

**2015-17 Agency Request Budget
Priority Investment List**

SEPTEMBER 2014

Economic Services Administration



Rank	PL Title	2015-17 Policy Level DP Description	2015-17 Estimate	
			GF-State	All Funds
1	Tribal TANF - GF-State Portion	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate GF-State funding for Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs in Washington State.	\$12,306,000	\$12,306,000
2	Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) Program	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate the Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) program. (Client impact: approximately 23,000/year)	\$18,120,000	\$18,120,000
3	Assess Basic Food Enrollment	Funding is requested to conduct a cost and benefit assessment of auto-enrolling a specific population of the Medicaid recipients onto the ESA cash assistance and Basic Food programs.	\$162,000	\$213,000
4	Replace Client Receivables System	Funding is requested to purchase an off-the-shelf solution to replace a failing Client Recovery System (CRS) for the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR).	\$1,770,000	\$3,372,000
5	Current Naturalization	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate Naturalization services that assist refugees and legal immigrants obtain United States citizenship. (Client impact: approximately 3,100/year)	\$3,314,000	\$3,314,000
6	Limited English Pathway	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise reduce the Limited English Proficient Pathway (LEP) Program which provides English as Second Language (ESL) training, job search support, and critical services for immigrants and refugees. (Client impact: 2,273/year)	\$4,732,000	\$4,732,000

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7	Commerce - Employment & LEP Programs	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise reduce funding for the Commerce Department's subsidized community employment and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) programs. (Client impact: approximately 581/year)	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
8	Emergent Need (AREN) Increase	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise change the maximum amount for receipt of Additional Requirements for Emergent Need (AREN) from an annual \$750 limit to a lifetime \$750 limit. (Client impact: approximately 258/year)	\$1,726,000	\$1,726,000
9	Call Center Staffing	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise remove additional funding allocated to ESA in the 2014 Supplemental Budget to hire 40 additional call center staff.	\$4,351,000	\$5,864,000
10	SBCTC Work Study	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate funding appropriated in the 2014 Legislative Session for an increase in the Work Study program administered by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC). (Client impact: approximately 443/year)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
11	DCS Non-Collectible Receivables	Funding is requested to manage non-collectible funds related to child support enforcement.	\$1,328,000	\$1,328,000
12	Build IT Capacity	Funding is requested to invest in critical information technology (IT) infrastructure and process improvements.	\$562,000	\$1,124,000
13	Home Visiting Programs	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate funding appropriated in the 2014 Legislative Session for the Frontiers of Innovation (FOI)-Infant Home Visits Pilot and the Homeless Families Wrap Around Services Home Visiting program.	\$4,380,000	\$4,380,000
14	Expand Naturalization Services	Funding is requested to expand the naturalization program and provide needed assistance with the process of becoming a naturalized United States (U.S.) citizen to larger numbers of legal immigrants.	\$1,880,000	\$1,880,000

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15	Most Wanted Website	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise discontinue the Division of Child Support's (DCS) Most Wanted Website and funding associated with the maintenance of the site. This website provides photos of noncustodial parents who are delinquent in the payment of child support and have high child support obligations.	\$16,000	\$52,000
16	Two-Parent Work Participation	Funding is requested to support an increase in work participation requirements for both parents in a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) two-parent family.	\$22,082,000	\$22,082,000
17	Restore 15% Grant Reduction	Funding is requested to restore the cash payment standards for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) programs.	\$61,576,000	\$62,054,000
18	TANF Participation	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate funding for a \$55.00 incentive payment to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) WorkFirst parents who are participating in approved WorkFirst activities at least 20 hours per week and meeting the requirements of their Individual Responsibility Plans (IRP). (Client impact: Approximately 12,000/year)	\$21,042,000	\$21,042,000
19	Washington Telephone Assistance Program	Funding is requested to restore the reduction option that would otherwise eliminate the Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP). The current recipients will be eligible to receive services through the federal lifeline program. This will also eliminate the community voicemail service. (Client impact: approximately 67,000/year)	\$5,068,000	\$5,068,000