



- 1. Fund a provider rate increase for three (3) critical iBudget services (Personal Supports, Adult Day Training, and Residential Habilitation) which will cost \$28 million in GR and generate \$42 million in Trust Funds for year one of a two year request.**

Provider reimbursement rates for the iBudget System within the Agency for Persons with Disabilities are on average 14% lower than they were in 2003, while minimum wages have increased by more than 50% over the same time frame. This is a critical concern since 75-80% of provider costs are typically related to direct care staffing costs. This issue will enhance services for most of the individuals served through the iBudget waiver.

- 2. Fund the ICF/IID program at \$251,054,307 for FY 16-17.**

The 2015 legislature removed ICF/IID rate freeze language from statute and funded an inflationary cost of 1.63% generated via proviso language in Line 224 of the 2015 Appropriations Act. Funding for the inflationary factor was vetoed, reducing the current year funding from \$247,027,755 to \$243,101,815. The reduction is problematic since the industry is required to live within the appropriation per other proviso language. To ensure continuation of quality of care services, the program needs to be funded at a minimum of \$251,054,307 for FY 2016-17.

Funding this program at \$251,054,307 (General Revenue and Trust) will restore the \$247 million funding and will allow for a 1.6% inflationary increase for FY 16-17. The program serves more than 2,000 severely impaired individuals each year.

- 3. Reinstate the Adults with Disabilities funding at \$9.9 million for FY 16-17.**

Until July 1, 2015, the Adults with Disabilities Funding (AWD) program provided post-secondary education and employment related services to individuals with disabilities who could not receive needed employment services and supports through other funding streams. The types of services provided included a variety of employment related skills including: Interviewing, resume writing, appropriate behaviors at the workplace, and many other employment related skills such as social and living skills to improve client participation in the community.

Reinstatement of these General Revenue funds is needed to provide employment supports option for individuals with disabilities who need ongoing supports to obtain and maintain competitive jobs. The AWD program was disability neutral and assisted about 12,000 individuals each year who needed supports that were not available through other revenue streams.

Standardized performance outcome measures should be approved to ensure that the program is achieving employment related outcomes.