STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 03/25)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-2027	5180	California Department of Social Services

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
5180-105-BCP-2026-GB	4270037 - County Administration and Automation Projects

Budget Request Title
Food Assistance: Disasters Utilities (AB 777)

Budget Request Summary
The California Department of Social Services requests $248,000 ($168,000 General Fund) in fiscal year 2026-27 and $242,000 ($179,000 General Fund) in 2027-28 and ongoing for the equivalent of 1.0 positions to analyze and report aggregate data for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to support timely, automated mass benefit replacements in response to a declared disaster and contribute empirical strategies to maximize all available food assistance during declared disasters as required by AB 777.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☐ Budget Bill Language ☒ N/A	N/A

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
	N/A	N/A

For IT requests, specify the project number, the most recent project approval document (FSR, SPR, S1BA, S2AA, S3SD, S4PRA), the approval date, and the total project cost.

Project No. N/A **Approval Date:** N/A

Project Approval Document: N/A **Total Project Cost:** N/A

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Attach comments of affected department, signed and dated by the department director or designee.

Prepared By	Date	Reviewed By	Date
Shannon Rohall	1/9/2026	Ryan Gillete	1/9/2026
Department Director	**Date**	**Agency Secretary**	**Date**
Jennifer Troia	1/9/2026	K Jones for Kim Johnson	1/9/2026

Department of Finance Use Only

Additional Review: ☐ Capital Outlay ☐ ITCU ☐ FSCU ☐ OSAE ☐ Dept. of Technology

Principal Program Budget Analyst	Date submitted to the Legislature
Aanam Khan	1/10/2026

A. Problem Statement

AB 777 (Chapter 709, Statutes of 2025) clarifies the process and timeframe through which data is received from electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities.

AB 777 requires the department to maximize the amount of federal assistance requested and received through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) and other federally funded nutrition programs. This includes using available utility data to support timely, automated mass replacement of specified benefits following a disaster.

AB 777 requires a report to the Legislature that documents any further means to maximize all available food assistance during state and federally declared disasters.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will need to prepare and ingest utility data to match with internal administrative data to identify impacted households and monthly benefit amounts for those living within the disaster-impacted zip codes. This information must then be aggregated and disaster funding must be requested within a short timeframe from the date of disaster declaration. CDSS will need to submit a report to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2026 related to maximizing food assistance in response to declared disasters.

Resource History
(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	**PY - 4**	**PY - 3**	**PY - 2**	**PY - 1**	**PY**	**CY**
Authorized Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Actual Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Revenues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Authorized Positions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filled Positions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vacancies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Workload History

Workload Measure	**PY - 4**	**PY - 3**	**PY - 2**	**PY - 1**	**PY**	**CY**
Execution of data sharing agreements, creation of data pipelines and subsequent analysis and data reporting for D-SNAP requests to support timely, automated mass benefit replacements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Justification

To execute the requirements of AB 777, the CDSS requests ongoing funding equivalent to one (1.0) Research Data Specialist III (RDS III) position for the Research, Automation, and Data Division (RADD) to analyze and report data in support of the request to operate D-SNAP in regions affected by major disaster:

The requested funding will be used to provide data science expertise to build code routines to link data across utility-provided data and social services data for the purpose of identifying disaster-impacted CalFresh recipients and calculating funds needed to mass replace lost benefits. This funding will also support the development of data sharing agreements with utility companies that opt to execute them for the timely transfer of aggregate zip code data.

With the expected increase in utility-provided data, this work is not absorbable by equivalent classifications who already have full-time workloads.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

Making the request to operate D-SNAP for regions affected by major disasters is already required by state law. This bill clarifies the process and timeline through which these requests can be made.

This request supports the Administration's vision of a "California for All" and aligns with the CDSS' mission to serve, protect, and assist those in need by facilitating an increased rate of timely D-SNAP requests.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

The expected outcomes of this bill include an increase in utility-provided aggregated customer outage data that will in turn increase timely, automated mass replacement of specified benefits following a disaster.

Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
Negotiate data sharing agreements with electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities (Hours)	N/A	100	100	-	-	-
Build and maintain data pipelines that document, ingest, clean, transform, link, and analyze disaster-impacted CalFresh recipients from utility-provided aggregated customer outage data to inform the department's understanding of funding needed to operate D-SNAP (Hours)	N/A	750	750	750	750	750
Design empirical strategies and run analyses to maximize timely automated mass replacement of specified benefits following a disaster (Hours)	N/A	450	100	100	100	100

E. Implementation Plan

Once approved, RADD will recruit for the newly requested RDS III. Assuming timely approval and recruitment, it is anticipated that the RDS III could be hired, onboarded, and fully trained within four months.

Year 1:

- Build data pipelines that document, ingest, clean, transform, link, and analyze disaster-impacted CalFresh recipients from utility-provided aggregated customer outage data.
- Establish data sharing agreements
- Design empirical strategies and run analyses to maximize timely, automated mass replacement of specified benefits following a disaster; document strategies as appropriate to the audience in required report to the Legislature, due on or before December 31, 2026.

F. Supplemental Information

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RESEARCH, AUTOMATION, AND DATA DIVISION AB 777 Chaptered Legislation Organization Chart – CURRENT

RESEARCH AND DATA INSIGHTS BRANCH

CEA A
SSM II Specialist
AGPA

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RESEARCH, AUTOMATION, AND DATA DIVISION AB 777 Chaptered Legislation Organization Chart – PROPOSED

RESEARCH AND DATA INSIGHTS BRANCH

CEA A
RDS III
SSM II Specialist
AGPA

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: AB 777 - Staffing Needs to Implement Assembly Bill

BR Name: 5180-105-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Salaries and Wages Earnings - Permanent	0	113	113	113	113	113
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**
Total Staff Benefits	0	85	83	83	83	83
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$198**	**$196**	**$196**	**$196**	**$196**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5301 - General Expense	0	9	3	3	3	3
5302 - Printing	0	1	1	1	1	1
5304 - Communications	0	2	3	3	3	3
5306 - Postage	0	1	1	1	1	1
5320 - Travel: In-State	0	3	3	3	3	3
5322 - Training	0	2	3	3	3	3
5324 - Facilities Operation	0	9	9	9	9	9
5326 - Utilities	0	1	1	1	1	1
5344 - Consolidated Data Centers	0	12	12	12	12	12
5346 - Information Technology	0	9	9	9	9	9
539X - Other	0	1	1	1	1	1
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$50**	**$46**	**$46**	**$46**	**$46**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$248**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
State Operations - 0001 - General Fund	0	168	179	179	179	179
State Operations - 0890 - Federal Trust Fund	0	80	63	63	63	63
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$248**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$248**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
4270037 - County Administration and Automation Projects	0	248	242	242	242	242
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$248**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**	**$242**

Personal Services Details

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5770 - Research Data Spec III (Eff. 07-01-2026)	0	113	113	113	113	113
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**	**$113**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5150150 - Dental Insurance	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150200 - Disability Leave - Industrial	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150350 - Health Insurance	0	12	11	11	11	11
5150400 - Life Insurance	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150450 - Medicare Taxation	0	3	3	3	3	3
5150500 - OASDI	0	8	8	8	8	8
5150630 - Retirement - Public Employees - Miscellaneous	0	39	37	37	37	37
5150750 - Vision Care	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150800 - Workers' Compensation	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	13	14	14	14	14
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$85**	**$83**	**$83**	**$83**	**$83**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$198**	**$196**	**$196**	**$196**	**$196**