



STATE OF GEORGIA
Division of Family and Children Services

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Director

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Allison Martin
Finance Director
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Ms Martin:

Please accept this memo as a request for county fund allocation for Lumpkin County Department of Family and Children Services, in the amount of \$15,000 for FY 18 (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018).

These funds will continue to be used to reimburse foster parents for expenses that are not covered by other sources for the children in the custody of the department. We currently have 32 *Lumpkin County children* in the department's custody – this is an almost 100% increase from last year. Due to limited state and federal funding we do not have enough funding to cover the necessities for the foster children without assistance from the county.

In addition to the children in foster care, we also have 57 families our office is working with at any given time where the children are not in foster care. This represents approximately 120-150 children within these 57 families. This represents an almost 25% increase in work volume compared to last year.

Funds are used to help these families with rent, utility bills, counseling, assessments, transportation to medical appointments and other needs in an effort to ensure their children do not enter foster care. Often we can keep families intact if we have the resources to get them back on their feet. We work with these families to develop a budget so that the assistance from us is a one time occurrence and they can continue to cover expenses themselves.

These funds will continue to be overseen by the 5-member County Commission appointed Family and Children Services Board with monthly updates to the Board. Please let me know if you need any additional information to support this request. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this budget proposal.

I personally, and we as an agency, thank you and the County Commissioners for your support of the children and families in our county. If there is any additional information needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Scott Wilbanks, Ed.D.
Director
Lumpkin County Family and Children Services

ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE - ALL
Amended - 2018-2019

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
FY 2017

Account	2016		2017		2017		2018	
	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)	Estimate	%Remaining	Requested	Recommended	Approved
Department: 54400 D.F.A.C.S.								
Expenditure								
100-005-54400-00053-531709 Child Welfare(Diacs)	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000	0	\$15,000		
Total Revenue								
Total Expenditure	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00					
Net	-\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00					
Report Total Revenue								
Report Total Expenditure	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00					
Report Total Net	-\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00					