DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027

	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
FY 2023 Actual	$ 372,906,622	$ 597,436,213	$ 970,342,835	2,682.9
FY 2024 Actual	410,578,991	529,656,678	940,235,669	2,655.6
FY 2025 Actual	477,436,532	499,122,821	976,559,353	2,586.0
FY 2026				
Approved, with Reappropriations	$ 472,732,161	$ 542,238,873	$ 1,014,971,034	2,586.0
Agency Revised Estimate	478,628,813	554,047,305	1,032,676,118	2,620.7
Special Committee on the State Budget	494,844,882	530,000,182	1,024,845,064	2,588.7
House Committee of the Whole	502,750,161	530,000,182	1,032,750,343	2,588.7
Senate Committee of the Whole	504,268,049	531,384,308	1,035,652,357	2,588.7
Legislative Approved	503,543,049	531,084,334	1,034,627,383	2,588.7
Governor's Recommendation	507,869,791	533,815,814	1,041,685,605	2,588.7
FY 2027				
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	$ 464,229,882	$ 541,055,673	$ 1,005,285,555	2,586.0
Agency Request	485,110,741	524,510,131	1,009,620,872	2,620.7
Special Committee on the State Budget	498,159,796	512,323,168	1,010,482,964	2,588.7
House Committee of the Whole	488,643,098	352,057,321	840,700,419	2,559.7
Senate Committee of the Whole	488,195,155	354,529,311	842,724,466	2,559.7
Legislative Approved	493,789,763	354,374,133	848,163,896	2,559.7
Governor's Recommendation	505,299,363	354,328,973	859,628,336	2,559.7

* *Note* : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison.

The Department for Children and Families (DCF) is a cabinet-level agency headed by a secretary appointed by the Governor. The mission of the agency is to protect children, promote healthy families, and encourage personal responsibility. DCF primarily operates through eight main budgetary programs:

- **Administration**: Provides agency leadership, general administrative support, fiscal management, and information technology services.
- **Capital Improvements**: Represents the budgetary program for the Topeka Service Center that is being leased from the Department of Administration on a lease-to-buy agreement.
- **Child Support Services**: Establishes paternity, locates noncustodial parents, and enforces child support orders to secure financial support for children’s well-being.
- **Client Service Delivery (Field Offices)**: DCF operates through six management and over 30 service centers across the state
- **Developmental Disabilities Council**: Advocates for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- **Economic and Employment Services**: Administers basic needs assistance such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash support, food assistance (SNAP), utility and energy aid, child care subsidies, and employment support services to help low-income families
- **Rehabilitation Services**: Delivers vocational rehabilitation, disability determination services, and support for adults with disabilities to promote independence and employment.
- **Prevention and Protection Services**: Provides child welfare and protective services including investigations of abuse/neglect, foster care, adoption support, and family preservation.

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026							
		SGF		All Other Funds		Total	FTE Positions
Approved, with Reappropriations	**$**	**472,732,161**	**$**	**542,238,873**	**$**	**1,014,971,034**	**2,586.0**
Agency Revised Estimate		**478,628,813**		**554,047,305**		**1,032,676,118**	**2,620.7**
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)							
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	*$*	*16,216,069*	*$*	*(24,047,123)*	*$*	*(7,831,054)*	*(32.0)*
TOTAL – Special Committee	**$**	**494,844,882**	**$**	**530,000,182**	**$**	**1,024,845,064**	**2,588.7**
House Committees							
Social Services Budget	$	7,905,279	$	-	$	7,905,279	-
Appropriations		-		-		-	-
Committee of the Whole		-		-		-	-
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	*$*	*7,905,279*	*$*	*-*	*$*	*7,905,279*	*-*
TOTAL – Current House Position	**$**	**502,750,161**	**$**	**530,000,182**	**$**	**1,032,750,343**	**2,588.7**
Senate Committees							
Ways and Means [Human Services]	$	9,423,167	$	1,384,126	$	10,807,293	-
Ways and Means		-		-		-	-
Committee of the Whole		-		-		-	-
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	*$*	*9,423,167*	*$*	*1,384,126*	*$*	*10,807,293*	*-*
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	**$**	**504,268,049**	**$**	**531,384,308**	**$**	**1,035,652,357**	**2,588.7**
Legislative Approved							
Conference Committee	$	8,698,167	$	1,084,152	$	9,782,319	-
Governor's Vetoes		-		-		-	-
Veto Overrides		-		-		-	-
Certifications		-		-		-	-
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	*$*	*8,698,167*	*$*	*1,084,152*	*$*	*9,782,319*	*-*
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	**$**	**503,543,049**	**$**	**531,084,334**	**$**	**1,034,627,383**	**2,588.7**

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of $1.0 billion all funds, including $478.6 million SGF, in FY 2026. This amount is $6.0 million SGF, or 1.2 percent, above the 2026 Approved, with reappropriations. Absent the agency's supplemental requests, there is no change in the agency's revised estimate of SGF compared to the 2026 Approved, with reappropriations.

