



Executive Committee
AGENDA
Monday February 13, 2023 ~ 5PM
4005 Port Chicago Highway, Suite 120, Concord, CA 94520

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- 1.0 Call to Order**
- 2.0 Public Comment**
- 3.0 Approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 17, 2022. Action**
- 4.0 CONSIDER accepting the report on significant program, financial or contracts matters, and on any personnel matters relating to Commission staff.**
 - 4.1** Receive updates from the Finance and Operations Director.
 - 4.2** Receive updates from the Human Resources Manager.
 - 4.3** Receive updates from the Deputy Director.
 - 4.4** Receive updates from the Executive Director.
- 5.0 CONSIDER** accepting the report on statewide activities pertaining to children 0-5, including the activities of the First 5 Association of California, First 5 California, and other statewide advocacy groups.
- 6.0 Items for Consideration**
Policy Advocacy Considerations
- 7.0 Communications**
 - Notice of Sole Source Procurement, December 7, 2022
 - Notice of Sole Source Procurement, February 8, 2023.
 - Gavin Newson Will Not Support Mandatory Kindergarten Article
 - First 5 Association of California State Budget Highlights
- 8.0 Adjourn**

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Special Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Monday October 17, 2022

5:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm

Officers present were: Chair Dr. Rocio Hernandez; Vice-Chair Marilyn Cachola Lucey; Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Regan.

Absent was Additional Non-Voting member Genoveva Garcia Calloway.

Staff present were: Executive Director Ruth Fernandez; Deputy Director Camilla Rand; Administrative Manager Tammy Henry, and Executive Assistant Alex Khu

2.0 Public Comment

None.

3.0 Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

Matt made a motion seconded by Marilyn to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Dr. Rocio Hernandez – yes

Marilyn Cachola Lucey – yes

Matt Regan – yes

Minutes **APPROVED**.

4.0 CONSIDER accepting the report on significant program, financial or contracts matters, and on any personnel matters relating to Commission staff.

Tammy Henry reported these staff updates:

- Finance and Operations Director interview approaching conclusion.
- We expect summary of candidates for position of Policy, Strategy and Evaluation Analyst. Interviews will follow soon.
- Posting for Administrative Assistant closed in September. Had over 100 applicants and currently selecting possible candidates for interviews.
- HR received a proposal from a contractor for the Salary Survey Study. The scope of the work is expanding and to include a full compensation and benefits study for First 5 Contra Costa. It will have all classifications that will include the Executive Director. Estimate a 4-month timeline.

Camilla Rand gave these program updates:

- The October 17 Commission meeting's Grant Docket included a grant proposal to the Practitioner's Voice California Initiative in an amount up to \$250,000, to support Early Care and Education Workforce Development. This will be matched with First 5 funds with a budget timeline of up to 2 years. The focus will be a Universal Income Pilot for select teaching staff in Contra Costa County.
- The First 5 Center contracts RFQ will be released in January for qualified entities who are interested in operating our First 5 Centers. In preparation for the RFQ, First 5 Contra Costa plans to hold a listening session with the families at various Contra Costa First 5 Centers in order to learn more about their families' parenting journeys and relationship with the centers. The goal is to find ways to improve First 5 Contra Costa's services. We are also planning Community Sessions with our partners early next year to learn how centers can be more impactful, collaborative and responsive as a key partner in preventative work in Contra Costa County.

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- A comprehensive Countywide Prevention Plan is being developed by a Steering Committee in response to the Family First Prevention Services Act. First 5 Contra Costa is represented at the Steering Committee.
- First 5 Contra Costa is co-sponsoring along with the Family Justice Center and EHSD (Employment Human Services Department) and participating in the 2022 Violence Prevention Conference in November. Ruth will be giving the welcome remarks, and Camilla Rand will be a panelist

Ruth Fernandez gave the following report:

- Updates on the annual Audit and the First 5 State Report. Expecting to hold a Special Meeting in November 2022 for Auditors to make a presentation and for the Commission to receive a Public Hearing of both items. (A statutory mandate requires Public Hearing of both reports.) The Executive Committee agreed not to have an Executive Committee that day.
- In-person December Strategic Planning Retreat set for December 7, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.
- The Governor plans to end the State's COVID State Of Emergency in February 2023. First 5 Contra Costa will discuss with Deputy County Counsel possible ways to accommodate "hybrid" remote meetings (AB361) on March 1, 2023.
- The First 5 Open House is October 28, 2022 from 3 to 5 pm. First 5 Contra Costa will have donation bins for the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and another bin for the Toys for Tots toy donations.

