400.73a County treasurer as custodian of moneys; creation of social welfare fund; deposits; requirements; financial practices.

Sec. 73a. (1) The county treasurer is designated as the custodian of all moneys provided for the use of the county department of social services. The treasurer shall create and maintain a social welfare fund. The following moneys, exclusive of funds which must be deposited in the child care fund, shall be deposited in the social welfare fund:
   (a) All moneys raised by the county for the use of the county department of social services.
   (b) All funds made available to the county department of social services by the state and federal governments.
   (c) All refunds and collections arising out of reimbursements to the county department of social services.
   (d) All funds made available to the county department from any other source whatsoever.

(2) Money in the social welfare fund shall remain separate and apart from all other funds of the county and shall not be transferred to or commingled with other funds of the county. The fund shall be used exclusively for carrying out the purposes authorized by this act.

(3) The state department shall prescribe, with respect to the social welfare fund, such subaccounts and expenditure classifications as the state department deems suitable, to comply with requirements to secure federal funds, to facilitate uniform reporting, and for other purposes. The state department may promulgate rules, plans, procedures, and controls with respect to accounting, disbursements, and any other kind of element of financial transactions in connection with the social welfare fund. The county board of commissioners may establish further financial practices not inconsistent with the above. The state department shall prescribe the manner and extent to which the county department shall keep on file vouchers or other authorizations to show the items and reasons for which money is disbursed.


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