

AGING AND LONG TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION



RCS Investigations and Licensing 2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

ML Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	\$531,000	\$531,000	\$1,062,000
Total	\$1,061,000	\$1,061,000	\$2,122,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Residential Care Services (RCS) program in the Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) requests funding to pay for the actual cost of staff positions already appropriated in the budget for residential long term care facility investigations and facility licensing functions. By funding this request, RCS will be able to cover the cost of hiring the full number of positions the legislature has already appropriated to perform the necessary oversight of nursing homes, adult family homes, assisted living facilities and certified community residential services and supports.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In the past, the RCS Division has managed the overall budget by compensating with ongoing staff vacancies. Now that the Division has prioritized hiring to full capacity in order to make the maximum effort to achieve their core mission of protecting vulnerable adults in residential settings and reach their performance measures for resolving investigations within 90 days, the funding is not sufficient to sustain the allocated staffing level.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

This request is to fully fund the existing budgeted staffing level without changing the established workload metric. With RCS at full staffing, the gap is approximately \$2.2 million total funds for the 2015-17 Biennium to fund all of the existing allotted positions.

EXPECTED RESULTS

This budget request supports DSHS Goal 2: Safety – Each individual and each community will be safe, and DSHS Goal 3: Protection – Each individual who is vulnerable will be protected.

The decision package is essential to implementing the AL TSA Strategic Objective 2.1: Affirm Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes are providing quality care and residents are safe through timely licensing re-inspections and AL TSA Strategic Objective 3.3: Ensure investigations are thorough, documented properly, and



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completed timely to maintain an efficient work flow that eliminates re-work caused by investigations which remain open longer than necessary.

This request supports the Results Washington goal 3.2C: Decrease percentage of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect investigations open longer than 90 days.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Advocates for seniors and the disabled, including the AARP, the Senior Lobby, and Disability Rights Washington will all strongly support fully funding the existing investigation and licensing functions of the RCS program.



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