

Maintenance of Effort for Federal Grants

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1. Background

Purpose

Pursuant to 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, Article II, Special Provisions Section 24, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is required to submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board by October 1 and April 1 of each year for each federal grant received by the agency that has Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement:

- a) The current amount of the MOE requirement for the grant
- b) The time period of which the current MOE requirement applies
- c) Total expenditures made towards meeting the current MOE requirement
- d) The time period for which current expenditures will impact future MOE requirements
- e) Projections of future MOE requirements based on current spending; and
- f) If the agency projects the current MOE requirement will not be fulfilled, a narrative explanation of why and the impact of not doing so, including any projected loss of federal funding

Maintenance of Effort

This report contains the MOE information for each federal grant received by HHSC as of March 2024. MOE requirements mandate a level of financial effort a state must maintain for activities related to a specified public service (usually closely related to the grant program's purpose). Under a maintenance of effort provision, a State is required, as a condition of eligibility for Federal funding, to maintain its financial contribution to a program at not less than the amount of its contribution for some prior time period. A maintenance of effort formula ensures that Federal assistance results in an increased level of program activity and that a State does not simply replace State dollars with Federal dollars over time. For certain federal grants, HHSC has expended or projects to expend amounts above the assumed MOE requirement. Expenditures are impacted by appropriations made by the Legislature and may increase above the MOE requirement when additional funding is provided for programs or activities that are closely tied to the grant program's purposes.

Current and Future MOE

For this report, the most recent federal fiscal year with actual expenditures is deemed the current MOE year, and federal fiscal years with actual and/or projected expenditures are deemed future MOE years. Projected expenditures for future MOE years are not final and are subject to change.

2. Summary Table

HHSC receives the following federal grant programs that have an MOE requirement in the table below.

| Assistance Listing | Description | Current MOE Year | MOE Requirement Current Amount | Total Expenditures towards Current Amount | Total Expenditures Over/(Under) MOE Requirement |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|---|
| 84.181 | Special Education Grants for Infants and Toddlers (IDEA-C) | 2023 | \$ 62,676,441 | \$ 64,762,881 | \$ 2,086,440 |
| 93.043 93.044 93.045 93.052 | Aging Cluster Grants ¹ | 2022 | \$ 4,782,161 | \$ 5,563,288 | \$ 781,127 |
| 93.558 | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | 2023 | \$ 385,040,505 | \$ 385,040,505 | \$ - |
| 93.958 | Block Grants for Community Mental Health (MHBG) | 2021 | \$ 509,829,372 | \$ 549,554,070 | \$ 39,724,698 |
| 93.959 | Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse (SABG) | 2021 | \$ 26,108,307 | \$ 12,018,943 | (\$ 14,089,364) |

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 $^{^1}$ 93.043 – Disease Prevention and Health Promotions, 93.044 – Grants for Supportive Services, 93.045 – Nutrition Services, 93.052 – National Family Caregiver Program

3. By Fund Source

84.181 Special Education Grants for Infants & Families with Disabilities

Current MOE

The current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 MOE amount for Special Education Grants for Infants & Families with Disabilities (IDEA Part C, ECI) is \$62,676,441. This requirement amount was calculated based on two years prior, not one year prior. Per 34 CFR § 303.225, the MOE must be at least equal to, "the total amount of State and local funds actually expended for ECI services...in the most recent preceding fiscal year". As with most providers, revenues and reimbursements are not settled for two years in ECI, therefore the first year we can look at actual expenditures (that will not change) is two years prior. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2023 MOE amount between July 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2023 MOE requirements for IDEA Part C. As of March 2024, HHSC has \$64,762,881 in actual expenditures associated to the IDEA Part C MOE for FY 2023. These expenditures will be used to calculate the FFY 2024 IDEA Part C MOE amount required between July 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

Future MOE

The future FFY 2024 MOE for IDEA Part C is estimated as \$62,648,723. This amount was based on HHSC's FFY 2023 MOE expended amount. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2024 MOE amount between July 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2024 MOE requirements for IDEA Part C. HHSC has \$92,913,517 in projected expenditures associated to the IDEA Part C MOE for FY 2024.

| Strategy | Method of Finance (MOF) | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| D.1.3. ECI Services | GR for ECI No. 8086 | \$ 26,493,164 | \$ 25,129,844 | \$ 22,565,030 | \$ 50,653,921 |
| | GR Certified as Match for Medicaid No. 8032 | \$ 5,960,440 | \$ 5,501,866 | \$ 6,698,941 | \$ 6,190,217 |
| | GR Match for Medicaid No. 0758 | \$ 13,174,735 | \$ 14,968,911 | \$ 18,450,808 | \$ 19,021,278 |
| | Foundation School Funds (IAC) No. 8015 | \$ 16,498,102 | \$ 16,498,102 | \$ 16,498,102 | \$ 16,498,102 |
| D.1.4. – ECI Respite & Quality Assurance | GR Match for Medicaid No. 0758 | \$ 550,000 | \$ 550,000 | \$ 550,000 | \$ 550,000 |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 62,676,441 | \$ 62,648,723 | \$ 64,762,881 | \$ 92,913,517 |
| Federal Fiscal Year MOE Requirement | | \$ 46,813,164 | \$ 62,648,363 | \$ 62,676,441 | \$ 62,648,723 |
| OVER/(Under) MOE | | \$ 15,863,277 | \$ 360 | \$ 2,086,440 | \$ 30,264,794 |

