

## FY 2017-19 Budget Workshop Board Inquiry Form

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**Request/Question:**

Why is the Service Level Reduction for Expanded Subsidized Employment so high?  
 The SLR # 9 Expanded Subsidized Employment includes 1.66 FTEs at a cost savings of \$1,053,134. However the corresponding expansion request (slide 24 item 9) to restore the position has a cost of \$169,656. Can you please explain the disparity?

The \$1,053,134 reduction includes:

- Reduction in direct services to clients of \$830,000.
  - In October 2016, a survey of anticipated ESE funding needs was conducted of all Counties. This survey resulted in Santa Barbara County receiving an additional \$800,000 for FY 16-17. In addition, the Governor's Budget reduced appropriations for these services and therefore, the County assumed a reduced ongoing funding level. It is unclear at this time whether or not the County will receive these funds in FY 17-18 and therefore DSS did not include this amount in their recommended budget. These funds are used to subsidize wages/employment for CalWORKs clients. DSS currently controls the number of clients placed into subsidized employment slots based on State funding levels.
- The balance of \$223,134 is associated with a reduction in the state allocation, increases in salaries and benefits and shift of overhead.

The Cost to Restore slide only includes the cost of the restoring the 1.66 FTE, or \$169,656.