

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: DHHS

Division: Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Budget Code: 67425

Center Title: Telecommunication Relay Service - Wireless

Center Number: 6726

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Program Assistant V Proposed Salary Grade: 61

Salary Range: \$27,391 Proposed Effective Date: 03 / 01 / 04

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 4,676,765	\$ 332,910*
Receipts	<u>4,676,765</u>	<u>\$ 332,910</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 332,910

*annualized amount

Funding Source(s): Wireless Telecommunications Relay Service Funds

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

The Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing is under legislative mandate to provide Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Services throughout the State of North Carolina. In 2003, Senate Bill 939 was passed, providing DHHS with the funds necessary to better provide and promote this program and services. Additional outreach staff have been requested and hired.

We are currently requesting an additional Program Assistant staff person to work in the Central Office of DSDHH with the Telecommunications Access of North Carolina team. The primary responsibility of this position will be to process applications that will be generated by the additional staff and program promotions that will be taking place and to place orders for equipment when said applications have been approved. Without the addition of this position, we will not be able to keep pace with program and public needs.

Statutory Reference for Request: GS 62-157 as amended by SB 939 (2003 Session).

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