



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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

June 8, 2021

FROM

PHALOS HAIRE, Director, Preschool Services Department

SUBJECT

Supplemental Grant Application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services American Rescue Plan Funding for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership Programs

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve and authorize the submission of a supplemental grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for American Rescue Plan funding in the amount of \$5,302,888, to support Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership Programs, for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023.

(Presenter: Phalos Haire, Director, 383-2005)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). This supplemental grant application in the amount of \$5,302,888 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the one-time American Rescue Plan funding does not require a non-federal match.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) programs provide comprehensive, developmental and preschool services to eligible children and their families through collaborative partnerships with child care providers and agencies countywide. PSD will utilize the American Rescue Plan funds to reach eligible children and families not currently enrolled or engaged in a full program year due to pandemic situations. The one-time funding is intended for one-time investments, specifically to support Head Start staff, children, and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding provides opportunities for all enrolled children especially disadvantaged children to receive in-person services. PSD will use the flexibility provided by ACF to determine the needs of staff, delegate agencies, contract agencies, children and families in making purchase decisions to enhance outdoor learning spaces, procure safety and cleaning products or services, rent additional classroom space to keep physical distancing, and fulfill other facility, classroom supplies, and staffing needs to best support the American Rescue Plan activities.

On May 4, 2021, PSD was notified by ACF of supplemental American Rescue Plan funding for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and EHS-CCP programs, in the amount of \$5,302,888, for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. Upon Board of Supervisors (Board) approval, the supplemental application will be submitted electronically to ACF. PSD will return to the Board for approval and acceptance of the award.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 24, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on May 19, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on May 19, 2021.