

# DHS - Services For The Blind

## Enabling Laws

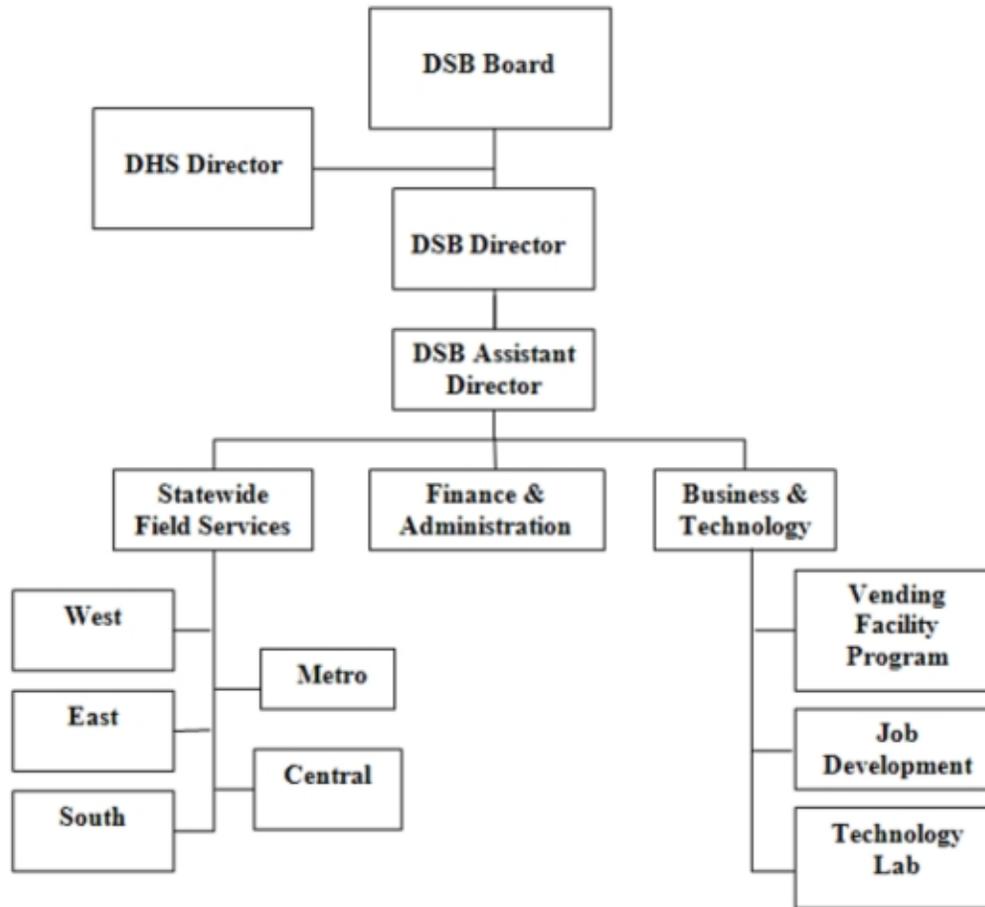
Act 125 of 2010  
A.C.A. §25-10-201 et seq.

## History and Organization

During the 1940s and early 1950s, blind Arkansans received rudimentary services from generically trained “home teachers” employed by the Arkansas Department of Public Welfare. Services consisted of non-specialized instruction in independent living skills and monthly stipends paid from Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled funding. Little effort was made in vocational skills development or job placement other than the operation of vending stands in predominantly federal locations.

In 1955, the emphasis shifted from welfare to rehabilitation, and the state responsibility for services to blind persons was transferred to the Department of Education, Division of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. However, blind persons were still provided generic services within the general population of disabled consumers. Later, the Arkansas General Assembly recognized the value of specialized services to blind persons, and passed Arkansas Act 180 of 1965 creating the division of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind within the State Board of Vocational Education. Over the next two decades, the general assembly would pass laws to combine and separate services to blind persons within various state departments several times until passing Act 481 of 1983.

