

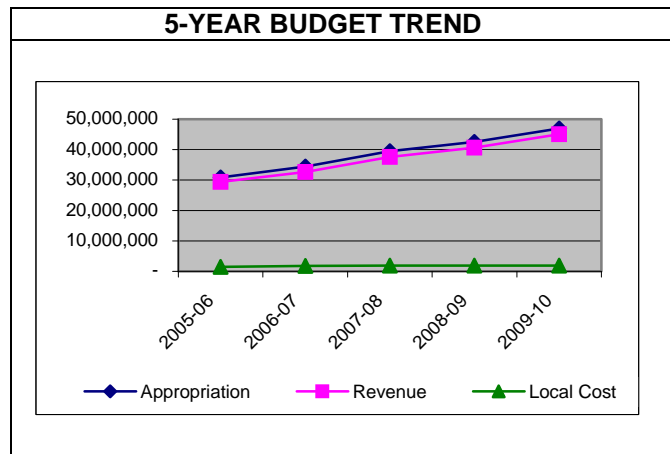
Aid to Adoptive Children

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This program provides financial assistance to adoptive parents who would otherwise not be able to provide for a child's special needs. The children, on whose behalf monies are paid, are either personally disadvantaged, physically handicapped or adolescents. This program enables hard to place children to be adopted and taken out of the higher cost Foster Care program. This budget unit is funded approximately 45.5% Federal, 41% State, with the remaining costs offset by revenue from the Social Services Realignment and county general fund.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit. Services for this program are provided by staff budgeted in the Human Services (HS) Administration budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Modified Budget	2008-09 Estimate
Appropriation	29,040,361	32,515,990	36,935,857	42,543,049	42,016,547
Departmental Revenue	27,528,291	30,721,439	35,048,704	40,655,896	40,132,395
Local Cost	1,512,070	1,794,551	1,887,153	1,887,153	1,884,152

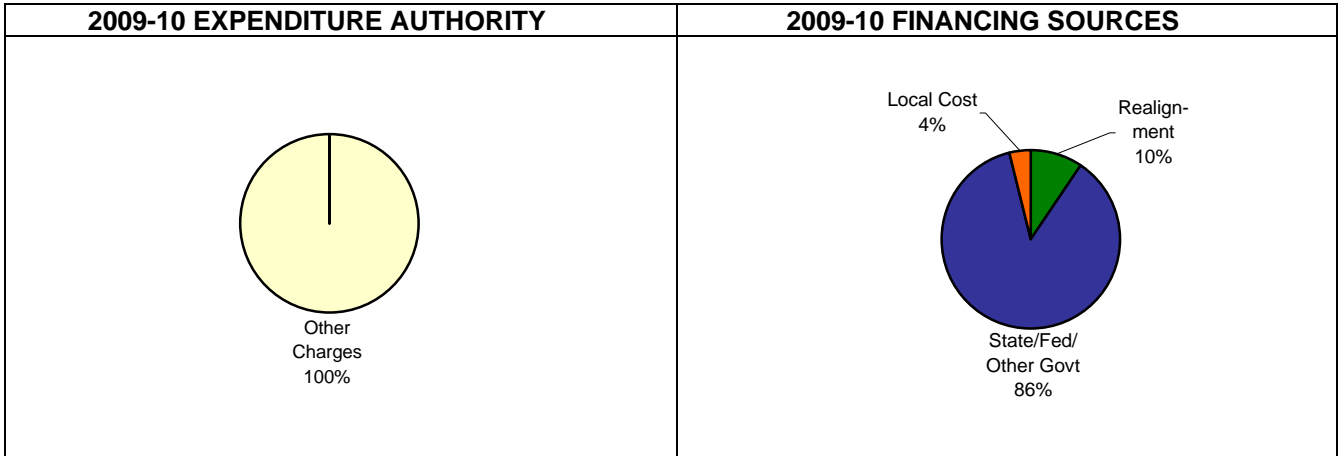
From 2005-06 through 2008-09 expenditures and revenue in this program have increased by 45%. In that time, caseload has increased 34% and the average cost per case has increased 8%. The growth in this program is attributed to state legislation, which became effective January 1, 2000. This legislation (AB390) encourages and promotes the adoption of eligible children. It requires that the county provide prospective adoptive families with information on the availability of benefits, as well as reimbursement for nonrecurring expenses in the adoption of an eligible child. There is no financial means test used to determine an adoptive family's eligibility for the program. Increased average cost per case is a result of the successful placement of more children with special needs and the higher costs associated with their care.

Estimated appropriation for 2008-09 is anticipated to be \$526,502 less than modified budget. This can be attributed to the fact that appropriation was originally budgeted at a 15% increase over 2007-08 but caseload and case costs both increased slower than projected. Less revenue is projected as a result of the lower expenditures.

Local cost is estimated to be under \$3,001. This savings will be utilized to offset local cost overages in other HS subsistence budget units to allow HS to remain within overall local cost allocations.



ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Human Services
DEPARTMENT: Aid to Adoptive Children
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB ATC
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Estimate	2008-09 Final Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	Change From 2008-09 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Other Charges	29,040,361	32,515,990	36,935,857	42,016,547	42,543,049	46,955,024	4,411,975
Total Appropriation	29,040,361	32,515,990	36,935,857	42,016,547	42,543,049	46,955,024	4,411,975
Departmental Revenue							
Realignment	2,832,775	3,067,873	3,381,422	3,927,848	4,378,941	4,498,308	119,367
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	24,695,516	27,653,566	31,667,282	36,204,547	36,276,955	40,569,563	4,292,608
Total Revenue	27,528,291	30,721,439	35,048,704	40,132,395	40,655,896	45,067,871	4,411,975
Local Cost	1,512,070	1,794,551	1,887,153	1,884,152	1,887,153	1,887,153	-

Other charges of \$46.9 million represent assistance to adoptive parents who would otherwise not be able to provide for a child's special needs.

Appropriation for 2009-10 are projected to increase \$4.4 million, (10.4%), over the 2008-09 final budget. This increase is based on 55,436 annual cases, an 8% increase over the 2008-09 budget and average monthly aid payments of \$847, a 3.4% increase over the 2008-09 budget. Continued growth in caseload and the average monthly aid payments is due to the success of the aforementioned legislation.

The required local share for this program will be temporarily reduced as a result of a component of the Federal Economic Stimulus legislation passed in March 2009. This legislation temporarily increases the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), which effectively reduces the state and local share. The resulting local share required for 2009-10 is \$6,385,461, an increase of \$119,637, (1.9%) over 2008-09. Of this amount, the general fund contributes \$1,887,153 and Social Services Realignment contributes \$4,498,308.