The agency's revised estimate includes $7.7 million in SGF reappropriations that the agency intends to use towards the first-year development costs of Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in FY 2026.

The agency's revised estimate includes the following supplemental requests in FY 2026:

1. **Projects to Reduce the SNAP Payment Error Rate:** $3.9 million all funds, including $2.2 million SGF, for the development of technology upgrades to the Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement System (KEES) to attempt to reduce the SNAP payment error rate in FY 2026.
2. **SNAP E&T Increased Caseload:** $2.4 million SGF and 32 FTE to meet the expected increased caseload to the SNAP Employment and Training Program based on the federal changes made by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in FY 2026.
3. **Terminate the Employment Verification Services Contract**: $891,144 all funds, including $397,280 SGF, to terminate their current employment verification services contract in FY 2026.
4. **Indices Increases**: $1.2 million all funds, including $842,855 SGF, to address operating cost increases in FY 2026.
5. **Amazon Connect Contract Increase**: $195,000 all funds, including $92,604 SGF, to continue their contract with Amazon Connect in FY 2026.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete $7.7 million SGF to remove the **agency's reappropriations in** FY 2026;
2. Delete $8.5 million all funds, including $5.9 million SGF and 32.0 FTE, to not fund the **agency's supplemental** requests in FY 2026; and
3. Add $8.8 million all funds, including adding $29.8 million SGF, deleting $400,000 TANF cash assistance, and deleting $21.0 million in all other funds to adopt the **fall human services caseload estimate** in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Social Services Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $7.7 million SGF to restore the agency's **reappropriations for the purposes of the CCWIS** contract in FY 2026; and
2. Add $218,000 SGF for partial funding in FY 2026 to allow DCF to address the **increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County.** This includes adding therapists to the case management provider, EmberHope ($69,923.50) in the Human Services Caseloads estimates moving forward. The total funding also includes $148,076.50 for additional prevention services (Families First and Family Prevention) that would not be included in Human Services Caseloads. The Budget Committee recommended $500,000 SGF for this for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with no adjustments.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the **Committee's** recommendation in FY 2026.

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Budget Committee Report

Senate Committees

Senate Committee Ways and Means – Human Service Subcommittee

The **Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $7.7 million SGF to restore the agency's **reappropriations for the purposes of the CCWIS** contract in FY 2026;
2. Add $52,644 all funds, including $25,000 SGF, to partially fund the agency's supplemental request to address their **Amazon Connect contract** increase in FY 2026;
3. Add $972,330 all funds, including $700,000 SGF, to partially fund the agency's supplemental request to address their **operating cost increases** in FY 2026;
4. Add $1.9 million all funds, including $810,888 SGF, for **KEES upgrades** beyond the scope of the agency's existing budget in FY 2026; and
5. Add $200,000 SGF for partial funding in FY 2026 to allow DCF to address the **increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County.** This includes adding therapists to the case management provider, EmberHope ($64,149.30), in the Human Services Caseloads estimates moving forward. The total funding also includes $135,850.70 for additional prevention services (Families First and Family Prevention) that would not be included in Human Services Caseloads. The Subcommittee recommended $600,000 SGF for this for FY 2027.

