

ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Most Wanted Website



2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Request	FY15	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
GF-State	0	(\$8,000)	(\$8,000)	(\$16,000)
GF-Federal	0	(\$16,000)	(\$16,000)	(\$32,000)
GF-Local	0	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$4,000)
Total	0	(\$26,000)	(\$26,000)	(\$52,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Economic Services Administration (ESA) is submitting a reduction option that would 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. By implementing this reduction, ESA expects to reduce FTEs by 0.4 and save \$16,000 in GF-State funds.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

The Most Wanted Website is used as an alternative collection tool for cases for which other collection methods are not successful. The noncustodial parents who are placed on this site represent many of the most difficult collection cases. The site gives the custodial parents tangible evidence that a case is being worked. The Most Wanted Website is used as a last resort when traditional enforcement methods are not working. Although not required by state or federal law, it is partially funded by federal child support funds. This proposal would discontinue the DCS Most Wanted website and the funding associated with the maintenance of the website.

By eliminating this program, DCS will save 0.4 FTE and \$26,000 (\$8,000 GF-State) per year. DCS anticipates little, if any, loss in collections from the elimination of this program.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The decision package supports DSHS Goal 5: Public Trust – Strong management practices will be used to ensure quality and efficiency. This request is essential to implementing DCS’s Strategic Goal 2: Continually improve DCS operations and performance and supports the Results Washington goal to have an efficient, effective and accountable government.

The request supports these goals because it eliminates a program that has not demonstrated the ability to increase collections and thereby support families. As such, by eliminating the program, DCS operations become more streamlined and efficient.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

The major stakeholders affected are custodial and noncustodial parents. Custodial parents may oppose the elimination of an enforcement remedy whereas noncustodial parents would likely support it.



DSHS VISION
 People are healthy • People are safe • People are supported • Taxpayer resources are guarded
DSHS MISSION
 To transform lives
DSHS VALUES
 Honesty and Integrity • Pursuit of Excellence • Open Communication • Diversity and Inclusion • Commitment to Service