Act 481 established the Division of State Services for the Blind (DSB) within the Department of Human Services, and vested responsibility for DSB within a policy-making board. Five of the seven members represent statewide consumer, civic and professional organizations involved in state services to blind persons. The two remaining members represent the public at large. By law, four of the seven DSB board members must be blind or severely visually impaired. All members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The DSB Board is a policy making body responsible for rehabilitation services provided to blind Arkansans of all ages. It sets program policy and employs a Commissioner (director) to oversee agency operations within applicable federal and state law. Because of the governing structure of the board, DSB is recognized federally as a Commission within the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act. The Division of State Services for the Blind is also designated as the state-licensing agency for the Randolph Sheppard Vending Facility Program for Arkansas.



## Agency Commentary

The DHS Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) is responsible for the provision of rehabilitation services to blind and severely visually impaired persons in Arkansas, age 14 and older. Such services are provided through the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program focused on employment, and the Older Individuals who are Blind Program (OIB), focused on independent living skills training. Specially trained itinerant counselors travel the state to arrange for, purchase or personally deliver services necessary to the rehabilitation goals of eligible individuals. Both programs are funded by the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration through formula grants based upon the elevated incidence of

disability in the Arkansas population. The Division is required to maintain matching funds (Maintenance of Effort) in the VR program at a dollar amount equal to that it expended two years previously. In so doing, the division qualifies for additional federal funds re-allotted from other states in the event those states are unable to meet the required match. The matching rate for the OIB program is 10%.

For the 2011-2013 biennium, DSB seeks approval of four federally funded initiatives above base level to enable the division to expand its partnerships with local service providers and other stakeholders in the field of rehabilitation. No additional general revenue is required.

#### LOCAL CONTRACTS FOR JOB DEVELOPMENT

DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal funding in operating Fund Center 896 to contract with local service providers experienced in developing job settings for employment of individuals with vision impairment. Contracting entities will work with interested employers to identify existing jobs and restructure other jobs within business, industry and government, that can be done successfully by DSB consumers. This is part of a nationwide initiative within state rehabilitation agencies to involve business, industry and government employers in the development stage of skills training for potential future employees and to educate employers on the cost-effectiveness and tax advantages of employing individuals with limited vision and other disabling conditions. No additional general revenue is required.

#### NET-BASED CONSUMER STATISTICAL SYSTEM

DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal funding in operating Fund Center 896 to support the conversion of the Blind Services Information System (consumer service statistics and their costs) to a web based program to improve service efficiency, in keeping with the long-range plan approved by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. No additional general revenue is involved.

#### AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT

DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal funding in operating Fund Center 896 to purchase an enhanced audio/visual conferencing system to support communication and training for staff statewide, particularly those with hearing and vision impairment, and control meeting costs. Additionally, the request seeks to provide for Capital Outlay (Commitment Item 11), in the event the cost of an item, normally purchased under Maintenance and Operation (Commitment Item 02), exceeds the allowable "02" cost ceiling. No additional general revenue is required.

#### PURCHASED SERVICES FOR CONSUMERS

DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal funding in operating Fund Center 898 to purchase equipment, supplies and services for blind or severely visually impaired persons in support of individual plans for employment. Purchased Services may include surgery, technological equipment, devices and supplies for alternatives to print, on-the-job and other training costs, tuition, books, fees, etc. No additional general revenue is required for this request.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Findings

Recommendations

Audit findings are reported under the DHS-Director's Office/Office of Chief Counsel.

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## Department Appropriation Summary

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2009-2010		2010-2011		2010-2011		2011-2012						2012-2013					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
896 Division of Services for the Blind	4,920,576	81	6,263,624	85	5,866,311	75	4,927,540	75	6,120,678	74	6,120,678	74	4,927,540	75	5,928,680	74	5,928,680	74
898 Purchase of Services	2,819,376	0	3,631,409	0	2,770,628	0	2,573,558	0	3,393,558	0	3,393,558	0	2,573,558	0	3,784,558	0	3,784,558	0
Total	7,739,952	81	9,895,033	85	8,636,939	75	7,501,098	75	9,514,236	74	9,514,236	74	7,501,098	75	9,713,238	74	9,713,238	74

