

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 \$261.5 million, including \$172,000 from the Casino Simulcasting Fund, are projected for fiscal 2020. This total also includes revenues from internet gaming and sports betting, which were launched in 2013 and 2018, respectively.

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 and

Property Tax Relief 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
— \$234.1 million
- Community Based Senior Programs
— \$14.7 million
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
— \$5.1 million
- Disability Services Personal Assistance
— \$3.7 million
- Sheltered Workshop Transportation
— \$2.2 million

CASINO REVENUE FUND SUMMARY AND PROJECTION

(thousands)

	Fiscal 2018	Revised 2019	Budget 2020
Opening Surplus	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Revenues	217,573	251,637	261,317
Lapses and Adjustments (a)	1,595	(18,552)	172
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$219,168	\$233,085	\$261,489
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE			
Community Based Senior Programs	14,748	14,748	14,748
Hearing Aid Assistance	120	120	120
Human Services Administration	871	871	871
PAAD -- Expanded	9,558	5,089	5,089
Personal Assistance	3,734	3,734	3,734
Statewide Birth Defects Registry	529	529	529
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE			
Sheltered Workshop Transportation	2,196	2,196	2,196
HOUSING PROGRAMS			
Developmental Disabilities	187,320	205,706	234,110
OTHER PROGRAMS			
Home Health Aide Certification	92	92	92
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$219,168	\$233,085	\$261,489
ENDING SURPLUS	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND/PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND SUPPORT			
Developmental Disabilities	329,819	294,753	345,654
Managed Long Term Services and Supports	451,196	833,174	967,670
PAAD -- Expanded	49,672	45,323	39,053
Personal Care/Community Programs	38,227	38,227	38,227
Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze	207,600	204,400	201,700
SOBRA for Aged and Disabled	282,601	285,473	286,705
Transportation Assistance for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents	17,801	18,586	18,508
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$1,376,916	\$1,719,936	\$1,897,517

Notes:

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