

# ELIMINATE MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS - HB4897

*The State should cover the full cost of care provided under the Children and Family Services Act*

FACT SHEET

2024

## THE PROBLEM

Requiring community-based human service providers to procure cash or in-kind matching funds creates barriers to participation and distracts providers from the important work of delivering services. The **State of Illinois should cover the full cost of funding** for the programs and services it contracts with community-based organizations to provide.

- Not all community providers have the same access to unrestricted funding, generous donors, endowment funds, organized development departments, or other means of raising outside funding that can be used to match state grants and contracts. This requirement can create up front barriers to participation from community providers that lack access to wealthy donors or sophisticated fundraising operations.
- Requiring program leaders to devote their time to pursuing additional cash or in-kind contributions takes away from the time they have to plan for services, recruit and train quality staff, implement program improvements, and ensure the quality and responsiveness of the services they provide.

**The Problem:  
Limited Access to Wealthy Donors  
Distracts from Program Delivery  
Creates Barriers & Inequities in  
Contracting**

**This burden is especially acute on smaller providers, and those that serve rural communities, where opportunities and relationships that support outside fundraising are limited.**

## THE SOLUTION

Supporting the elimination of matching funds requirements in the Children and Family Services Act will **remove barriers to contracting and participation that create inequities and distract from service delivery.**



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## CALL TO ACTION

*Support HB4897 (Rep. Mussman) that will amend the Children and Family Services Act, eliminating matching funds requirements in state contracts for services to children and youth.*

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