

**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 and transportation services or benefits to eligible senior and disabled residents.

Total CRF resources of \$237.6 million, including \$172,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2019. This total also includes revenues from Internet gaming, which was launched in November 2013.

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  
— \$205.7 million
- Community Based Senior Programs  
— \$14.7 million
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)  
— \$9.6 million
- Disability Services Personal Assistance  
— \$3.7 million
- Sheltered Workshop Transportation  
— \$2.2 million

# APPENDIX

## CASINO REVENUE FUND SUMMARY AND PROJECTION (thousands)

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Revised 2018	Budget 2019
Opening Surplus .....	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 7,479	\$ 4,622	\$ ---
Revenues .....	205,964	209,243	218,484	225,127	237,382
Lapses and Adjustments (a) .....	63,887	2,421	167	(4,723)	172
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$ 269,851</b>	<b>\$ 211,664</b>	<b>\$ 226,130</b>	<b>\$ 225,026</b>	<b>\$ 237,554</b>
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
Community Based Senior Programs .....	14,737	14,748	14,748	14,748	14,748
Hearing Aid Assistance .....	23	120	120	120	120
Human Services Administration .....	850	871	871	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded .....	9,261	8,625	8,176	9,558	9,558
Personal Assistance .....	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734	3,734
Statewide Birth Defects Registry .....	516	529	529	529	529
<b>TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE</b>					
Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents .....	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 .....	220,178	154,446	173,519	175,377	205,706
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>					
Home Health Aide Certification .....	92	92	92	92	92
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$ 269,851</b>	<b>\$ 204,185</b>	<b>\$ 221,508</b>	<b>\$ 225,026</b>	<b>\$ 237,554</b>
<b>ENDING SURPLUS .....</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 7,479</b>	<b>\$ 4,622</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND/PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND SUPPORT</b>					
Developmental Disabilities .....	291,508	296,743	274,826	274,482	255,211
Managed Long Term Services and Supports .....	215,602	315,258	381,538	451,196	853,128
PAAD -- Expanded .....	65,700	53,404	53,547	49,672	40,854
Personal Care/Community Programs .....	31,721	35,977	40,507	38,007	38,007
Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze .....	203,572	205,707	204,900	207,600	204,400
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled .....	237,629	244,164	264,984	283,371	302,830
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,732</b>	<b>\$ 1,151,253</b>	<b>\$ 1,220,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,304,328</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,430</b>

**Notes:**

(a) Lapses and Adjustments include Interest Earnings, Casino Simulcasting Funds, and shifts in General Fund support.