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
General Revenue 4000010	1,794,376	23.2	1,884,897	19.0			1,880,943	25.1	1,880,943	19.8	1,880,943	19.8	1,880,943	25.1	1,880,943	19.4	1,880,943	19.4
Federal Revenue 4000020	5,256,899	67.9	7,629,206	77.1			5,620,155	74.9	7,633,293	80.2	7,633,293	80.2	5,620,155	74.9	7,832,295	80.6	7,832,295	80.6
Federal Funds-ARRA 4000244	689,534	8.9	380,930	3.8			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Reallocation of Resources 4000410	(857)	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Funds	7,739,952	100.0	9,895,033	100.0			7,501,098	100.0	9,514,236	100.0	9,514,236	100.0	7,501,098	100.0	9,713,238	100.0	9,713,238	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0		0				0		0		0		0		0		0	
Grand Total	7,739,952		9,895,033				7,501,098		9,514,236		9,514,236		7,501,098		9,713,238		9,713,238	

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
69	65	8	73	-4	5.80 %	75	76	0	76	-1	-1.33 %	75	77	8	85	-10	-2.67 %

Authorized in Act may differ from Authorized reflected on the Appropriation Summary due to Reallocation of Resources (Act 242 of 2010 section 17(d)), Miscellaneous Federal Grant (A.C.A. 19-7-501 et seq.) and POOL positions (A.C.A. 21-5-214(5)(A)).

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 896 - DHS DSB–Admin Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWP - Administration Paying

In 1983, Act 481 was passed, creating the Division of State Services for the Blind (DSB). The Act removed the Division from the jurisdiction of the Department of Rehabilitation Services and made it an autonomous state agency within the Department of Human Services. The Division is responsible for its own State Plan under the Federal Rehabilitation Act. Agency direction and performance responsibility lies with a seven (7) member consumer board comprised of organization representatives involved in providing services for people who have visual impairments. The member organizations include those such as Arkansas Lions, Blinded Veterans Association, Lions World Services for the Blind, Arkansas School for the Blind, and the Arkansas Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. By law, the majority of the members of the Board must be persons who are blind. This organizational structure was maintained in the reorganization of the Department when Act 348 of 1985 was passed. Services to individuals with visual impairments are provided by agency staff and by contracting with service providers who specialize in services for people with visual impairments.

DSB serves consumers through three interdependent units: Field Services, Vending Facility Program, and the DSB Directors Office. These three service units were designed by the DSB Board to offer two advantages to the State of Arkansas:

- First, to enhance the personal self-sufficiency of consumers eliminating costs associated with unnecessary skilled care; and
- Second, to maximize the potential contributions made by consumers as citizens and taxpayers.

The agency is funded through general revenue (DSB - State Services for the Blind Fund Account) and federal revenue. Federal funding sources include revenues derived from the federal Department of Education - Rehabilitation Services Administration, Social Security Administration; as well as, federal grant funding such as the Social Services Block Grant.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments.

### 896 DHS - Administrative Paying Account

The agency Base Level request for the Operations appropriation is \$4,927,540 for each year of the biennium with 75 budgeted Base Level positions.

### 898 DHS - Grants Paying Account

The agency Base Level request for the Purchase of Services line item is \$2,573,558 each year of the biennium.

The agency Change Level requests for the Operations appropriation total \$1,193,138 in FY2012 and \$1,001,140 in FY2013, with no request for additional general revenue in the 2011-2013 biennium. The following delineates the agency's request:

