

### 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 \$310.7 million, including \$300,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2015. This total also includes revenues from Internet gaming, launched in November 2013. Increased revenues from Internet gaming and improving economic conditions are expected to be partially offset by continued pressure from new gaming facilities in neighboring states.

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  
— \$220.2 million
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)  
— \$50.0 million
- Transportation Assistance to Seniors and Disabled  
— \$18.3 million
- Community Based Senior Programs  
— \$14.7 million
- Disability Services Personal Assistance  
— \$3.7 million
- Sheltered Workshop Transportation  
— \$2.2 million

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

	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2013	Revised 2014	Budget 2015
Opening Surplus	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Revenues	295,700	265,896	238,986	214,596	256,455	310,432
Lapses and Adjustments (a)	38,716	3,849	5,994	104,675	127,145	300
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 334,416</b>	<b>\$ 269,745</b>	<b>\$ 244,980</b>	<b>\$ 319,271</b>	<b>\$ 383,600</b>	<b>\$ 310,732</b>
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>						
Community Based Senior Programs	---	14,708	14,677	14,748	14,748	14,748
Disability Services Waivers (b)	16,502	16,502	16,502	16,502	16,502	---
Global Budget for Long Term Care (b)	27,580	---	20,000	100,000	37,850	---
Hearing Aid Assistance	63	45	40	30	120	120
Home Care Expansion (c)	40	---	---	---	---	---
Human Services Administration	944	880	724	824	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded	128,510	91,740	51,145	98,469	50,000	50,000
Personal Assistance	3,700	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734
Personal Care (b)	77,705	77,705	77,705	---	---	---
Respite Care (c)	5,316	---	---	---	---	---
Statewide Birth Defects Registry	528	528	528	528	529	529
<b>TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE</b>						
Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents	30,233	29,099	25,121	24,632	20,343	18,264
Sheltered Workshop Transportation	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196
<b>HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>						
Congregate Housing Support (c)	2,006	---	---	---	---	---
Developmental Disabilities	32,515	32,516	32,516	57,516	236,615	220,178
Safe Housing and Transportation (c)	1,431	---	---	---	---	---
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>						
Adult Day Care - Alzheimer's (c)	2,310	---	---	---	---	---
Adult Protective Services (c)	1,748	---	---	---	---	---
Home Delivered Meals (c)	997	---	---	---	---	---
Home Health Aide Certification	92	92	92	92	92	92
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 334,416</b>	<b>\$ 269,745</b>	<b>\$ 244,980</b>	<b>\$ 319,271</b>	<b>\$ 383,600</b>	<b>\$ 310,732</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>\$ 0.0</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND SUPPORT</b>						
Developmental Disabilities	338,500	328,000	485,700	454,646	297,894	349,264
Global Budget and Waivers (b)	48,075	98,677	104,000	27,175	104,474	137,865
PAAD -- Expanded	39,376	30,281	---	16,524	29,568	22,340
Personal Care/Community Programs (b)	38,260	79,155	111,700	55,198	64,734	65,032
Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze	189,280	163,314	212,200	220,983	214,200	203,100
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled	186,895	189,608	220,421	219,552	234,751	241,039
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 840,386</b>	<b>\$ 889,035</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,021</b>	<b>\$ 994,078</b>	<b>\$ 945,621</b>	<b>\$ 1,018,640</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 Medicaid managed care organizations.

(c) Beginning in fiscal 2011, these programs were consolidated into the *Community Based Senior Programs* line item.