

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy M. Gallagher, Director
Social Services Department

STAFF CONTACT: Cindy Nott
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SUBJECT: Contract with Community Action Commission for the Provision of an Independent Living Program for Out-of-Home Care Youth.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Community Action Commission, to provide an Independent Living Program for Child Welfare Services/Probation youth for the period of 9/1/05 through 6/30/06 at a cost not to exceed \$185,000; and
- b) Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services, at her discretion, to exercise the County's renewal option provided for in the contract, for a period not to exceed one year and a cost not to exceed \$203,500. Including the renewal period, if exercised, the total term of the contract would be for a maximum of one year and nine months with a total contract cost not to exceed \$388,500.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Contracting with the Community Action Commission is primarily aligned with the Board's strategic plan goal numbers 1: Efficient Government – An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community; and 7: Family and Children – A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Independent Living Program goal is to enable eligible youths, ages 16-21 to achieve self-sufficiency prior to leaving the foster care support system and through the continuum of emancipation. The program encompasses learning activities in seven skill areas: Education, Employment, Daily Living Skills, Survival Skills, Choices and Consequences, Interpersonal/Social Skills, and Computer/Internet Skills. In addition, the Independent Living Program embraces academic education, self-care education and life skills education as the foundation of ILP and for Transitional Independent Living plans.

The Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services has traditionally provided services through collaboration with the local colleges and other organizations. By subcontracting out this program, the department is seeking a creative and more comprehensive service delivery approach as well as increasing the availability of additional resources that would serve both Child Welfare Services and Probation youth.

Through direct mail, e-mail mailing lists, and public notices in local newspapers, a Request for Proposal was released in April of 2005. As a result, fourteen packets were distributed and three applications for funding were received. A committee reviewed and scored each application with final recommendation for funding being given to Community Action Commission.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Services to be provided under this Agreement are in conformance with California Manual of Policy and Procedures Division 30 and 31 Independent Living Program regulations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost of the Independent Living Program (ILP) is included in the Adopted FY 05-06 Budget. Funding will come from a mixture of Federal and State funds, with no general fund contribution required. This contract will not increase the cost of the program. The allotment is included in the Other Social Program costs center of the Social Services Division shown on Page D226 of the Budget.

Special Instructions:

After execution by the Chair, please return one (1) originally signed agreement, and one (1) copy of the minute order to the Department of Social Services, Attention: Diana Klopp.

Concurrence:

Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
Risk Management