- Transfer 1 position to the Division of Medical Services with appropriation to be responsible for and provide oversight of the Medicaid coding structure and rate files for non-institutional reimbursement.
- Reclassification on five (5) positions due to the duties and responsibilities changing since the pay plan study.
- \$91,900 in FY2012 and \$99,902 in FY2013 is requested for the Operating Expenses line item for telecommunications, rent, travel expenses, vehicle insurance, association & membership dues, tuition & course material, fuel purchases, office supplies, data processing supplies and software & licenses. This includes continuation of FY2011 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation.
- \$20,000 each year of the biennium is requested for the Conference & Travel Expenses line item for continuation of FY2011 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation to support the comprehensive system of personnel development as specified in the state plan for vocational rehabilitation.
- \$1,100,000 in FY2012 and \$900,000 in FY2013 is requested for the Professional Fees line item to support contracts to serve blind and severely visually impaired consumers and for a conversion of the Blind Services Information System to a web based program. This includes continuation of FY2011 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation.
- \$25,000 each year of the biennium is requested for the Capital Outlay line item to purchase equipment such as an enhanced audio/visual conferencing system to support communication and training for staff statewide.
- ARRA appropriation is being discontinued.

The agency Change Level requests for the Purchase of Services line items total \$820,000 in FY2012 and \$1,211,000 in FY2013, with no request for additional general revenue in the 2011-2013 biennium. The following delineates the agency's request:

- \$760,000 in FY2012 and \$1,211,000 in FY2013 is requested for the grants line item for continuation of FY2011 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation for the vocational rehabilitation program services. Also, additional appropriation is requested to purchase equipment and services for the blind and visually impaired consumers.
- \$60,000 in FY2012 is requested for the Purchases of Services - ARRA 2009 line item to purchase equipment and services for blind and severely visually impaired consumers. No appropriation is requested for this line item in FY2013.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request in the Operations appropriation except for the reclassifications.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request in the Purchase of Services line item.

# Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 896 - DHS DSB-Admin Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWP - Administration Paying

## Historical Data

## Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2011-2012			2012-2013		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	2,750,662	2,998,817	3,059,740	2,976,637	2,944,388	2,944,388	2,976,637	2,944,388	2,944,388
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>
Extra Help	5010001	7,923	190,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	813,224	899,960	977,289	985,253	973,740	973,740	985,253	973,740	973,740
Operating Expenses	5020002	554,903	764,159	642,150	642,150	734,050	734,050	642,150	742,052	742,052
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	23,732	40,000	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
Professional Fees	5060010	144,986	1,123,793	263,500	263,500	1,363,500	1,363,500	263,500	1,163,500	1,163,500
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Services	5100004	2,751,039	3,472,374	2,573,558	2,573,558	3,333,558	3,333,558	2,573,558	3,784,558	3,784,558
Capital Outlay	5120011	3,949	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
Purchase of Svs-ARRA 2009	5900052	68,337	159,035	197,070	0	60,000	60,000	0	0	0
ARRA of 2009	5900052	621,197	221,895	838,632	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,739,952</b>	<b>9,895,033</b>	<b>8,636,939</b>	<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>

Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	1,794,376	1,884,897		1,880,943	1,880,943	1,880,943	1,880,943	1,880,943	1,880,943
Federal Revenue	4000020	5,256,899	7,629,206		5,620,155	7,633,293	7,633,293	5,620,155	7,832,295	7,832,295
Federal Funds-ARRA	4000244	689,534	380,930		0	0	0	0	0	0
Reallocation of Resources	4000410	(857)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>7,739,952</b>	<b>9,895,033</b>		<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7,739,952</b>	<b>9,895,033</b>		<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>9,514,236</b>	<b>7,501,098</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>	<b>9,713,238</b>

Budgeted positions exceeds Authorized due to positions established through the authority of the Miscellaneous Federal Program Act.

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation due to Appropriation established through the authority of the Miscellaneous Federal Program Act.

The FY10 funding includes a General Revenue fund transfer to the DHS - Division of County Operations by Authority of Reallocation of Resources.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 896 - DHS DSB--Admin Paying Account  
**Funding Sources:** PWP - Administration Paying

### Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	25,000	0	4,952,540	100.5	25,000	0	4,952,540	100.5
C03	Discontinue Program	(465,109)	(10)	4,487,431	91.1	(465,109)	(10)	4,487,431	91.1
C06	Restore Position/Approp	766,900	0	5,254,331	106.6	668,902	0	5,156,333	104.6
C07	Agency Transfer	(43,762)	(1)	5,210,569	105.7	(43,762)	(1)	5,112,571	103.8
C08	Technology	445,000	0	5,655,569	114.8	351,000	0	5,463,571	110.9
C10	Reclass	0	0	5,655,569	114.8	0	0	5,463,571	110.9
C16	ARRA	465,109	10	6,120,678	124.2	465,109	10	5,928,680	120.3