93.043, 93.044, 93.045, 93.052 Aging Cluster Grants²

Current MOE

The current FFY 2022 MOE amount for the aging cluster grants is \$4,782,161. This requirement amount was calculated by averaging the amount HHSC expended for FFY 2019, 2020, and 2021. States must maintain the average amount of state funds it spent under the plan for the three previous fiscal years³. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2022 MOE amount between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2022 MOE requirements for the aging cluster grants. As of September 2022, HHSC has \$5,563,288 in actual expenditures associated to MOE for FFY 2022.

Future MOE

The future FFY 2023 MOE for the aging cluster grants is estimated as \$4,782,161. This amount is calculated by averaging the amounts HHSC expended for FFYs 2020, 2021, and 2022. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2023 MOE amount between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2023 MOE requirements for the aging cluster grants. HHSC has \$5,563,288 in projected expenditures associated to the aging cluster grants' MOE for FFY 2023.

² 93.043 – Disease Prevention and Health Promotions, 93.044 – Grants for Supportive Services, 93.045 – Nutrition Services, 93.052 – National Family Caregiver Program

³ 45 CFR Section 1321.49

| Strategy | MOF | FY 2021 | | 21 FY2022 | | FY2023 (Estimated) | | FY2024 (Estimated) | |
|---|--|-----------------|----|-----------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|--|
| F.1.2. Non- Medicaid Services | GR Match for Federal Funds (OAA) No. 8004 | \$ 880,791 | \$ | 880,791 | \$ | 880,791 | \$ | 880,791 | |
| I.2.1. Long- Term Care Intake & Access | General Revenue | \$ 4,182,668 | \$ | 4,682,497 | \$ | 4,682,497 | \$ | 4,682,497 | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 5,063,459 | \$ | 5,563,288 | \$ | 5,563,288 | \$ | 5,563,288 | |
| Federal Fiscal Year MOE Requirement | | \$ 4,762,197 | \$ | 4,782,161 | \$ | 4,782,161 | \$ | 4,782,161 | |
| OVER/(Under) MOE | | \$ 301,262 | \$ | 781,127 | \$ | 781,127 | \$ | 781,127 | |

93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Current MOE

The current FFY 2023 MOE amount for TANF is \$385,040,505. This requirement amount was calculated based on historical expenditures. States must maintain effort no less than 75% of FFY 1994 contribution to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)-related programs. AFDC was a previous federal assistance program which was replaced by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. States must maintain no less than 80% if a state fails to meet work participation requirements and 100%, excluding childcare expenditures, if a state receives contingency funds.⁴ The Federal match for Contingency Funds is based on the State's applicable FMAP for the fiscal year for which funds were awarded. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2023 MOE amount between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

HHSC met the FFY 2023 MOE requirements for TANF. As of March 2024, HHSC has \$385,040,505 in actual expenditures associated to MOE for FFY 2023.

Future MOE

The future FFY 2024 MOE for TANF is estimated as \$388,372,608. This MOE amount calculation is again based on FFY 1994 figures. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2024 MOE amount between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2024 MOE requirements for TANF. HHSC has \$388,372,608 in projected expenditures associated to TANF MOE for FY 2024.

^{4 42} US Code Section 609 (a)(7)

| Strategy / Agency | MOF | FY 2021 | | | 10F FY 2021 | | | FY 2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 |
|---|--------------------|---------|-------------|----|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| E.1.1. TANF Grants | General Revenue | \$ | 35,040,154 | \$ | 19,427,970 | \$ 17,116,563 | \$ 18,664,934 | | | |
| Texas Education Agency | General Revenue | \$ | 325,879,048 | \$ | 343,639,724 | \$ 359,094,590 | \$ 360,878,322 | | | |
| Texas Workforce Commission | General Revenue | \$ | 8,829,351 | \$ | 8,829,352 | \$ 8,829,352 | \$ 8,829,352 | | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ | 369,748,553 | \$ | 371,897,046 | \$ 385,040,505 | \$ 388,372,608 | | | |
| Federal Fiscal Year MOE Requirement | | \$ | 369,748,553 | \$ | 371,897,046 | \$ 385,040,505 | \$ 388,372,608 | | | |
| OVER/(Under) MOE | | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |

93.958 Block Grants for Community Mental Health

Current MOE

The current FFY 2021 MOE amount for Block Grants for Community Mental Health (MHBG) is \$509,829,372. This requirement amount was calculated by averaging the MOE amounts for FFYs 2019 and 2020. States must maintain spending at the average of the state funded amount provided annually during the previous two years⁵. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2021 MOE amount between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

HHSC met the FFY 2021 MOE requirements for MHBG. As of March 2024, HHSC has \$549,554,070 in actual expenditures associated to MOE for FFY 2021.

