

## 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 \$223.6 million, including \$175,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2018. 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/Property Tax Relief 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  
— \$175.4 million
- Transportation Assistance to Seniors and Disabled  
— \$17.8 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 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Revised 2017	Budget 2018
Opening Surplus .....	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 7,479	\$ ---
Revenues .....	221,226	205,964	209,243	215,906	223,469
Lapses and Adjustments (a) .....	162,308	63,887	2,421	(1,877)	175
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$ 383,534</b>	<b>\$ 269,851</b>	<b>\$ 211,664</b>	<b>\$ 221,508</b>	<b>\$ 223,644</b>
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
Community Based Senior Programs .....	14,747	14,737	14,748	14,748	14,748
Disability Services Waivers (b) .....	16,502	---	---	---	---
Global Budget for Long Term Care (b) .....	37,850	---	---	---	---
Hearing Aid Assistance .....	25	23	120	120	120
Human Services Administration .....	902	850	871	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded .....	50,000	9,261	8,625	8,176	8,176
Personal Assistance .....	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734
Statewide Birth Defects Registry .....	528	516	529	529	529
<b>TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE</b>					
Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents .....	20,343	18,264	18,824	17,523	17,801
Sheltered Workshop Transportation .....	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196
<b>HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>					
Developmental Disabilities .....	236,615	220,178	154,446	173,519	175,377
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>					
Home Health Aide Certification .....	92	92	92	92	92
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$ 383,534</b>	<b>\$ 269,851</b>	<b>\$ 204,185</b>	<b>\$ 221,508</b>	<b>\$ 223,644</b>
<b>ENDING SURPLUS .....</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 7,479</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND/PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND SUPPORT</b>					
Developmental Disabilities .....	311,652	291,508	296,743	274,826	274,482
Global Budget and Waivers (b) .....	106,297	---	---	---	---
Managed Long Term Services and Supports (b) .....	---	215,602	315,258	381,538	461,150
PAAD -- Expanded .....	33,005	65,700	53,404	53,547	53,054
Personal Care/Community Programs (b) .....	63,170	31,721	35,977	40,507	38,007
Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze .....	211,635	203,572	205,707	204,900	200,300
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled .....	234,262	237,629	244,164	263,419	276,277
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>\$ 960,021</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,732</b>	<b>\$ 1,151,253</b>	<b>\$ 1,218,737</b>	<b>\$ 1,303,270</b>

**Notes:**

- (a) Lapses and Adjustments include Interest Earnings, Casino Simulcasting Funds, and shifts in General Fund support.  
(b) Beginning in FY 2015, Global Budget and Waiver services are provided through the Managed Long Term Services and Support program.