Senate Committee Ways and Means

The **Committee** concurs with the **Subcommittee's** recommendation in FY 2026 with no adjustments.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the **Committee's** recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the **Special Committee's** recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add $1.9 million, including $810,888 SGF, for **KEES upgrades** beyond the scope of the agency's existing budget in FY 2026;
2. Add $7.7 million SGF to **restore reappropriations** for the purposes of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) project in FY 2026; and
3. Add $200,000 SGF in FY 2026 to allow DCF to address the **increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County**. This includes adding therapists to EmberHope; this piece would be included in Human Services Caseloads. This is only partial year funding.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027							
		SGF		All Other Funds		Total	FTE Positions
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	**$**	**464,229,882**	**$**	**541,055,673**	**$**	**1,005,285,555**	**2,586.0**
Agency Request		**485,110,741**		**524,510,131**		**1,009,620,872**	**2,620.7**
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)							
Change from Agency Request	*$*	*13,049,055*	*$*	*(12,186,963)*	*$*	*862,092*	*(32.0)*
TOTAL – Special Committee	**$**	**498,159,796**	**$**	**512,323,168**	**$**	**1,010,482,964**	**2,588.7**
House Committees							
Social Services Budget	$	(11,577,751)	$	(148,204,794)	$	(159,782,545)	(29.0)
Appropriations		2,061,053		(12,061,053)		(10,000,000)	-
Committee of the Whole		-		-		-	-
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	*$*	*(9,516,698)*	*$*	*(160,265,847)*	*$*	*(169,782,545)*	*(29.0)*
TOTAL – Current House Position	**$**	**488,643,098**	**$**	**352,057,321**	**$**	**840,700,419**	**2,559.7**
Senate Committees							
Ways and Means [Human Services]	$	(10,679,641)	$	(147,108,804)	$	(157,788,445)	(29.0)
Ways and Means		715,000		(10,685,053)		(9,970,053)	-
Committee of the Whole		-		-		-	-
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	*$*	*(9,964,641)*	*$*	*(157,793,857)*	*$*	*(167,758,498)*	*(29.0)*
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	**$**	**488,195,155**	**$**	**354,529,311**	**$**	**842,724,466**	**2,559.7**
Legislative Approved							
Conference Committee	$	(15,280,663)	$	(158,500,831)	$	(173,781,494)	(29.0)
Governor's Vetoes		-		-		-	-
Veto Overrides		-		-		-	-
Certifications		10,910,630		551,796		11,462,426	-
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	*$*	*(4,370,033)*	*$*	*(157,949,035)*	*$*	*(162,319,068)*	*(29.0)*
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	**$**	**493,789,763**	**$**	**354,374,133**	**$**	**848,163,896**	**2,559.7**

* *Note* : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison.

Agency

The **agency** requests $1.0 billion all funds, including $485.1 million SGF, for FY 2027. This amount is $20.9 million SGF, or 4.5 percent, above the 2026 Approved, without reappropriations or one-time expenditures.

The agency's request includes the following enhancement requests for FY 2027:

1. **Projects to Reduce the SNAP Payment Error Rate:** Add $1.9 million all funds, including $1.3 million SGF, for FY 2027 to maintain the KEES technology upgrades that would be developed with the supplemental funding requested in FY 2026. This funding would be on going.

2. **SNAP E&T Increased Caseload:** Add $3.2 million SGF and 32 FTE to meet the expected increased caseload to the SNAP Employment and Training Program based on the federal changes made by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act for FY 2027.

3. **SNAP Administrative Match:** Add $12.1 million SGF, and delete the same amount in federal funds, for FY 2027 to fund the administrative portion of the SNAP program. Historically, the federal government reimbursed 50% of SNAP administrative costs for states. Additionally, during the public health emergency, certain federal grants reimbursed 100% of SNAP administrative costs. Currently, section 10106 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act increases the state share of SNAP administrative costs from the traditional 50.0 percent to 75.0 percent beginning October 1 of FY 2026 (FFY 2027). DCF estimates approximately $12.1 million SGF will be needed in SFY 2027 (three quarters of the federal fiscal year 2027) and approximately $16.4 million SGF per year in the out years.

4. **Software Licenses:** Add $883,200 all funds, including $352,838 SGF, to allow for continued use of the Current™ Software for FY 2027. This funding would be on going.

5. **Lease Increases:** $1.1 million all funds, including $716,244 SGF, for regional lease increases for FY 2027. This would be on going.

6. **Indices Increases**: $1.5 million all funds, including $1.0 million SGF, to address operating cost increases for FY 2027. This funding would be on going.

7. **Amazon Connect Contract Increase**: $195,000 all funds, including $92,604 SGF, to continue their contract with Amazon Connect for FY 2027. This funding would be on going.