Future MOE

The future FFY 2022 MOE for MHBG is estimated as \$536,098,063. This MOE amount was calculated by averaging the MOE amounts for FFYs 2020 and 2021. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2022 MOE amount between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022.

HHSC expects to meet the FFY 2022 MOE requirements for MHBG. HHSC has \$542,523,230 in projected expenditures associated to MHBG MOE for FFY 2022.

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⁵ 42 US Code Section 300x-4 (b)

| Strategy | MOF | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY2023 | | FY2024 | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| D.2.1. Community Mental Health Services- Adults | General Revenue | \$ 136,619,978 | \$ 308,949,268 | \$ | 307,860,987 | \$ | 317,682,609 |
| | GR for MHBG No. 8001 | \$ 170,926,049 | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | 1 |
| D.2.2. Community Mental Health Services- Children | General Revenue | \$ 18,007,826 | \$ 60,754,950 | \$ | 62,091,298 | \$ | 79,671,601 |
| | GR for MHBG No. 8001 | \$ 40,174,520 | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| D.2.3. Community Mental Health Crisis Services | General Revenue | \$ 99,386,745 | \$ 107,010,578 | \$ | 109,229,597 | \$ | 142,125,237 |
| | GR for MHBG No. 8001 | \$ 78,563,147 | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| D.2.5. Behavioral Health Waiver & Amendment | General Revenue | \$ 5,875,805 | \$ 5,825,531 | \$ | 5,481,378 | \$ | 2,934,362 |
| D.2.6. Community Mental Health Grant Programs | General Revenue | \$ - | \$ 59,982,903 | \$ | 72,648,507 | \$ | 93,688,079 |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 49,554,070 | \$ 542,523,230 | \$ | 557,311,767 | \$ | 636,101,888 |
| Federal Fiscal Year MOE Requirement | | \$ 509,829,372 | \$ 536,098,063 | \$ | 546,038,650 | \$ | 549,917,498 |
| OVER/(Under) MOE | | \$ 39,724,698 | \$ 6,425,167 | \$ | 11,273,117 | \$ | 86,184,390 |

93.959 Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse

Current MOE

The current FFY 2021 MOE amount for Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse (SABG) is \$26,108,307. This requirement amount was calculated by averaging HHSC's MOE expended amounts for FFYs 2019 and 2020. States must maintain spending at the average of the state funded amount provided annually during the previous two years6. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2021 MOE amount between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on substance use provider spending, HHSC was not able to meet the MOE expenditure requirement for the FFY 2021 award. The reduction in SABG-MOE expenditures was not due to a decrease in demand, but a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on functional provider capacity. The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated substance use disorder providers taking public health actions to continue serving Texans, leading to a reduction in expenditures for residential services and inpatient services as clients were temporarily shifted to outpatient and telehealth services, which are generally less expensive than residential and inpatient services. HHSC applied for but has yet to receive an MOE waiver from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As of March 2024, HHSC has \$12,018,943 in actual expenditures associated to MOE for FFY 2021.

Future MOE

The future FFY 2022 MOE for SABG is estimated as \$12,754,251. This MOE requirement amount is calculated by averaging HHSC's expended MOE amounts for FFYs 2019 and 2020. State funding must be expended at or above the FFY 2021 MOE amount between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

⁶ 42 US Code Section 300x-30(a)

| Strategy / Agency | MOF | FY 2021 | | 021 FY 2022 | | FY2023 | | FY2024 | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| 4.2.4. Substance Abuse Services | General Revenue | \$ | - | \$ | 40,078,897 | \$ | 48,409,669 | \$ | 45,669,874 |
| | GR for SABG No. 8002 | \$ | 12,018,943 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ | 12,018,943 | \$ | 40,078,897 | \$ | 48,409,669 | \$ | 45,669,874 |
| Federal Fiscal Year MOE Requirement | | \$ | 26,108,307 | \$ | 12,754,251 | \$ | 26,048,920 | \$ | 44,244,283 |
| OVER/(Under) MOE | | \$ | (14,089,364) | \$ | 27,324,647 | \$ | 22,360,749 | \$ | 1,425,591 |

List of Acronyms

| Acronym | Full Name | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| AFDC | Aid to Families with Dependent Children | | | | | | |
| COVID-19 | Coronavirus Disease 2019 | | | | | | |
| ECI Early Childhood Intervention | | | | | | | |
| FY | Fiscal Year | | | | | | |
| GR | General Revenue | | | | | | |
| IAC | Interagency Cooperation Contract | | | | | | |
| IDEA | EA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act | | | | | | |
| IDEA-C Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C | | | | | | | |
| HHSC Health and Human Services Commission | | | | | | | |
| MHBG Block Grants for Community Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| МОЕ | Maintenance of Effort | | | | | | |
| MOF | Method of Finance | | | | | | |
| OAA Older Americans Act | | | | | | | |
| SABG Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse | | | | | | | |
| SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration | | | | | | | |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | | | | | | |