

Issue Brief – Food Stamp Match

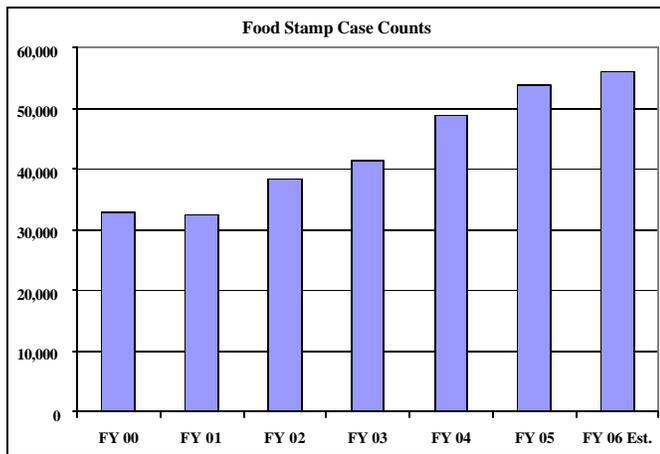
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst is recommending that the Legislature approve an increase of \$945,200 in ongoing General Fund for federal fund matching requirements

WHY FUNDING IS NEEDED

While Food Stamps are 100% federally funded, the workload associated with determining eligibility requires a 50% match. Since May, 2001, cases have steadily increased from 32,200 to 56,000, a 74% increase.



WHY ONGOING FUNDING IS RECOMMENDED

The Analyst had hoped that when the economy improved, the numbers would decline. In the meantime, appropriations have been one-time. The economy has improved and the numbers have continued to increase.