5.0 CONSIDER accepting the report on statewide activities pertaining to children 0-5, including the activities of the First 5 Association of California, First 5 California, and other statewide advocacy groups.

Ruth highlighted the following First 5 Association, First 5 CA and statewide reports:

- First 5 Association's Executive Director Avo Makdessian will be giving a presentation of State Updates and Highlights. The topic of his presentation will be the sustainability of First 5 at the State level.
- First 5 California is waiting for the Department of Finance release of the Birthrate Projections report as it experienced an unexpected delay in providing updated tobacco tax revenue projections. As a result, First 5 California decided to use the **2019 projections** as baseline in order for us to continue our Strategic Planning and Audits; however, expect adjustments to the Prop 10 revenue once the finalized report is received.
- One of the factors that may have an impact is the flavored tobacco ban on the November ballot. If upheld, there will be a projected revenue decline of 3.2%. (as well as the annual decline of 1.7% in Prop 10 revenues).
- The Association's data projections show an estimated decline rate over the next decade to be between 300 to 400 million in revenues.
- Ruth is participating in an Association-led workgroup to explore an ongoing "budget request" for state funding in order to sustain First 5s. She cited First 5 Solano's success in receiving 2 million and another 5 million towards the building of its local First 5 Center. The workgroup aims to work with other State Associations and State entities, to look at ways in which budget allocations could be leveraged more intentionally towards First 5 work that happens at the county level.
- Updates on the F5 Association's REDI Learning Sessions will be January 2023.
- Invited commissioners to join in upcoming Spring Legislative Visits to champion First 5 Contra Costa's work.

6.0 Review agenda items for upcoming Commission meetings.

The following agenda items will be discussed in upcoming Commission meetings.

- Approval of the Standing Meeting for Calendar Year 2023 at the December 12, 2022 meeting.
- Will provide updates on the Compensation Survey soon.

7.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm

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REVENUE	
State Sales Tax	
Sales Tax Apportionment - Proposition 10/56/SMIF	
State Grants	
First 5 California IMPACT Grant	
First 5 California Dual Language Learner Grant (DLL)	
Subrecipient Awards	
CA State Preschool Quality Block Grant (CSPP)	
Quality Counts California (QCC)	
First 5 Association - HUB Training MOU	
MHSA-Behavioral Health Agreement (Triple P)	
MHSA- We Care Services for Children (Everyday Moments)	
Other Public Funds (COE/CLC, CCC Call to Action)	
Philanthropic Grants	
East Bay Community Fdn Grant	
Leshner Ready Kids East County	
Sunlight Giving	
Y&H Soda Foundation Grant	
Richmond Community Fdn Grant - EO (CAPP)	
Other Revenue	
Interest Income	
Other Misc. Income	
TOTAL FY 2022-23 REVENUE	
<i>Prop 10/56 Fund Balance Drawdown</i>	
TOTAL REVENUE	

FY 2022-23 Approved Budget		
F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Revenue Budget
9,573,934		9,573,934
	904,917	904,917
	251,119	251,119
	211,905	211,905
	70,094	70,094
	81,741	81,741
	20,000	20,000
	55,000	55,000
	373,017	373,017
	75,000	75,000
75,000		75,000
9,648,934	2,042,793	11,691,727
2,242,799		2,242,799
11,891,733	2,042,793	13,934,526

FY2022-23 2nd Quarter Revenue & Expenditures			
F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Revenue	% of Budget
2,456,886		2,456,886	26%
	344,116	344,116	38%
	118,944	118,944	47%
	104,467	104,467	49%
	20,367	20,367	25%
	65,491	65,491	
	200	200	0%
	150,000	150,000	
	20,000		
103,082		103,082	137%
2,559,967	823,585	3,363,552	29%
2,559,967	823,585	3,363,552	24%

