



San Bernardino County

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND RECORD OF ACTION

August 20, 2019

FROM

MARLENE HAGEN, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT

Contracts for Emergency Childcare Services for Foster Youth

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve contracts with the following agencies to provide Emergency Childcare services, in a combined amount not to exceed \$3,289,078, for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020:

1. Child Care Resource Center, Inc., in the amount of \$2,466,808.
2. Pomona Unified School District, in the amount of \$822,270.

(Presenter: Marlene Hagen, Director, 388-0242)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The total cost of these contracts will not exceed \$3,289,078 for the contract period, and is funded 50% with state, funds and 50% federal funds. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Human Services Administrative Claim 2019-20 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under the terms of the recommended contracts, Child Care Resource Center, Inc. and Pomona Unified School District will collaborate with Children and Family Services (CFS) to provide emergency child care services to eligible families, in an effort to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care.

One of the primary barriers to placing foster children with families is the lack of immediate access to child care. The passage of California Senate Bill 89 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2017) established the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program). Counties participating in the Bridge Program are required to enter into an agreement with the local Child Care Resource and Referral Programs (R&R) to provide a child care navigator for families and trauma-informed care training and coaching services. Child Care Resource Center, Inc. and Pomona Unified School District are currently the only R&Rs contracted with the State to provide services in San Bernardino County.

Under the recommended contracts, CFS will provide eligible families with a time limited monthly payment or voucher for childcare for children ages 0 through 12 years. Additionally, families will receive support from a child care navigator provided by one of the R&Rs. Child care programs and providers serving children in the Bridge Program will also receive trauma-informed training. The California Child Care Resource and Referral Network will develop and coordinate the training content to be used.

Services provided under these contracts may be terminated by the County without cause upon 30-day prior written notice. Contractor performance will be monitored by review of monthly reports and an annual site visit to ensure compliance with the administrative, program, and fiscal terms and conditions of the contract.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on July 16, 2019; County Counsel (Michael Markel, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 22, 2019; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on August 5, 2019; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on August 6, 2019.