



Children’s Services Act Fund

The Children’s Services Act (CSA), formerly the Comprehensive Services Act, is a state law that established a state and locally shared fund to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled at-risk youth and their families. The CSA Fund, managed by the Department of Family Services (DFS), accounts for the revenues and expenditures of the program. State funds are matched with local funds at varying rates depending on the type of service being provided, from 23.82 percent (community-based services) to 59.54 percent (residential treatment services). The youth supported by CSA funds often struggle with behavioral or emotional difficulties; typical services include community-based services, residential treatment, and educational services.

CSA policy is set by a local Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT), which consists of appointed members from the community and the County including mandated representatives from DFS; the Juvenile Court Service Unit; the Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services; the Loudoun County Public Schools; County Administration; and the Health Department. The CPMT develops inter-agency policies and procedures to govern the provision of services, develops fiscal policies governing access to State pooled funds, establishes quality assurance and accountability procedures, and coordinates long-range community planning for services. The Loudoun CPMT also oversees a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)/Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) process which reviews all requests for CSA funded services.

Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance¹

	FY 2021 Actual ²	FY 2022 Actual ³	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Proposed	FY 2025 Projected
Beginning Fund Balance	\$5,314,995	\$4,929,730	\$5,713,387	\$5,296,718	\$4,382,290
Revenues					
Recovered Costs	\$610,648	\$264,186	\$1,004,310	\$1,004,310	\$1,004,310
Intergovernmental – Commonwealth	4,059,918	3,399,803	4,572,755	4,722,631	4,722,631
Transfer from the General Fund	3,185,000	3,685,000	3,685,000	3,690,067	3,690,067
Total – Revenues	\$7,855,566	\$7,348,989	\$9,262,065	\$9,417,008	\$9,417,008
Expenditures					
Medicaid Expenditures	\$1,026,722	\$349,060	\$1,793,161	\$1,793,161	\$1,793,161
CSA Expenditures	7,128,214	6,130,377	7,795,573	8,436,950	8,436,950
Operating and Maintenance	85,895	85,895	90,000	101,325	101,325
Total – Expenditures	\$8,240,831	\$6,565,332	\$9,678,734	\$10,331,436	\$10,331,436
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$4,929,730	\$5,713,387	\$5,296,718	\$4,382,290	\$3,467,862
Percent Change	-7%	16%	-7%	-17%	-21%

¹ Sums may not equal due to rounding.

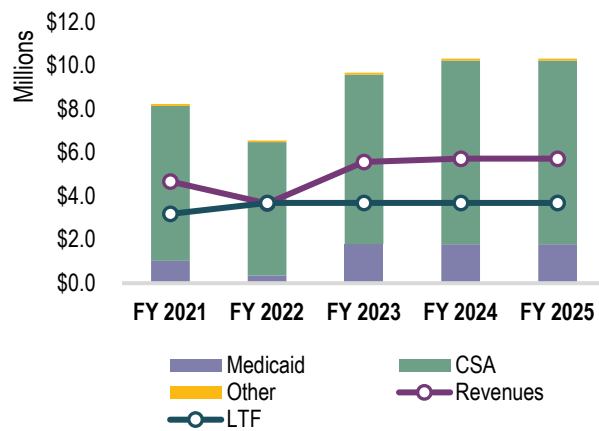
² Source: Loudoun County FY 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

³ Source: Loudoun County FY 2022 ACFR.



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Revenue and Expenditure History



Revenue/Local Tax Funding

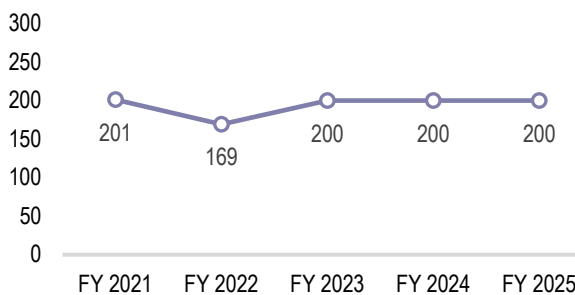
As shown, the CSA Fund is primarily funded by State revenue but receives a significant level of Local Tax Funding (LTF) through a transfer from the General Fund. LTF comprises 39 percent of the budget for the Fund.

Expenditure

Most expenditures (99 percent) in the CSA Fund are for the provision of services. The largest cost in the CSA Fund is private day placements. Increasing costs are driven by an increase in the number of youth requiring a higher level of treatment, longer treatment periods, and increases in the costs of contracts with providers.

The FY 2024 Proposed Budget for the CSA Fund reflects a \$914,428 use of prior year fund balance, as the budget continues to leverage CSA fund balance to reduce the annual impact on LTF.

Key Measures



Measure: Number of children served.

The number of children served indicates the demand for services mandated to be provided under the Children’s Services Act.

Policies

The CPMT is responsible for developing interagency policies and procedures to govern the provision of services to children and families in the community. The CPMT is also responsible for developing interagency fiscal policies governing access to CSA funds by the eligible populations including immediate access to funds for emergency and psychiatric services, shelter care, and private education day placements. Additional responsibilities of the CPMT are outlined in Virginia Code.