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Section 36.00—Department of Social Services, Increase of Emergency Funding for COVID-19 Response

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020 (SB 89), the following report is respectfully submitted.

Augmentations to the following Budget Act items are needed to provide support to state government and nonprofits to protect the health and safety of Californians and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. This letter is notification of a \$50 million increased increment and a second \$26.3 million increased increment to Section 36.00 funds. These funds are to be allocated to the Department of Social Services for these purposes:

- \$63,300,000 to Item 5180-151-0001 to award grants or contracts to community-based nonprofit organizations to provide a one-time disaster cash benefit to assist undocumented immigrants negatively impacted by COVID-19 to deal with the specific needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Services will include but not be limited to outreach, benefit eligibility determination, and benefit distribution.
- \$10,000,000 to Item 5180-141-0001 to implement and administer the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits, which will provide \$1.2 billion in federal food benefits to families with children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals that have been impacted by school facility closures due to COVID-19.
- \$3,005,000 to Item 5180-101-0001 for the following:
 - \$1,846,000 for the Department of Social Services to temporarily extend non-minor dependent foster care payments for youth who would have

otherwise had their payments terminated due to aging out of extended foster care. These resources will help maintain living arrangements and provide food security to avoid homelessness.

- o \$1,159,000 for the Department of Social Services to temporarily provide care and supervision rate flexibility for a foster youth or foster caregiver impacted by COVID 19, such as when there is a need for quarantine or isolation, or to avoid the use of shelter care or other facility settings as a result of COVID-19 placement disruptions.

We concur with the necessity of these changes to the enacted budget and will be approving these augmentations not sooner than 72 hours from the above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Yang Lee, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at yang.lee@dof.ca.gov or 916-445-6423.

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