8. **Nurse Co-Responder Partnership:** Add $996,000 SGF for FY 2027 to begin a nurse co-responder partnership for cases where a Child Protective Services responds to a home with a child under the age of one. This funding would be on going.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete $9.8 million all funds, including $19.8 million SGF, to not fund the **agency's enhancement requests** for FY 2027; and

2. Add $10.6 million, including adding $32.8 million SGF, deleting $400,000 TANF cash assistance, and deleting $21.8 million in all other funds to adopt the **fall human services caseload** estimate for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Social Services Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $1.0 million TANF for one time funding to provide a grant to an organization **(Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters)** to provide community-based and school-based one-to-one mentoring for youth ages six to 25 for FY 2027;

2. Add $800,000 SGF in on-going funding for an organization **(Children's Alliance of Kansas)** to provide a standardized, statewide workforce development strategy which includes on-boarding, competency building, and retention of child welfare providers;
3. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding to provide a grant to an organization **(Foster Adopt Connect)** to provide seven additional Parent Support and Prevention Specialists in Sedgwick County for FY 2027;
4. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding for FY 2027 to begin a **nurse co-responder partnership** for when Child Protective Services responds to a home with a child under the age of one;
5. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding for **Youth Core Ministries** to provide the Core Community Program for FY 2027;
6. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding for FY 2027 to allow DCF to contract with community partners to address the **increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County**. This includes adding therapists to the case management provider, EmberHope ($160,350), in the Human Services Caseloads estimates moving forward. The total funding also includes $339,650 for additional prevention services (Families First and Family Prevention) that would not be included in Human Services Caseloads.
7. Add $376,000 TANF in one-time funding for **JAG-K** for FY 2027. This totals $5.8 million TANF for JAG-K for FY 2027;
8. Add $215,000 SGF in one-time funding, all from the Vocational Rehabilitation Aid and Assistance Account, and add language directing the agency to expend funds for the purpose of operating year-two of a pilot project with the **Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas called the Guided Independent Living Assessment (GILA) program** to assist young adults with disabilities in developing life skills for FY 2027; and
9. Add $200,000 SGF in on-going funding for Hope Ranch in FY 2027. This would increase the total amount appropriated for **Hope Ranch** to $300,000 SGF per year.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the agency will have transferred the following duties to the **Kansas Office of Early Childhood:** Child care subsidies, child care quality, the Head Start Collaboration Office and Home Visitation, the Kanas Early Head Start Child Care Partnership and the Healthy Families America Home Visiting program.

As part of the transition, the Budget Committee makes the following adjustments to the SBC recommendation:

10. Delete $164.3 million all funds, including $14.8 million SGF, and 29.0 FTE for FY 2027 as the agency transfers duties to the **Kansas Office of Early Childhood.**

House Committee on Appropriations

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $12.1 million SGF and delete the same amount from federal funds to fund the **administrative portion of the SNAP** program for FY 2027. OBBBA increases the state share to 75% beginning October 1, 2026. This request would be for three quarters of SFY 2027. Approximately $16.4 million SGF per year would be needed in the out years.

2. Add language requiring the agency to find, permit, and place a licensed blind vendor to operate the **third-floor snack bar** in the Kansas state capitol building for FY 2027. Add additional language specifying that the vendor must provide a minimum of fountain drinks, ice, popcorn, three warm lunch-time options, and assorted snacks when the Senate or House is in session. Add additional language to the LCC Operation account directing Legislative Administrative Services to work with DCF to find a suitable placement and if none, issue an RFP and contract for such services.

3. Add language requiring the agency to expend $500,000 in federal funds to provide support for **Radical Life** for FY 2027. This program aims to reduce foster care stays, provide family stabilization, and provide financial education in and around Lyon County for FY 2027. If federal funds are not available, direct the agency to use existing resources.

4. Delete $10.0 million SGF from the agency's operating account and add the same amount to a new account within the State Finance Council (SFC) for FY 2027. Add language to specify that upon approval of the statewide demonstration waiver from USDA to exclude candy and soft drinks from SNAP (**Healthy Foods Waiver**), the SFC can approve expenditures of up to $5.0 million from the new SFC account to DCF. Add language further specifying that upon certification to SFC that the waiver has been implemented statewide on or before Jan 1, 2027, SFC will approve additional expenditures to DCF of not more than $5.0 million from the new SFC account.

