



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: June 18, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Pathway Family Services, Inc. for the Resource Family Support Program

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for services with Pathway Family Services, Inc. (a local vendor) to provide the Resource Family Support Program in the amount not to exceed \$129,580 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
- b) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5) since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Pathway Family Services, Inc. (Pathway) to provide the Resource Family Support Program (RFSP) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$129,580 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The objective is for Pathway to provide direct services for approximately 105 Resource Families (RF), which

includes relatives and non-relative extended family members, as well as unrelated RFs caring for children placed in foster care through the Santa Barbara County Child Welfare Services.

Background:

Department of Social Services (DSS) has identified the need for a RFSP. This program will focus on providing support to ensure that a RF has access to needed information and resources in order to stabilize and maintain children in a foster care placement.

A RF is a caregiver who provides out-of-home care for children in foster care. RFs include individuals, couples and families. They may be related, have a familiar or mentoring relationship, or have no previous relationship with the child. A RF is approved to provide care on a temporary (foster care) and/or permanent (adoption and legal guardianship) basis. A RF works together with DSS as part of the Child and Family Team to successfully reunify the child with their parents and to provide permanency when reunification is not possible. The RFSP will provide ongoing case management as well as direct services to RF's including support for reunification, visitation, and transitions, referrals and linkages with community resources, and help navigating the juvenile court process.

DSS received two (2) proposals in response to its request for proposal for the RFSP that was released on February 21, 2019. After consideration, the Review Committee recommended that Pathway be awarded the contract in order to serve all of Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

Performance Outcomes will be reported quarterly and include:

1. 95% of RFs will be contacted by Pathway within three business days of initial referral.
2. 90% of the RFs who engage in services will show an increase in pre/post family assessment scores.
3. 90% of RFs who complete program services will indicate "Satisfied" level of satisfaction as measured by the Family Satisfaction Survey administered at the end of services.
4. Children from 90% of the RFs served will not have an unplanned placement disruption.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 2019/20 Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund	\$ 35,847.00		
State - 2011RE	\$ 83,643.00		
Federal	\$ 10,090.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 129,580.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this Agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures not to exceed \$129,580. Appropriations and associated funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 are included in the DSS’s recommended budget under the Social Service Programs division. This Agreement will be funded with 8% federal sources, 64% State 2011 Realignment funds and 28% County funds. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Pathway is a high risk vendor. DSS has experience with Pathway and is confident of its ability to provide these services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS Contracts Unit
C/O Ismelda Vazquez
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Agreement – Pathway – Resource Family Support Program FY 2019-2020

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