

STUDENT SERVICES FEE (SSF)

2023-24

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FEES (COSAF)

SECTION 1: DEPARTMENT SSF DATA

The following data was provided to COSAF from Budget & Intuition Analysis and Student Affairs Divisional Resources

Student Services Fee Recipient: **HR Child Care for Students**

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Finance Manager:

Total 2023-24 SSF Projected Allocation: \$1,200,000

Percent of Overall Budget Funded by SSF: 60%

Approximate percent of the total 2023-24 SSF revenue: 3%

| Expense | 2022-23 SSF Actuals | 2023-24 Projected SSF Allocation |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Salaries/Benefits | \$0 | \$0 |
| Operational Costs | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other | \$962,109 | \$1,200,000 |
| TOTAL | \$962,109 | \$1,200,000 |

Explanation if over a 10% differential between 2022-23 and 2023-24:

Child Care costs have increased significantly in the [post-covid economy \(it was already skyrocketing\)](#) Additionally, under the new bargaining agreements for Academic Student Employees (ASEs) and Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) the eligible amount of reimbursement per quarter/per eligible student increased Winter 2023 from \$1100 to \$1350 per quarter, starting Fall 2023 to \$1375 per quarter, and Fall 2024 at \$1400 per quarter.

SECTION 2: DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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1. Please provide a general description of your department's function

Our unit provides WorkLife resources, programs, referrals and education that enable staff, students and faculty to be effective at work, school and home. Some of our programming includes the Lactation Support Program, childcare resources and referrals, and parent education. We manage the Student Parent Child Care Grant consisting of two grants, one for graduate students (GSCCG, fulfilling the ASE contract and covers all graduate and professional students) and one that is financial and situational need-based for both undergraduate and graduate students (CBCG) which is partially funded with Student Services fees.

2. Please list the departmental program(s) and/or service(s) specifically funded by the Student Services Fee

The Student Services Fees are part of the direct funds for the CBCG childcare grant and a small portion covers administrative overhead costs. The grants have many different funding sources of which Student Service fees are a part. The CBCG grant is based on the age of the child (decreasing as the age of the child increases, as care is less

costly) and funds for each child’s (age 0-12) documented care. Children (a) aged 0-2 are eligible for up to \$2100 per quarter (up from \$1900 last year), (b) aged 2-5 up to \$1700 (up from \$1500 last year) per quarter and (c) aged 6-12 up to \$900 per quarter (up from \$700 last year). This translates to about 1/3 to 1/2 (depending on the type of care contracted) of childcare costs per term, based on current markets.

We increased the amounts significantly this year to adjust to a continued gradual decline in number of students requesting the grant paired with need for more funds as childcare costs continue to increase, particularly in the post-covid economy and labor market. We also aim to increase the amounts to meet desired need for more funds based on our annual program evaluation.

3. Please provide information regarding the benefit to UC Davis students from the departmental program(s) or service(s) specifically funded by the Student Services Fee
Be as specific and concise as possible. Include the specific type (e.g., undergraduate, graduate, professional, transfer, etc.) and an estimated number of students served.

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | Net Change |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| # Students funded | 300 | 282 | -18 |
| # children served | 385 | 361 | -24 |
| Undergraduate Students | 43 | 36 | -7 |
| Graduate/Professional Students | 257 | 246 | -11 |
| Grad/Prof students both GSCCG & CBCG | 39 | 37 | -2 |

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | Net Change |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| CBCG Awarded | \$316,338 | \$376,246 | +\$59,908 |
| GSCCG Awarded | \$722,409 | \$780,919 | +\$58,510 |
| Total Awarded | \$1,038,747 | \$1,157,165 | +\$118,418 |

In 2022-23, we funded 282 student parents, 36 were undergraduates and 246 were graduate/professional students. We suspect that the overall decrease in the number of students was again due to COVID-19 and the particular effects it had on students who are parents. We also suspect the declining birthrate to be a contributing factor. The CBCG (the grant partially funded by the student services fees) awarded \$376,246 and the GSCCG awarded \$780,919. So, while the number of students receiving the grant continues to generally decrease, the funds awarded have increased to meet new ASE contract obligations as well as skyrocketing child care costs in the National post-covid child care crisis.

We were able to adjust the CBCG amounts to further support our students, but the GSCCG grant amount is not changeable as it is a designated amount determined in the ASE contract, renewed every four years. This past year saw an increase per contract starting winter quarter and we’ve adjusted accordingly.

Of the 246 grad/professional, 37 received both the need-based CBCG as well as the need-blind GSCCG. Our program provided \$1.157 million in childcare funds to support 361 children in the 2022-23 program year.

These childcare grants are vital to many of our students, particularly those graduate students in self-supporting programs AND undergraduate students, many of which are transfer students coming from Community College that generally had full child care services including full-funding. This funding can mean the difference between progressing in school and not being able to attend because of childcare needs. Comments from the annual survey can be provided per request.