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PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Program Initiatives	
Early Childhood Education Initiative	
Workforce Development	
Early Learning Quality	
Ready Kids East County Initiative	
Literacy	
Total	
Family Support	
First 5 Centers	
Home Visiting	
Training and Consultation	
Total	
Early Intervention	
Triple P Positive Parenting	
Coordinated System of Care	
Intervention Services	
Help Me Grow Services	
Total	
Stakeholder Engagement & Policy Advocacy	
Community Engagement	
Family Economic Security Partnership	
Total	
Program Salaries/Benefits and Overhead Expenses	
Program Salaries & Wages	
Program Benefits	
Program Expenses and Overhead	
Total	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget
400,000	38,929	438,929
	539,606	539,606
	213,017	213,017
178,602		178,602
578,602	791,552	1,370,154
2,823,839		2,823,839
610,000		610,000
12,700		12,700
3,446,539		3,446,539
81,741	112,041	193,782
502,088		502,088
459,097		459,097
1,042,926	112,041	1,154,967
160,000	78,119	238,119
15,000		15,000
175,000	78,119	253,119
1,730,283	719,815	2,450,098
756,885	570,457	1,327,342
585,212		585,212
3,072,380	1,290,271	4,362,652
8,315,447	2,271,983	10,587,431

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget	% of Budget
223	2,000	2,223	1%
233	145,417	145,650	27%
	19,142	19,142	9%
80,372	13,500	93,872	53%
80,828	180,059	260,886	19%
1,229,889		1,229,889	44%
7,404		7,404	58%
1,237,293	-	1,237,293	36%
67,758	10,000	77,758	40%
4,288		4,288	1%
169,535		169,535	37%
241,581	10,000	251,581	22%
87,196	47,486	134,681	57%
87,196	47,486	134,681	53%
709,108	377,141	1,086,249	44%
422,563	203,096	625,658	47%
144,849	36,870	181,719	31%
1,276,520	617,106	1,893,626	43%
2,923,416	854,651	3,778,067	36%

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COMMUNICATIONS	
Communications Salaries & Wages	
Communications Employee Benefits	
Professional Services	
Purchased Services and Supplies	
Communications Expenses and Overhead	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget
255,208		255,208
160,772		160,772
90,000		90,000
98,000		98,000
44,148		44,148
648,129	-	648,129

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget	% of Budget
59,456		59,456	23%
36,554		36,554	23%
33,225		33,225	37%
3,132		3,132	3%
14,371		14,371	33%
146,737	-	146,737	23%

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POLICY, STRATEGY AND EVALUATION (PSE)	
Policy, Strategy & Evaluation Salaries & Wages	
Policy, Strategy & Evaluation Employee Benefits	
Professional Services	
Purchased Services and Supplies	
Policy, Strategy & Evaluation Expenses and Overhead	
TOTAL POLICY, STRATEGY AND EVALUATION (PSE)	

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget
174,005		174,005
100,634		100,634
361,200		361,200
33,560		33,560
32,701		32,701
702,099	-	702,099

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget	% of Budget
15,062		15,062	9%
6,447		6,447	6%
64,526		64,526	18%
4,009		4,009	12%
9,985		9,985	31%
100,030	-	100,030	14%

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Administrative Salaries & Wages	
Administrative Employee Benefits	
Professional Services	
Purchased Services & Supplies	
Operating Overhead (Risk Mgmt, DoIT/EHSD, etc.)	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget
696,172		696,172
408,282		408,282
516,000		516,000
173,225		173,225
203,188		203,188
1,996,868	-	1,996,868

F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Expense Budget	% of Budget
249,371		249,371	36%
140,274		140,274	34%
100,805		100,805	20%
96,808		96,808	56%
61,057		61,057	30%
648,315	-	648,315	32%

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GRAND TOTAL	11,662,543	2,271,983	13,934,526
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3,818,499	854,651	4,673,150	34%
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- Note 1** State Sales Tax revenue includes Prop 10, Prop 56, and SMIF Interest accrued while in State interest earning accounts prior to distribution to counties
- Note 2** Representative of new grants received after FY22-23 budget approval
- Note 3** Interest earnings are percent of County's pooled investments (fluctuations based on investment returns)
- Note 4** A majority of the allocation has been set aside for matching grants
- Note 5** Allocation is per calendar year, budget is for 6 months into the fiscal year
- Note 6** First 5 has not been invoiced in Q1 and Q2.
- Note 7** Coordinated System of Care includes comprehensive intervention services, developmental playgroups, and provider consultation services and supports. It also includes navigation and referral services through HMG and activities to support and enhance the CCC Network of Care.
- Note 8** Allocation includes match for Measure X funding and other pending grants
- Note 9** Salaries, wages and benefits low due to staff vacancies

