

Attachment C



County of Santa Barbara California

SUBJECT: Resolution allowing First 5 Santa Barbara County to be lead applicant for Regional Technical Assistance for Home Visiting Coordination and Integration Grant – Round 2 Request for Application

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 130105(d)(1)(D) authorizes expenditure of funds from the California Children and Families Trust Fund to ensure children are ready to enter school, and for the research and development of best practices and standards for all F5CA programs and services relating to early childhood development, and for the assessment and quality evaluation of those programs and services; and

WHEREAS, HSC section 130125(i) authorizes F5CA to allocate funds to county children and families commissions (First 5 county commissions) to carry out the purposes of the California Children and Families Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, In October 2019, the F5CA State Commission approved up to \$24 million in funding for five years through Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to help counties create a sustainable, unified system that supports families with the home visiting services they need and maximize available funding to serve more families; and

WHEREAS, round 2 of the Home Visiting Coordination funding will use a regional funding approach where one single county within a region is identified as the applicant lead; and

WHEREAS, Region 7 has been defined as Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the regional structure is to build and maintain collective capacity to maximize access to resources and technical assistance needed to achieve local and state home visiting coordination and integration goals and promote an equitable home visiting system across the tri-counties; and

WHEREAS, the lead grantee shall coordinate and manage components of this grant to ensure all tasks, activities, and functions are completed effectively and in a timely manner, and will be accountable for carrying out the goals of the grant and facilitating cross-region coordination and technical assistance on behalf of the region; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Santa Barbara County has agreed to be the lead grantee for Region 7, act as regional programmatic and fiscal agent, and develop and maintain a regional technical assistance infrastructure for funds disseminated by First 5 California.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission attests that staff possess the sufficient qualifications to fulfill the purpose and objectives of this grant, has the capacity to be the programmatic and fiscal agent for the tri-counties, and hereby gives authority for staff to move forward as the lead applicant for Region 7.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission, State of California, this 20th day of March 2023, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Steve Ortiz, First 5 SBC Children and Families
Commission Chair



Wendy Sms-Moten, Executive Director, First 5 SBC



Sara Gonzalez, Clerk of the Commission (Attest)