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Housing		
Program Name	**Description**	**Funding Amount**
THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program	The budget establishes a new program with ongoing funding administered by the CA Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) to county child welfare agencies to supplement the rates paid to providers operating the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program in the 11 counties with the highest cost of housing in the state.	$9M ongoing
Transitional Housing Program (THP)	THP is administered by HCD to county child welfare agencies to help youth ages 18 through 24 secure and maintain housing with priority given to former foster & probation youth.	$8M ongoing
Housing Navigators Program (HNP)	HNP is administered by HCD to county child welfare agencies to provide housing navigators to help youth ages 18 through 21 secure and maintain housing with priority given to non-minor dependents.	$5M ongoing
Housing & Homelessness Response System Training for Social Workers & Probation Officers	The budget includes funding for training for social workers and probation officers working with non-minor dependents on housing and homelessness response.	$200K in 2021-22
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program	HHAP provides one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework. HHAP is administered by the Homeless Coordinating & Financing Council to Continuums of Care, counties and the 13 largest cities. In rounds 3 (21-22) and 4 (22-23), jurisdictions are required to dedicate a minimum of 10% of their HHAP allocation to addressing homelessness among youth.	Total HHAP: $1B in 2021-22 & 2022-23 *10% youth set-aside: $100M in 2021-22 & $100M in 2022-23*
Homekey	Homekey grant funding is administered by HCD to local public entities to acquire, rehabilitate and/or convert buildings, properties, sites and/or assets to provide permanent, long-term housing to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and inherently impacted by COVID-19. *In 2021-22 and 2022-23, a minimum of 8% of Homekey funds will be available for projects serving homeless youth, or youth at risk of homelessness.*	Total Homekey: $1.45B in 2021-22 & $1.3B in 2022-23 *8% youth set-aside: $116M in 2021-22 & $104M in 2022-23*
Bringing Families Home	The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) administers grant funding for the purposes of providing financial assistance and housing related wrap-around support services to reduce risk of and entry into homelessness, increase family reunification and prevent foster care placement for families in the child welfare system.	$92.5M in 2021-22 & 2022-23
Office of Emergency Services Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program	The Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing Program is administered by the Office of Emergency Services and provides a range of housing options to meet the needs of homeless youth. $10M will be used to continue funding existing pilot counties and $40M will be to expand programming in those counties and to support up to eight additional counties.	$50M in 2021-22

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Economic Security		
Program Name	**Description**	**Final Budget Status**
CalEITC and Golden State Stimulus Outreach	The California State Franchise Tax Board (FTB) will administer outreach and grant programs to nonprofit and community-based organizations for the purposes of raising awareness and maximizing participation in tax credits and programs, particularly for noncitizen Californians.	$15M ongoing
Golden State Stimulus	FTB will administer a $600 payment to individuals and $1,100 to families with children with income up to $75,000 who file their 2020 state tax return.	$8.1B in 2021-22
Food for All	Expands state funding for nutrition benefits to those ineligible for CalFresh or the California Food Assistance Program due to immigration status.	$5M in 2021-22, $25M in 2022-23, $280M in 2023-24 and ongoing
CalFresh expansion to students	Restores cuts to CDSS funding and approves county administration of CalFresh for students in higher education.	$16M in 2021-22
California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program	Creates a pilot grant program to provide guaranteed monthly income to young adults exiting extended foster care and who are pregnant.	$35M in 2021-22
Education		
Program Name	**Description**	**Final Budget Status**
California Department of Education: Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program	Direct services to foster youth such as tutoring, mentoring, counseling, educational case management and advocacy for pupils enrolled in K-12. At least $5M must be used to support postsecondary preparation and matriculation.	$30M in 2021-22
California Community Colleges (CCC) – Basic Needs Centers	Establishing basic needs centers and hiring basic needs coordinators at all community colleges.	$30M ongoing
California State University (CSU) – Basic Needs Centers	Funding to sustain and expand the California State University Basic Needs Initiative.	$15M ongoing
CCC – Food Insecurity	Services to address food/ housing insecurity among community college students, including meal donation programs, food pantries for students, CalFresh enrollment, and assisting homeless and housing-insecure students to secure stable housing.	$100M in 2021-22
CCC – Mental Health	Funding for community college student mental health services.	$30M ongoing
CSU – Mental Health	Funding for CSU student mental health services.	$15M ongoing
University of California – (UC) Mental Health	Funding for UC student mental health services.	$15M ongoing
Cal Grant	Provides foster youth attending a CCC, CSU or UC with up to $6000 annually in financial aid for non-tuition costs.	Up to $40M ongoing
California Kids Investment and Development Savings (KIDS) Program	Provides $500 to establish a KIDS account for each low-income, foster and English learner student enrolled in grades 1-12 for use for qualified higher education expenses.. Homeless students and those in foster care will receive an additional $500 deposit.	$1.9B in 2021-22

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Juvenile Justice		
Program Name	**Description**	**Final Budget Status**
Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)	The Health and Human Services Agency establishes the OYCR as the Department of Juvenile Justice begins phased closure of their facilities and the intake of new youth. The funds in the budget will provide for staffing and oversight functions of the state office, local oversight of programs and services and adds a state-level ombudsperson for youth in the juvenile justice system. $20M is for the purposes of regranting for local programs and $7.2M is for staff.	$27.2M in 2021-22 and $7.2M ongoing
Child Welfare		
Program Name	**Description**	**Final Budget Status**
Expectant parent payment for expectant foster youth	CDSS will establish a new financial payment to expectant foster youth in the 7th, 8th and 9th month of pregnancy to provide for the needs of the pregnant minor or nonminor dependent and prepare for the birth of the child.	$1.8M in 2021-22 and $800K ongoing
Extended Foster Care	Funds foster care benefit assistance payments through December 31, 2021 for non-minor dependents who turned or will turn 21 on or after January 27, 2020.	$42.4M in 2021-22
Family First Prevention Services Act – Prevention Funding	Provides funding for direct services and supports to children, youth, families and pregnant and parenting foster youth to prevent and reduce foster care entry where appropriate. Funds will also be used for evaluation, reporting, and program model fidelity, and training.	$222.5M in 2021-22
Emergency Child Care Bridge for Foster Children	The Bridge program provides childcare vouchers, childcare navigation and training for providers to ensure foster children are placed in a timely manner with resource families or relatives.	$10M ongoing
Resource Family Approval Costs for Continuum of Care Reform	The Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval process implementation costs will be reimbursed to counties.	$85M in 2021-22
Foster Child Caregiver Stipend	Provides a one-time $1,500 stipend to all household types with a foster child in care to cover expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	$80M in 2021-22
COVID-19 Relief for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs	Provides funding to cover the costs related to COVID-19 pandemic cleaning, staffing, and changes.	$42M in 2021-22
Foster Family Agency Social Worker Rate Increase	Increases the rate paid to Foster Family Agency Social Workers by $50 per child per month to increase recruitment and retention of workers.	$5.4M ongoing
Tribal Social Worker Student Stipends	Provides stipends for a Master of Social Work degree for tribal social work students.	$3M in 2021-22
Emergency Response Social Workers in Child Welfare	Increases the number of Emergency Response social workers in the child welfare system.	$50M in 2021-22 & 2022-23
Complex care needs of youth in foster care	Additional resources for foster youth with complex care needs, particularly for those returning to California from out of state placements.	$139.2M in 2021-22