5. Add language directing the agency to add the following language to public assistance applications, as specified in 52 U.S.C. Sec. 20506(a)(6): "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME" for FY 2027. Add additional language that no expenditures shall be made to mail or deliver a **voter registration packet** unless such applicant checks the "yes" box requesting the voter registration application form for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee Ways and Means – Human Service Subcommittee

The **Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $195,000 all funds, including $92,606 SGF, to continue their contract with **Amazon Connect** for FY 2027. This funding would be on going;
2. Add $2.8 million all funds, including $1.8 million SGF, to address **operating cost increases** for FY 2027. This funding would be on going;
3. Add $1.1 million all funds, including $716,244 SGF, for regional **lease increases** at the DCF service centers for FY 2027. This funding would be on going;
4. Add $1.9 million all funds, including $930,844 SGF, for **KEES upgrades** beyond the scope of the agency's existing budget. This funding would be on going;

5. Add $600,000 SGF in one-time funding for FY 2027 to allow DCF to contract with community partners to address the **increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County**. This includes adding therapists to the case management provider, EmberHope ($192,420), in the Human Services Caseloads estimates moving forward. The total funding also includes $407,580 for additional prevention services (Families First and Family Prevention) that would not be included in Human Services Caseloads.

Additionally, the Subcommittee notes that no recommendations were made concerning the transition of services to the Kansas Office of Early Childhood for FY 2027. It is the Subcommittee's understanding that the full Senate Ways and Means will hold a budget hearing for the new agency; and at that time, recommendations can be made to delete $164.4 million all funds, including $14.8 million SGF, and delete 29.0 FTE positions from DCF's FY 2027 budget request to shift child care subsidies, child care quality, Head Start, and the home visiting programs to the Kansas Office of Early Childhood.

Senate Committee Ways and Means

The **Committee** concurs with the **Subcommittee's** recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add $12.1 million SGF and delete the same amount from federal funds to fund the **administrative portion of the SNAP** program for FY 2027. OBBBA increases the state share to 75% beginning October 1, 2026. This request would be for three quarters of SFY 2027. Approximately $16.4 million SGF per year would be needed in the out years. Add language to **withhold funding until the agency can confirm they have provided data to USDA** as requested by the federal government for FY 2027 (Staff note: Funding will be added to State Finance Council, pending confirmation data has been provided to USDA);
2. Add $1.0 million TANF for one time funding to provide a grant to an organization **(Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters)** to provide community-based and school-based one-to-one mentoring for youth ages six to 25 for FY 2027;
3. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding to provide a grant to an organization **(FosterAdoptConnect)** to provide additional Parent Support and Prevention Specialists in Sedgwick County for FY 2027;
4. Add $376,000 TANF in one-time funding for **JAG-K** for FY 2027. This totals $5.8 million TANF for JAG-K for FY 2027;
5. Add $215,000 SGF in one-time funding, all from the Vocational Rehabilitation Aid and Assistance Account, and add language directing the agency to expend funds for the purpose of operating year-two of a pilot project with the **Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas called the Guided Independent Living Assessment (GILA) program** to assist young adults with disabilities in developing life skills for FY 2027; and
6. Add language directing the agency to certify to the Division of Budget that the agency has requested and implemented a SNAP **healthy foods waiver** prior to expending Summer EBT "Sun Bucks" administrative funds for FY 2027. Add additional language that if such certification is not made, $825,000 SGF in the Summer EBT account be lapsed for FY 2027.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the agency will have transferred the following duties to the **Kansas Office of Early Childhood:** Child care subsidies, child care quality, the Head Start Collaboration Office and

Home Visitation, the Kanas Early Head Start Child Care Partnership and the Healthy Families America Home Visiting program.

As part of the transition, the **Committee** makes the following adjustment to the Subcommittee's recommendation:

7. Delete $164.3 million all funds, including $14.8 million SGF, and 29.0 FTE for FY 2027 as the agency transfers duties to the **Kansas Office of Early Childhood.**

