



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

July 1, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00578

RE: Consider recommendations regarding the Agreements with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects to operate the America's Job Center of California, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services, and the High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund Program, as follows:

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects (not a local vendor), to assume the role of America's Job Center of California Operator, and Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider in Santa Barbara County for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,307,219.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028;

b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects (not a local vendor), to provide High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund Program services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$215,498.26 for the period of July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026;

c) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to adjust the Line Item Budget of the Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects for America's Job Center of California Operator, and Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider, and High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund Agreements, without exceeding the total contract amounts;

d) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund contract with Workforce Development Board of Ventura County and Agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects, and agreements with Eckerd Connects for America's Job Center of California Operator, and Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider, and to allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year (FY) budget to the next FY budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval;

e) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee, subject to appropriations and budget approval, to amend the Agreements with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects for America's Job Center of California Operator, and Adult and Dislocated Worker and High



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f) Determine that the activities are not a “Project” subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since these activities are an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) and b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;

c) through e) Authorized; and

f) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino