

2020-2021 BUDGET

Senate Bill 66, signed by Gov. Kelly on March 25, provided funding for fiscal year (FY) 2020 and FY 2021.

The FY 2020 revised budget, totaling \$18.7 billion, including \$7.8 billion from the State General Fund (SGF), included:

- \$50 million, all SGF, to the Legislative Coordinating Council for the COVID-19 response.
- \$15 million, all SGF, to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management for COVID-19 response.
- \$6.1 million, all SGF, to the Department of Corrections to provide substance abuse treatment and nursing care.
- \$3.6 million, including \$1.3 million SGF, to DCF for adoption assistance subsidy expansion.
- A proviso to allow the Secretary of DCF to request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in FY 2020 for time-limited assistance provisions under food assistance provisions for able-bodied adults age 18 through 49 without dependents in the household if the Secretary can establish insufficient jobs in an area using standards not less restrictive than standards in federal regulations in effect on January 1, 2020. (The language for this proviso was originally included in SB 484, which was considered and amended by the Ways and Means Committee after receiving testimony indicating the waiver would help the aviation industry, parents who do not have primary custody and youth aging out of foster care. The committee recommended SB 484 be passed but no further action was taken.)
- A proviso adding language to amend work participation requirements for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash assistance program to include in-home parenting skills training for a single parent with a child between three months and one year of age in FY 2020.

The FY 2021 approved budget, totaling \$19.9 billion, including \$8.0 billion SGF, included:

- \$562.5 million, including \$17.5 million SGF, to KDHE for Medicaid expansion.
- A proviso prohibiting the expansion of the Kansas Medicaid program without the express consent of the Legislature.
- A proviso transferring \$17.5 million allocated for Medicaid expansion to the Coronavirus Prevention Fund if Medicaid expansion was not passed.
- \$431 million, including \$37.2 million SGF, to KDHE for Medicaid regular caseloads, which included \$3 million, including \$1.2 million SGF, to increase Medicaid dental reimbursement rates under KanCare.
- \$2 million, all SGF, to KDHE for primary health projects for community-based primary care grants.
- \$900,000, all SGF, to KDHE to increase funds available to local health departments.
- \$7.7 million, all SGF, to the Department of Corrections to increase the number of correctional officers and expand the Lansing and Winfield facilities to provide substance abuse treatment and nursing care.

- \$1.6 million, including \$484,529 SGF, to DCF for adoption assistance subsidy expansion.
- \$4 million, including \$2 million SGF, to DCF to develop a new Comprehensive Child Welfare System.
- \$7.5 million, including \$3.8 million SGF, to increase Family First Prevention staff.
- \$6.6 million, including \$2.7 million SGF, to KDADS to provide a 1 percent increase in the reimbursement rate for Medicaid nursing facilities.
- \$22.1 million, including \$9 million SGF, to KDADS to provide a 5 percent increase in the provider reimbursement rates for the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Intellectual/Developmental Disability waiver.
- \$6.4 million, including \$2.6 million SGF, to KDADS for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Technology Assisted waiver, including language directing this funding to be used to increase the provider reimbursement rates for in-home Medicaid Care registered nurse/licensed nurse nursing services for this waiver.
- \$5 million, all SGF, to KDADS for regional mental health inpatient beds.
- \$4 million, all SGF, to KDADS for eight acute care psychiatric beds for youth in Hays.
- \$3 million, all SGF, to KDADS for Senior Care Act services.
- \$2 million, all SGF, to KDADS to increase grant funding for community mental health centers.
- \$5.3 million, all from the State Institutions Building Fund, to KDADS to remodel the Biddle Building at Osawatomie State Hospital in preparation for ending the moratorium on voluntary admissions and certifying additional beds for federal reimbursements.

On June 29, prompted by lower revenue estimates related to COVID-19, Gov. Kelly announced expenditure allotments to eliminate a projected \$704.4 million state general fund shortfall in FY 2021. In addition to savings from programs not directly related to health, allotments included savings from human services caseloads and the elimination or reduction of budget enhancements that had been adopted for: rate increases for nursing facilities, behavioral health providers, I/DD providers, and providers for children on the Medicaid HCBS Technology Assisted waiver; additional funds for community mental health centers, substance use disorder providers and primary care health centers; increases for Family First Prevention grants and staff and adoption assistance subsidy expansion; enhanced funding for Senior Care Act services; and expansion of the mental health intervention team pilot program in schools. The allotments also applied to a portion of the funding set aside for regional state hospital beds.

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