4.3 "CARVE-OUT" OF ALLOCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW/EXPANDED SERVICES (ADOPTED APRIL 30, 2013)

In any 12 month period two or more localities may submit a proposal to allocate ('carve out') a portion of their state and local pool fund allocations to defray one time program start up costs for new or expanded CSA services which are designed to meet the needs of children and families and to maintain children in their home community. The allocation shall not exceed, per jurisdiction, \$100,000 or 5% of their allocation in the fiscal year of application, whichever is smaller. Not more than \$2,000,000 in state general funds may be used for this purpose.

Programs for which these funds may be applied must be designed to:

- (a) provide CSA services for which a demonstrated need exists in the locality, based on assessment using the Service Gap Survey distributed by the OCS and align with the goals of the Commonwealth; and
- (b) become financially self-sustaining beyond the start up phase. Services designed to be supported through "fee for service" arrangements may be considered financially self-sustaining.

The proposal for use of funds shall be submitted to and approved by the OCS and will include, but not be limited to:

- (a) description of the service,
- (b) support for the need,
- (c) cost assessment,
- (d) evaluation of public/private collaborations,
- (e) information related to financial sustainability of the program, and
- (f) expected outcomes and mechanism for providing program evaluation.
- All fiscal accountability requirements of CSA shall be applicable to use of funds.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>: Implementation of this policy has the potential fiscal impact of \$2,000,000. Implementation of the policy shall therefore be dependent upon appropriation of necessary funds.