Percent of Total Expenses (Budget)		
	FY 2022-23	
Program	76.0%	80.6%
Communications	4.7%	
PSE	5.0%	5.0%
Administration	14.3%	14.3%
Total		100.00%

Percent of Total Expenses (Actual)		
	FY 2022-23	
Program	80.8%	84.0%
Communications	3.1%	
PSE	2.1%	2.1%
Administration	13.9%	13.9%
Total		100.00%



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FY23-24 Budget Assumptions

REVENUE:

State Sales Tax

- **Prop 10/Prop 56/SMIF:** Anticipating an accelerated decline of Prop 10 revenue (of approximately 10%-15%) over the next Fiscal Year. Larger reductions in Prop 10 could occur with the upholding of Prop 31 from Jan. 2023 through July 2024. A new baseline floor will be set for Prop 10 revenue in FY 24-25. Furthermore, Prop 56/SMIF backfill numbers are received at the end of the calendar year, making it difficult to discern the percentage of decline, at this time.
- **Measure X:** The Board of Supervisors approved \$450K of ongoing funding for services for children with disabilities. Funds will be coming to First 5 Contra Costa from EHSD to procure to the community in FY23-24 and FY24-25.

State Grants

- **First 5 California IMPACT Grant:** More information will be coming March 2023 regarding a new application process and funding award process.

Sub-recipient Awards

- **CA State Preschool Quality Block Grant (CSPP) and Quality Counts (QCC):** The application process will be changing this year, which will elicit a revisit of collaborative efforts for maximum impact. Information pertaining to application guidelines and amount available is to come.
- **MHSA-Behavioral Health (Triple P):** Funding is anticipated to be approximately **\$89k**, plus an additional annual 3% COLA increase for FY23-24, consistent with past fiscal years.
- **Federal funding:** Early in the calendar year, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's office announced approval of the project submitted by his office on behalf of First 5 Contra Costa for the *Growing and Retaining Vibrant Homegrown Early Childhood Workforce Project* - **\$150k** in Federal funding. The project will conduct a childcare workforce compensation assessment with the goal of building a sustainable, well-compensated pipeline of childcare professionals.
- **Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI):** First 5 will be participating in a multi-round program-specific funding opportunity, for which staff have submitted an application for \$400k Triple P Expansion Grant and is preparing an application for the second round to fund the ACES program. If approved, this money will be available for FY23-24.

Philanthropic Grants

Philanthropic grants ratified for FY 23-24 total approx. **\$175k** for First 5's community engagement and advocacy activities. Funding will be coming to continue implementation of the Ready Kids East County Initiative (FY 23-24 will be the last year of a 5-year Leshner Foundation Grant). Philanthropic grants include **East Bay Community Foundation**, the **San Francisco Foundation**, and **Sunlight Giving**.

Other Revenue

- **Interest Income:** Last year, there was a loss in the investments made at the County level affecting the interest earnings, or interest income, for First 5's investments. We are not sure what the markets will do this year with a recession looming overhead.

PROGRAM EXPENSES:

Program Initiatives:

We are anticipating program initiatives to be refined as the Strategic Plan is further developed and monetary resources are evaluated this fiscal year. Therefore, expenses related to program initiatives, will continue to match funding amounts, of which philanthropic monies play a large role.

- **Personnel:**
 - In FY 23/24, budget will include approximately **35** staff positions.
 - **COLAs:** We are in the process of evaluating an increase of approx. 3-4%, based on CPI data for the N. Bay (5.2%, Feb. '22) and other First 5s, while taking into consideration the County Board of Supervisor's more recent approval of a 5% salary increase for employees each year through FY26.
 - **FICA Rate & Worker's Comp. Insurance:** We are anticipating an increase of 3.5% in the FICA Rate and approximately 2.5% in WCI.
- **Information and Technology Systems and Equipment Upgrade:** Technological upgrades are necessary for infrastructure efficiency. First 5 Contra Costa is working with the County's DoIT to evaluate long-term needs and costs.
- **Goods and Professional Services:** Inflation will be factored into the cost of goods and services for FY23-24, as will likely be reflected in contracts up for renewal.



NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

First 5 Contra Costa Procurement Procedure allows sole source procurement to be used when competitive procurement procedures are deemed infeasible for at least one of the following reasons: **(a)** There is only one viable provider of the required service in the community or the service provider/vendor has a particular expertise not found elsewhere; **(b)** After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined to be inadequate; **(c)** All local providers of a particular service will receive funding; **(d)** The service provider/vendor has worked with the Commission before and therefore would not need to be re-trained on the agency's mission and activities or administrative procedures given the nature of the work provided; **(e)** The Commission is contemplating an effort that has not previously been done in the community and is therefore unable to either develop an RFP with sufficient specificity or to identify potential providers; or **(f)** A contract is renewed beyond the stated funding period of the initial procurement process. Pursuant to Section VII.D (Purchasing and Contracting – Competitive Bidding) of First 5's Consolidated Financial Policies, the Executive Director must notify the Executive Committee whenever sole source procurement exceeds the threshold of \$10,000 for goods and services, or \$25,000 for professional services.

NOTICE is hereby given that First 5 Contra Costa intends to renew a professional services contract with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc, dba **Koff & Associates**, as a sole source procurement, for a compensation/classification study, in the amount of \$40,000, for a term of November 21, 2022 – April 30, 2023.

NOTICE is hereby given that First 5 Contra Costa intends to contract with **Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc.** as sole source procurement, for coordinating and facilitating First 5 Center Listening Sessions and conduct a First 5 Community Engagement staff training, in the amount of \$32,800, for a term of October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

NOTICE is hereby given that First 5 Contra Costa intends to contract with **Vivian Alipio Ratkewicz** as a sole source procurement, for training and coaching services, in the amount of \$28,000, for a term of September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

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Executive Director

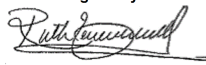
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NOTICE is hereby given that First 5 Contra Costa intends to renew a service agreement with **Social Solutions Global, Inc.**, for sole source procurement, to provide licensing and hosting for online reporting software and a reporting database for Commission programs, in the amount of \$71,737.77, for a term of March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.

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Gov. Newsom Won't Support Mandatory Kindergarten



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By Edward Henderson | California Black Media

Last week, the office of Gov. Gavin Newsom released a list of bills from the current legislative session that he signed and those he vetoed.

Among the bills vetoed was Senate Bill (SB) 70, which would have made attending one year of kindergarten mandatory beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

“While the author’s intent is laudable, SB 70 is estimated to have Prop 98 General Fund cost impacts of up to \$268 million ongoing, which is not currently accounted for in the state’s fiscal plan.

“With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing.

“We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs,” Newsom said in a release.

Existing California law does not require children to attend school until they are 6 years old, the age children typically begin first grade.

Children currently attending kindergarten, need to be 5 years old to be eligible, with some school districts offering transitional programs for kids as young as 4 years old.

In California, about 5 to 7 % of eligible students don’t enroll in kindergarten.

A similar bill to SB 70 was vetoed in 2014 by Gov. Jerry Brown, who said the decision should be left to parental discretion.

SB 70 is the latest in a string of bills that Newsom has vetoed, referencing lower-than-expected state revenue. The California Department of Finance announced earlier this month that revenue for August was \$816 million, or 6% below what state officials had forecasted.

In his SB 70 veto message, Newsom said that the Legislature has sent measures with potential costs of over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments to his desk. "Bills with significant fiscal impact, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.

State Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), who introduced the bill, responded. "Any teacher who has been in the classroom as long as I have can describe to you in detail the long-term, devastating effects to a child who misses kindergarten," she said. "I plan to reintroduce my mandatory kindergarten bill and fight for the funding next year. Our children are too important. We can either pay the education costs now or the far greater societal costs later," said

California Black Media also reached out to California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond who supported SB 70 for comment but did not receive a response.

According to the National Education Association, kindergarteners who miss attending school 10% or more during the school year have lower academic performance when they reach the first grade.

