

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 \$199.9 million, including \$175,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2017. This total also includes revenues from Internet gaming, which was 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
— \$151.9 million
- Transportation Assistance to Seniors and Disabled
— \$17.5 million
- Community Based Senior Programs
— \$14.7 million
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
— \$8.2 million
- Disability Services Personal Assistance
— \$3.7 million
- Sheltered Workshop Transportation
— \$2.2 million

CASINO REVENUE FUND SUMMARY AND PROJECTION
(thousands)

	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Revised 2016	Budget 2017
Opening Surplus	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Revenues	214,596	221,226	205,964	202,996	199,752
Lapses and Adjustments (a)	69,244	162,308	63,887	1,189	175
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 283,840	\$ 383,534	\$ 269,851	\$ 204,185	\$ 199,927
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE					
Community Based Senior Programs	14,748	14,747	14,737	14,748	14,748
Disability Services Waivers (b)	16,502	16,502	---	---	---
Global Budget for Long Term Care (b)	100,000	37,850	---	---	---
Hearing Aid Assistance	30	25	23	120	120
Human Services Administration	824	902	850	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded	63,038	50,000	9,261	8,625	8,176
Personal Assistance	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734
Personal Care (b)	---	---	---	---	---
Statewide Birth Defects Registry	528	528	516	529	529
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE					
Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents	24,632	20,343	18,264	18,824	17,523
Sheltered Workshop Transportation	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196
HOUSING PROGRAMS					
Developmental Disabilities	57,516	236,615	220,178	154,446	151,938
OTHER PROGRAMS					
Home Health Aide Certification	92	92	92	92	92
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 283,840	\$ 383,534	\$ 269,851	\$ 204,185	\$ 199,927
ENDING SURPLUS	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
GENERAL FUND SUPPORT					
Developmental Disabilities	454,646	311,652	291,508	271,003	288,017
Global Budget and Waivers (b)	27,175	106,297	---	---	---
Managed Long Term Services and Supports (b)	---	---	215,602	439,943	431,239
PAAD -- Expanded	16,524	33,005	65,700	60,239	53,547
Personal Care/Community Programs (b)	55,198	63,170	31,721	40,507	40,507
Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze	220,983	211,635	203,572	218,700	204,900
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled	219,552	234,262	237,629	241,690	246,852
TOTAL GENERAL FUND SUPPORT	\$ 994,078	\$ 960,021	\$ 1,045,732	\$ 1,272,082	\$ 1,265,062

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) Beginning in FY 2015, Global Budget, Personal Care and Waiver services are provided through the Managed Long Term Services and Support program.