

Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

22 VAC 40-901 – Community Services Block Grant Program Department of Social Services

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

Summary of the Proposed Regulation

The Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to replace the existing regulation governing the Community Services Block Grant Program, which was promulgated in 1982 and has not been updated since. The existing regulation is being repealed in a separate regulatory action.

Estimated Economic Impact

The existing regulation for the Community Services Block Grant Program was intended to provide guidance for the transition from federal to state administration of the program. This transition was completed over 16 years ago. Many of the areas addressed in the regulation are now covered in detail in federal and state law and in the local agencies' contracts with the Department of Social Services.

Provisions in the existing regulation that have been superceded by federal or state law have not been enforced by the Department. The proposed replacement regulation includes only

those provisions mandated by state law: 1) the formula DSS uses to disburse funds to the agencies; and 2) a requirement that community action agencies provide a local match for the funds they receive under their contract with DSS. Both of these provisions are also in the existing regulation. Since the proposed regulation will reflect current practice, the repeal and replacement of this regulation is not expected to have any economic impact.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The repeal and replacement of this regulation is not expected to affect either the Department of Social Services or local community action agencies since the replacement regulation will reflect current practice of the program.

Localities Particularly Affected

The repeal and replacement of this regulation is not expected to particularly affect any localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The repeal and replacement of this regulation is not anticipated to have a significant effect on employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The repeal and replacement of this regulation is not anticipated to have a significant effect on the use and value of private property.