Additionally, studies showed that children from lower-income families who attend kindergarten are less likely to be below grade level throughout their academic careers and earn 5% higher wages as adults.

Kindergarten helps to level the playing field for children who are less likely to receive high-quality childcare or preschool. Hispanic children with access to kindergarten are also 17% less likely to be below grade level for their age.

The post [Gov. Newsom Won't Support Mandatory Kindergarten](#) first appeared on [Post News Group](#). *This article originally appeared in [Post News Group](#).*



FY 2023-24 State Budget

First 5 Association of California Budget Areas of Interest

Last year the budget focused on one time spending because of the Governor and Legislatures concerns over what was projected to happen with the state’s economy. The Governor’s proposed January budget largely sustains the investments made in past years. However, the proposed budget ties or “triggers” a handful of new ongoing programs to sufficient revenue availability in 2024-25 and includes very few new expenditures. This allows the state to avoid deep reductions to priority programs that marked the budget shortfalls over the past two decades. In addition, the state will delay or forego some spending in the near term.

Issue	Status	Summary
Childcare	Sustained (expansion), Delayed (allocation of additional childcare slots), and new (COLA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustains \$2 billion annualized to expand subsidized childcare slot availability ● \$301.7 million General Fund for Child Care and Development Programs and \$1.5 million for the Child and Adult Care Food Program to reflect an estimated statutory Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 8.13 percent ● Delay 20,000 new slots that would have been funded in 2023-24 will instead be funded in 2024-25 due to low utilization
Health Care	New Delay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$22.7 million (\$8.6 million General Fund) in 2023-24 and \$57.1 million (\$21.7 million General Fund) ongoing for primary care and obstetric care provider increases. The Administration will continue to evaluate the need for additional targeted provider rate increases at the May Revision ● Delay in \$130 million General Fund investment in 2023-24 for Community Health Worker recruitment, training, and certification
State Preschool	Sustained Delayed (inclusive modifications)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$312.7 million in Prop 98 funding and \$172.3 General Fund, maintained from the 2022-23 Budget to continue the multi-year plan to increase inclusivity adjustment factors for the State Preschool Program ● Delays \$10 million in General Fund grant program to support preschool inclusion site modifications and staff training from 2023-24 to 2024-25

Transitional Kindergarten	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$690 million to implement the second year of transitional kindergarten expansion to include all children turning five-years-old between September 2 and April 2 (approximately 46,000 children) ● \$165 million to support the addition of one additional staff person in classrooms serving these students
Cannabis	Sustained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$95.4 million to backfill and meet the \$670 million baseline funding required under AB 195 ● \$57.24 million (if allocated according to the funding formula) backfill would be directed to education, prevention, and treatment of youth substance use disorders and school retention
Literacy	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$250 million one-time Prop 98 addition to the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Grant Program ● \$1 million in one-time funding to create a Literacy Roadmap to help educators navigate existing literacy resources
Developmental Services	Sustained New Increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$1.2 billion General Fund by 2024-25 to fully implement service provider rate reform with a focus on improving outcomes and quality of services, and to address disparities within the system ● \$1.0 million total funds (\$826,000 General Fund) and 6 permanent positions to establish an Autism Services Branch at DDS to support the growing caseload of consumers with Autism Spectrum Disorder ● \$102.1 million total funds (\$68.5 million General Fund) to support reduced caseload ratios (as passed in 2022-'23 budget) for children ages 0-5 receiving services from Regional Centers
Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$301.7 million General Fund for Child Care and Development Programs and \$1.5 million for the Child and Adult Care Food Program to reflect an estimated statutory COLA of 8.13 percent
Behavioral health	Sustained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$8 billion total funds across various Health and Human Services departments to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and infrastructure capacity with the goal of transforming the system for providing behavioral health services to children and youth
Health Disparities	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health and Human Services Innovation Accelerator Initiative meant to focus research and development on tools that directly address health disparities and ensure innovations are quickly accessible to all. This initiative will seed a new entity and provide an initial investment so that researchers and developers can create solutions to the greatest health challenges facing Californians, including addressing disparities in maternal and infant mortality faced by women and their babies. Funding for this initiative will be refined over the next few months and included in the May Revision.