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,927,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	25,000	0	4,952,540	100.5	25,000	0	4,952,540	100.5
C03	Discontinue Program	(465,109)	(10)	4,487,431	91.1	(465,109)	(10)	4,487,431	91.1
C06	Restore Position/Approp	766,900	0	5,254,331	106.6	668,902	0	5,156,333	104.6
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C10	Reclass	0	0	5,655,569	114.8	0	0	5,463,571	110.9
C16	ARRA	465,109	10	6,120,678	124.2	465,109	10	5,928,680	120.3

### Justification

C01	DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal funding in operating Fund Center 896 to purchase an enhanced audio/visual conferencing system to support communication and training for staff statewide, particularly those with hearing and vision impairment. Such equipment is intended to enhance access to teleconferencing and to minimize the need for meeting-related travel. Additionally, the request seeks to provide for Capital Outlay (Commitment Item 11) appropriation, in the event the cost of an item, normally purchased under Maintenance and Operation (Commitment Item 02), exceeds the allowable "02" cost ceiling. No additional general revenue is required.
C03	DSB requests discontinuation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriation in Fund Center 896 to adjust authorized budget to anticipated remaining fund balance for this fund source.

## Change Level by Appropriation

<b>Justification</b>	
C06	DSB requests appropriation for continuation of miscellaneous federal grant in operating Fund Center 896 to contract with local service providers experienced in developing job settings for employment of individuals with vision impairment. Contracting entities will work with interested employers to identify existing jobs and restructure other jobs within business, industry and government, that can be performed successfully by persons who are blind or severely visually impaired. Further, contracting sources will work directly with DSB consumers to promote their success on the job site and follow up to ensure employer satisfaction. This is part of a nationwide initiative within state rehabilitation agencies to involve business, industry and government employers in the development stage of skills-training curricula for potential future employees. The contractors would also educate employers on the cost-effectiveness and tax advantages of employing individuals with limited vision and other disabling conditions. Such employees bring to the job setting, not only their own pre-assessed excellent skills and work ethic, but the on-going technical support of DSB that historically has proven to be a cost-effective investment for employers. No additional general revenue is required. DSB requests appropriation for continuation of miscellaneous federal grant authorization in operating Fund Center 896 to provide for necessary training to mid-level managers and other staff to strengthen organizational structure and skills and to follow up on any corrective action that may come about as a result of pending federal review. This training is part of the long-range plan for succession planning under the state plan, in partnership with the Technical Assistance and Continuing Education (TACE) center, sponsored by federal Rehabilitation Services Administration. No additional general revenue is required. DSB requests appropriation for continuation of miscellaneous federal grant in operating Fund Center 896 to provide for maintenance & operating costs for anticipated increase in expenses connected with web-based support for itinerant service delivery, office supplies and maintenance, rent, non-conference training and education required under federal law for the high number of new staff due to retirement and other turnover, support of local stakeholder activities such as participation in support groups, mentoring in public schools, transition from school to employment or post-secondary education, etc., for services to individuals who are blind or severely visually impaired. No additional general revenue is required.
C07	DSB is transferring position 22101973 to the Division of Medical Services at their request. This position is needed by Medical Services because it has sole responsibility and oversight of the Medicaid coding structure and rate files for non-institutional reimbursement. Critical responsibilities include managing the yearly conversion process to ensure compliance with ever changing state and federal regulations. Position works closely with other Medicaid program managers to ensure that the structure accurately reflects the intent of the program using industry coding standards.
C08	DSB requests appropriation to utilize available federal revenue in operating Fund Center 896 to support the conversion of the Blind Services Information System (consumer service statistics and their costs) to a web based program to improve service efficiency, in keeping with the long-range plan approved by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The Blind Services Information System upgrade project is under projects in the DSB 2012-2013 IT Plan. No additional general revenue is involved.
C10	In 2009 federally mandated corrective action progress in organizational structure was impeded by the results of the pay plan study which upgraded certain DSB area supervisors to L037C (C120) Rehabilitation Area Manager, but left the statewide administrators classified as C121C Rehab Program Manager (also C120). One such C120 statewide Rehab Program Manager (position 22101136) directly supervises all five C120 area managers. This negated the incentive for area supervisors to aspire to take on statewide responsibility and weakened DSB's ability to give the mandatory assurance required in the state plan that the division is authorized sufficient staff at the right levels to carry out the mandates of the state plan. It also weakens the ability for DSB to demonstrate that it has the administrative capacity to "recruit and retain qualified staff". Progressively more responsible experience in the field of rehabilitation is a key part of the succession planning guidelines of the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development required in 34 CFR 361.18. DSB is certain that this flaw in the organizational chart will definitely be questioned when RSA officials return again in FFY 2011 for full-scale federal review. The division seeks to be proactive in correcting this problem. RSA Guidelines implementing 34 CFR 361.18 require all five DSB area supervisors to be certified as vocational rehabilitation counselors in order for them to supervise other certified vocational rehabilitation counselors who serve blind and severely visually impaired consumers at the local level. In the highly specialized field of rehabilitation of blind individuals, DSB may not always be able to recruit individuals who meet the minimum qualifications including certification, however, under the state plan, it needs to demonstrate the legislatively authorized capacity to recruit certified staff. If unable to recruit certified candidates, DSB would downgrade to the non-certified level and mandate new hires to acquire certification within a limited timeframe as required in the RSA guidelines.
C16	Continued American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding available to support programs and/or projects.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 898 - DHS DSB–Grants Paying Account  
**Funding Sources:** PWE - Grants Paying

### Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	0	0	2,573,558	100.0	312,184	0	2,885,742	112.1
C03	Discontinue Program	(99,035)	0	2,474,523	96.2	(159,035)	0	2,726,707	106.0
C06	Restore Position/Approp	760,000	0	3,234,523	125.7	898,816	0	3,625,523	140.9
C16	ARRA	159,035	0	3,393,558	131.9	159,035	0	3,784,558	147.1

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,573,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	0	0	2,573,558	100.0	312,184	0	2,885,742	112.1
C03	Discontinue Program	(99,035)	0	2,474,523	96.2	(159,035)	0	2,726,707	106.0
C06	Restore Position/Approp	760,000	0	3,234,523	125.7	898,816	0	3,625,523	140.9
C16	ARRA	159,035	0	3,393,558	131.9	159,035	0	3,784,558	147.1

### Justification

C01	DSB requests appropriation in Funds Center 898 to allow counselors to purchase technological equipment, training, college or Vo-tech tuition, books, fees, surgical procedures, and other specialized services to enable persons who are blind or severely visually impaired to gain independence and secure appropriate employment. In addition, appropriation will assist DSB to contract with local service providers to secure on the job training opportunities for consumers. The services purchased must comply with federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) guidelines and the approved vocational rehabilitation state plan. No additional general revenue is required for this request.
C03	DSB requests discontinuation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriation in Fund Center 896 to adjust authorized budget to anticipated remaining fund balance for this fund source.
C06	DSB requests continuation of miscellaneous federal grant appropriation in Funds Center 898 to allow counselors to purchase technological equipment, training, college or Vo-tech tuition, books, fees, surgical procedures, and other specialized services to enable persons who are blind or severely visually impaired to gain independence and secure appropriate employment. In addition, appropriation will assist DSB to contract with local service providers to secure on the job training opportunities for consumers. The services purchased must comply with federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) guidelines and the approved vocational rehabilitation state plan. No additional general revenue is required for this request.
C16	DSB requests continuation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) authorization in Funds Center 898 to enable counselors to purchase additional equipment, training, surgery, supplies or other case services for blind or severely visually impaired consumers age 55 and older to enhance their independence. No additional general revenue is required for this request.