

# Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: DCF Child Welfare Data Analytics
2. Date of Submission: 01/22/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): W. Cummings

## 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes  
***If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d***
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget  (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	3,500,000	5,000,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:  
 Operating Expenses     Fixed Capital Construction     Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:  
 Operating Expenses     Fixed Capital Construction     Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Chris Dudley
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Department of Children and Families
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

DCF's child welfare data can be greatly improved to help create a single, up-to-date record of children and families within their custody. Additionally, the agency needs to effectively access historical information in its databases which would provide valuable insights to familial history of abuse.

This proposal will consolidate multiple data sources from both within and without DCF to create one "golden record" of a child in the welfare system and the adults in their sphere. Without consolidating these records, and understanding the history of abuse in a family, the state cannot get the clearest picture of what is actually going on in the life of an endangered child and how best to serve these children. This is a matter of saving children from tragedy and while it is a monumental task, it is a vitally important one. Our research has indicated a high correlation to child fatalities in families with previous abuse in the family history and the entity resolution process would provide great insight to that risk at the moment an abuse call comes into the hotline and greater priority could be placed on a case with high risk factors.

This funding will address these data issues and linkages with other agencies, as well as develop additional advanced analytics models to study re-maltreatment risk among the children already known to the Child Welfare system.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 5,000,000 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes