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FUTURE ISSUES AND ASSUMPTIONS

SFY 2024-25 Future Issues

Conforming Actions

- None

SFY 2024-25 Assumptions

New Assumptions

- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) caseloads are projected to increase in SFY 2024-25. These increases are anticipated due to expansions and new partnerships in programs.

History of Discontinued Assumptions

- None

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Description

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is administered through DOR's Vocational Rehabilitation Service Delivery teams which comprise qualified rehabilitation professionals, business specialists, service coordinators, and support staff who assist individuals with disabilities in preparing for, entering into, and retaining competitive employment in integrated work settings and to live independently in their communities.

The VR Program funding is provided by a grant awarded under Title IV, Section 411 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and provides 78.7% federal grant funds, with the remaining 21.3% provided by the state or other matching funds. VR services were provided to over 134,000 VR consumers and Potentially Eligible (PE) participants in SFY 2022-23.

The VR Program is not an entitlement program. When DOR does not have sufficient VR grant funds to serve all applicants who are deemed eligible for VR services, the federal government requires DOR to implement an Order of Selection process, under which the department must serve eligible individuals with the most significant disabilities (Priority Category One) first, followed by eligible individuals with significant disabilities (Priority Category Two), and then all other eligible individuals with disabilities (Priority Category Three). PE participants are not impacted by the OOS. Since first implementing the OOS process in September 1995, DOR has twice ceased delivery of services to new eligible applicants for extended periods of time due to lack of sufficient funds. Beginning November 2020, DOR has provided the full range of VR services to all eligible individuals, and there are no individuals assigned to priority category waiting lists.

DOR projects that the current level of staffing and proposed funding for SFY 2024-25 is adequate to serve individuals in all three priority categories.

VR Program Implementation Date

- The Vocational Rehabilitation program was established on October 1, 1963 in accordance with Chapter 1747, Statutes of 1963.

Authorizing Statutes

- Federal authorizing statute - Subtitle B of Title IV of WIOA (Public Law 113-128) dated July 22, 2014.
- State authorizing statute - Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 10, commencing with Section 19000 - 19856.

Funding

- This program is funded with federal fund, General Fund, and other matching funds.

2024 MAY REVISION ESTIMATES

Summary

DOR's SFY 2024-25 Case Services budget remains the same as the Governor's Proposed Budget at \$249 million. SFY 2024-25 Total Cases Served is projected at 156,335 (+1,536); Open Cases at 118,525 (+2,152); New Plans at 28,450 (+983); and Successful Closures at 9,150 (+288). These increases are anticipated due to expansions and new partnerships in DOR programs. As DOR focuses on a person-centered approach in providing services, consumers are anticipated to have a longer service life cycle in order to receive the full array of essential and vital services that result in higher-wage, sustainable employment.

Methodology

Caseloads are projected by reviewing historical VR consumer and PE participant data and applying trend analyses to determine future caseload.

Additional factors such as current program activities, evolving tools such as an online portal to help consumers and vendors save time and increase efficiencies, and redefined focus on outcome quality were also considered when determining projections.

2024 May Revision Tables

Expenditure Tables

(Dollars in Thousands)

TABLE 1. SFY 2023-24 from Budget Act to May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	Budget Act (BA)	Governor's Budget (GB)	CHANGE BA to GB	May Revision Estimate (MR)	CHANGE GB to MR
Base Programs	\$194,355	\$194,355	\$0	\$194,355	\$0
Federal Fund	161,904	161,904	-	161,904	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-	32,451	-
Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	\$54,500	\$54,500	\$0	\$54,500	\$0
Federal Fund	47,455	47,455	-	47,455	-
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-	[20,725]	-
Total, All Programs	\$248,855	\$248,855	\$0	\$248,855	\$0
Total Funding					
Federal Fund	209,359	209,359	-	209,359	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-	32,451	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-	[20,725]	-
Total, All Funds	\$248,855	\$248,855	\$0	\$248,855	\$0

* Certified Time match is the dollar value of personal services and operating expenses generated by Cooperative Contracts and is used as match for the federal grant. Certified Time values, shown here in [brackets], are not included in budget totals and are provided for informational purposes only.

TABLE 2. SFY 2024-25 from Governor's Budget to May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	Governor's Budget (GB)	May Revision Estimate (MR)	CHANGE GB to MR
Base Programs	\$194,355	\$194,355	\$0
Federal Fund	161,904	161,904	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-
Reimbursement	-	-	-
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TABLE 3. Comparison of SFY 2023-24 to SFY 2024-25 Budget in 2024 May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2024-25	CHANGE
Base Programs	\$194,355	\$194,355	\$0
Federal Fund	161,904	161,904	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-
Reimbursement	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	\$54,500	\$54,500	\$0
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Caseload Tables

TABLE 4. SFY 2023-24 Caseloads from Governor’s Budget to May Revision

CASELOAD	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR
	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures
Base Programs	118,522	88,207	23,584	7,158	118,522	88,207	23,584	7,158	-	-	-	-
VR Consumer	83,512	58,853	23,584	7,158	83,512	58,853	23,584	7,158	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	35,010	29,354	-	-	35,010	29,354	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	36,277	28,166	3,883	1,704	36,277	28,166	3,883	1,704	-	-	-	-
VR Consumer	10,287	6,792	3,883	1,704	10,287	6,792	3,883	1,704	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	25,990	21,374	-	-	25,990	21,374	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, All Programs	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	-	-	-	-
Caseload by Case Type												
VR Consumer	93,799	65,645	27,467	8,862	93,799	65,645	27,467	8,862	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	61,000	50,728	-	-	61,000	50,728	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, All Case Types	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	-	-	-	-

TABLE 5. SFY 2024-25 Caseloads from Governor’s Budget to May Revision

CASELOAD	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR
	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures
Base Programs	118,522	88,207	23,584	7,158	119,551	91,282	24,512	7,423	1,029	3,075	928	265
VR Consumer	83,512	58,853	23,584	7,158	84,430	62,913	24,512	7,423	918	4,060	928	265
PE Participant	35,010	29,354	-	-	35,121	28,369	-	-	111	(985)	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	36,277	28,166	3,883	1,704	36,784	27,243	3,938	1,727	507	(923)	55	23
VR Consumer	10,287	6,792	3,883	1,704	10,705	6,887	3,938	1,727	418	95	55	23
PE Participant	25,990	21,374	-	-	26,079	20,356	-	-	89	(1,018)	-	-
Total, All Programs	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	156,335	118,525	28,450	9,150	1,536	2,152	983	288
Caseload by Case Type												
VR Consumer	93,799	65,645	27,467	8,862	95,135	69,800	28,450	9,150	1,336	4,155	983	288
PE Participant	61,000	50,728	-	-	61,200	48,725	-	-	200	(2,003)	-	-
Total, All Case Types	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	156,335	118,525	28,450	9,150	1,536	2,152	983	288

TABLE 6. Comparison of SFY 2023-24 to SFY 2024-25 Caseloads in 2024 May Revision

CASELOAD	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2024-25	SFY 2024-25	SFY 2024-25	SFY 2024-25	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
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