

441—153.11(232) Definitions. For the purposes of this division, the following definitions apply:

“Budget accountability” means that expenditures for decategorization services from a decategorization project’s funding pool during the state fiscal year do not exceed the total amount of funding available in the funding pool for the state fiscal year.

“Carryover funding” means moneys designated for a project’s decategorization services funding pool that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the state fiscal year.

“Chief juvenile court officer” mean the judicial department official responsible for managing and supervising juvenile court services operations within one of the eight judicial districts.

“Decategorization” means an initiative established pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.188 that is designed to redirect child welfare and juvenile justice funding to services that are more preventive, family-centered, and community-based in order to reduce use of more restrictive approaches.

“Decategorization agreement” means the agreement entered into among representatives of the department of human services, juvenile court services, and the county government in one or more counties to implement a decategorization project in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code section 232.188 and this division.

“Decategorization project” means the county or counties that have entered into a decategorization agreement to implement the decategorization initiative in the county or multicounty area covered by the agreement.

“Decategorization services funding pool” or *“funding pool”* means the funding designated for a decategorization project from all sources.

“Department” means the department of human services.

“Governance board” means a decategorization governance board, which is the group that enters into and implements a decategorization agreement.

“Service area manager” means the department official responsible for managing the department’s programs, operations, and child welfare budget within one of the six department service areas. The centralized service area does not utilize decategorization services.

“Unencumbered or unobligated” means funding within a decategorization services funding pool that is not spent by the project’s governance board for a specific program or purpose by the close of the state fiscal year.

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