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an increase of \$290,000. It is approximately seven percent increase over the support last year. The total support is \$4,703,000 and included in that is the appropriation that goes directly to the Douglas County Hospital. In the case of community mental retardation, there is an increase of \$1,614,000 in general fund appropriation. Total appropriation is \$10.9 million. Included in the increases here is \$369,000 which is for some salary equalization in regions one, three and four which we understand is concurred in by the local governments to adjust their salaries to be consistent with those paid in other regions as well as other county offices in those areas. There is a \$375,000 increase which is for some individuals that are not currently being served and without additional funding would probably, might possibly be required to be served at Beatrice. They are qualified to be served in the community and they are currently not being served so it is to fund that program. The balance of the increase of about \$1 million is an increase in the state's share for the operation of those facilities plus some pickup of Title 20 funds, that is the increase. Title 20 funds have stayed at a fixed level. There is an increase in the administration of the Department of Public Welfare which is the state portion of local county offices and this merely reflects the committee salary policy that has been recommended to you. In the area of public assistance, there is a number of items, if you are using the pink book, you can go to page 43 which will identify the increases that we are recommending in the area of the Department of Public Welfare. Among those items is your \$160,000 increase in spouse abuse program to add on to thirteen more counties. Currently there are thirty-three counties who have such programs. This would add thirteen for a total of forty-six. There is \$539,000 of general fund money which is to increase the rent maximums for handicapped, aged, blind or disabled clients whose residence rental property require modification for the convenience of those individuals to be able to utilize their homes. There is an increase allowance for the payment of clients in the developmental disability centers of \$141,000 making the increase from \$302 to \$322 and these are both for programming and residential care. There is a increase of \$41,000 general fund, \$56,000 federal to allow some increase in work related expenses. It is for people who are on aid to dependent children programs and it goes from an allowance of \$25 to \$40, approximately \$15 a week. It would be for such things as travel, bus fare, those kinds of expenses. Then there is an \$86,000 increase in the purchases of adult day care services over and above the current year, and then the final impact which is a reduction

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