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the **Committee's** recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add $400,000 SGF in on-going funding for **Children's Alliance of Kansas** to provide a standardized, statewide workforce development strategy focused on on-boarding, competency building, and retention of child welfare providers for FY 2027;
2. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding to provide a grant to **FosterAdoptConnect** to provide additional Parent Support and Prevention Specialists in Sedgwick County for FY 2027;
3. Add $350,000 SGF in one-time funding for **Youth Core Ministries** to provide the Core Community Program for FY 2027.
4. Add $215,000 SGF in one-time funding, all from the Vocational Rehabilitation Aid and Assistance Account, and add language directing the agency to expend funds for the purpose of operating **year-two of a pilot project with the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas** called the **Guided Independent Living Assessment (GILA) program** to assist young adults with disabilities in developing life skills for FY 2027;
5. Add $200,000 SGF in on-going funding for **Hope Ranch** in FY 2027. This would increase the total amount appropriated for Hope Ranch to $300,000 SGF per year;
6. Add $1.1 million, including $700,000 SGF, to partially fund the agency's request to address **operating cost increases** for FY 2027;
7. Add $376,000 TANF in one-time funding for **JAG-K** for FY 2027. This totals $5.8 million TANF for JAG-K for FY 2027;
8. Add $1.9 million, including $930,844 SGF, for **KEES upgrades** beyond the scope of the agency's existing budget for FY 2027.
9. Add $500,000 SGF in one-time funding to allow DCF to address **the increased need for foster care in Sedgwick County** for FY 2027. This includes adding therapists to EmberHope; this piece would be included in Human Services Caseloads.
10. Add $1.0 million TANF for one time funding to provide a grant to **Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters** to provide community-based and school-based one-to-one mentoring for youth ages six to 25 for FY 2027.
11. Add $1.1 million, including $716,244 SGF, for **regional lease increases** at the DCF service centers across the state for FY 2027.

12. Add language to insert § 1 of HB 2788 into the appropriations bill to establish a **Business Enterprise Program Oversight Task Force**;
13. Add language directing the agency, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, to develop and issue a **request for information on a child care subsidy management and payment system** that would support direct provider payments for FY 2027;
14. Add language requiring the agency to expend $500,000 in federal funds to provide support for **Radical Life** for FY 2027. This program aims to reduce foster care stays, provide family stabilization, and provide financial education in and around Lyon County for FY 2027. If federal funds are not available, direct the agency to use existing resources;
15. Add language directing the agency to add the following language to public assistance applications, as specified in 52 U.S.C. Sec. 20506(a)(6): "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO **VOTE** AT THIS TIME" for FY 2027. Add additional language that no expenditures shall be made to mail or deliver a voter registration packet unless such applicant checks the "yes" box requesting the voter registration application form for FY 2027.
16. Delete $164.4 million, including $14.8 million SGF, and 29.0 FTE positions for FY 2027 as the agency shifts child care subsidies, child care quality, Head Start, and home visiting programs to the **Kansas Office of Early Childhood**;
17. Delete $12.1 million in federal funds for the administrative portion of the SNAP program. Add $12.1 million SGF to the State Finance Council. Add language that DCF provide expenditure information on **SNAP administration expenditures** and payment error rates before SFC releases the $12.1 million; and
18. Delete $5.0 million SGF from the agency's operating account and add the same amount to a new account within the State Finance Council (SFC) and add language to specify that upon certification to the SFC that the **Healthy Foods Waiver** has been implemented statewide on or before January 1, 2027, the SFC will approve expenditures to DCF from the new SFC account.

Governor's Vetoes

The **Governor** vetoes the following for FY 2027:

1. Add language directing the agency to add the following language to public assistance applications, as specified in 52 U.S.C. Sec. 20506(a)(6): "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO **VOTE** AT THIS TIME" for FY 2027. Add additional language that no expenditures shall be made to mail or deliver a voter registration packet unless such applicant checks the "yes" box requesting the voter registration application form for FY 2027; and
2. Add language requiring the agency to expend $500,000 in federal funds to provide support for **Radical Life** for FY 2027. This program aims to reduce foster care stays, provide family stabilization, and provide financial education in and around Lyon County for FY 2027. If federal funds are not available, direct the agency to use existing resources.

Veto Overrides

The **legislature** overrode the Governor's veto on the following items for FY 2027:

1. Add language requiring the agency to expend $500,000 in federal funds to provide support for **Radical Life** for FY 2027. This program aims to reduce foster care stays, provide family

stabilization, and provide financial education in and around Lyon County for FY 2027. If federal funds are not available, direct the agency to use existing resources

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add $1.4 million, including $899,472 SGF, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.
2. Delete $2,049,895 to lapse 1.5 percent of state operations funded from the SGF for FY 2027. This lapse does not apply to SGF-financed operating expenditures for authorized contractual services, specific projects, or an identified program or entity.
3. Add $12.1 million SGF and delete the same amount from federal funds to fund the administrative portion of the SNAP program for FY 2027. The $12.1 million SGF was originally moved to the State Finance Council pending DCF providing information on SNAP administration expenditures and payment error rates. The SFC released the money to DCF at the meeting on June 3.