

### CASINO REVENUE FUND

The Casino Revenue Fund (CRF) was established in 1976 with the provision that State revenues derived from casino gambling would be applied solely for the purpose of “providing funding for reductions in property taxes, rental, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the State in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall by law provide.” The Fund’s authorized use was expanded in 1981 to include additional or expanded health services or benefits, transportation services or benefits to eligible senior and disabled residents.

Total CRF resources of \$205 million, including \$175,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2016. This total also includes revenues from Internet gaming, launched in November 2013.

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program, which at one point in time consumed a majority of the revenues in the CRF, has become less costly as most recipients now receive medications through the federally funded Medicare Part D program. This has allowed greater CRF support for expanded community based services for residents with developmental disabilities.

The summary and projection table on the following page displays CRF revenues and the programs receiving Fund

appropriations over the past several years. Some CRF appropriations have been shifted to the General Fund during that time (see the “General Fund Support” section of the table).

### BUDGET INITIATIVES AND ONGOING PROGRAMS

The following programs are currently receiving significant funding through the Casino Revenue Fund:

- Developmental Disabilities Residential Care  
— \$154.4 million
- Transportation Assistance to Seniors and Disabled  
— \$18.8 million
- Community Based Senior Programs  
— \$14.7 million
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)  
— \$9.4 million
- Disability Services Personal Assistance  
— \$3.7 million
- Sheltered Workshop Transportation  
— \$2.2 million

**CASINO REVENUE FUND SUMMARY AND PROJECTION**  
(thousands)

	<b>Fiscal 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal 2013</b>	<b>Fiscal 2014</b>	<b>Revised 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Opening Surplus .....	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Revenues .....	238,986	214,596	221,226	211,562	204,825
Lapses and Adjustments (a) .....	5,994	69,244	162,308	58,610	175
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$ 244,980</b>	<b>\$ 283,840</b>	<b>\$ 383,534</b>	<b>\$ 270,172</b>	<b>\$ 205,000</b>
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
Community Based Senior Programs .....	14,677	14,748	14,747	14,748	14,748
Disability Services Waivers (b) .....	16,502	16,502	16,502	---	---
Global Budget for Long Term Care (b) .....	20,000	100,000	37,850	---	---
Hearing Aid Assistance .....	40	30	25	120	120
Human Services Administration .....	724	824	902	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded .....	51,145	63,038	50,000	9,440	9,440
Personal Assistance .....	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734
Personal Care (b) .....	77,705	---	---	---	---
Statewide Birth Defects Registry .....	528	528	528	529	529
<b>TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE</b>					
Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents .....	25,121	24,632	20,343	18,264	18,824
Sheltered Workshop Transportation .....	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196
<b>HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>					
Developmental Disabilities .....	32,516	57,516	236,615	220,178	154,446
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>					
Home Health Aide Certification .....	92	92	92	92	92
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$ 244,980</b>	<b>\$ 283,840</b>	<b>\$ 383,534</b>	<b>\$ 270,172</b>	<b>\$ 205,000</b>
<b>ENDING SURPLUS .....</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND SUPPORT</b>					
Developmental Disabilities .....	485,700	454,646	311,652	395,418	471,458
Global Budget and Waivers (b) .....	104,000	27,175	106,297	---	---
Managed Long Term Services and Supports (b) .....	---	---	---	282,284	393,520
PAAD -- Expanded .....	---	16,524	33,005	62,900	59,424
Personal Care/Community Programs (b) .....	111,700	55,198	63,170	44,303	41,352
Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze .....	212,200	220,983	211,635	205,800	218,700
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled .....	220,421	219,552	234,262	239,088	244,034
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,021</b>	<b>\$ 994,078</b>	<b>\$ 960,021</b>	<b>\$ 1,229,793</b>	<b>\$ 1,428,488</b>

**Notes:**

- (a) Lapses and Adjustments include Interest Earnings, Casino Simulcasting Funds, and General Fund support in years that CRF revenue is less than expenditures.
- (b) Global Budget, Personal Care and Waiver services are now provided through the Managed Long Term Services and Support program.