Ohio | **Department of Job and Family Services**

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BCFTA Update

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Topic: State Adoption Incentive Program

ODJFS has allocated a total of $1.5 million in state funds for SFY13 to implement a State Adoption Incentive program that provides incentive payments to county agencies to transition more children out of foster care into a permanent adoptive home.

Eligible counties will receive an allocation notice in CFIS Web. Eligible counties are identified through the methodology set forth in FAPL #39. The funding period for the allocation is July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Funding must be liquidated no later than September 30, 2013.

CODING

Funding may be used for direct expenditures reported on the JFS02820 or as match in the SSRMS/Certification of Funds process. The applicable coding for the program is as follows:

For **Direct** Expenditures:

Project Code: **JFSFP838 State Adoption Incentive -** Contracts and purchased services to support the finalization of adoption for children in permanent custody at 50% Federal Financial Participation of the Adoption %. Activities include but are not limited to, permanent placement of the Child, and performing a case assessment and pre-adoptive activities relating to home studies; fair hearing and appeals; rate setting; grievance procedures; negotiation and review of adoption agreements; recruitment of adoptive homes; placement of the child in the adoptive home; case reviews conducted during a specific pre-adoptive placement for children who are legally free for adoption; case management and supervision prior to a final decree of adoption; referral to services; and development of the case plan. In addition, post adoption services provided to maintain and support the stabilization of the adoption.

Account Code: **518001 Contract/Purchase Services**

For **Indirect** Expenditures:

Counties may use State Adoption Incentive funding as match for administrative costs as a result of the SSRMS Reconcile/Certification of Funds process for adoption related activities. The RMS codes associated with this funding are eligibility determinations (764), pre adoptive activities (769), and post

adoption activities (787). In order to use funds to cover the match for these activities, counties must _**first utilize SCPA on the COF**_ then move amounts via a coding adjustment from SCPA to State Adoption Incentive as follows:

From: Project Code   **JFSFP847 SCPA Adoption Special**

To :   Project Code   **JFSFP838 State Adoption Incentive**

For questions regarding the allowable activities or program reporting, contact Dan Shook @ dan.shook@jfs.ohio.gov. Please contact your ODJFS fiscal supervisor if you have further questions regarding the coding.