-19, we project GPA will increase again some time in FY 2021. The increase could occur over several of months and not necessarily be the sharp increase from December to January, but more of a balanced increase spread over the latter months of FY 2021.