




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: August 26, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director 
Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Melissa Wilkins, Division Chief of Alcohol and Drug Programs
Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: Agency (Grant) Agreement with Tulare County Office of Education for Friday Night Live Program Services for Fiscal Year 2025–27

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute the Agency (Grant) Agreement (No. 260215) with the **Tulare County Office of Education**, serving as administrator of the California Friday Night Live Partnership on behalf of the California Department of Health Care Services, for Behavioral Wellness to provide Friday Night Live Program services in the county for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, in the estimated total amount of **\$92,000** (\$46,000 per fiscal year); and
- Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a governmental funding mechanism and/or fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) or designee to execute the Agency (Grant) Agreement with the Tulare County Office of Education for the provision of Friday Night Live (FNL) Program services in the County in the amount of \$92,000 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. FNL is an alcohol and drug prevention program, which provides leadership opportunities in partnership with young people, providing programs rich in skill-building opportunities and community service.

Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara is one of 48 counties that have successfully implemented Friday Night Live Programs since 1994. Locally, FNL is an alcohol and other drug prevention program that utilizes a youth leadership model designed for junior and senior high school youth in Santa Barbara County. The Program will maintain two prevention components: 1) the school-based, including either Club Live or FNL chapters, or a combination thereof, which are designed to build leadership skills, promote positive peer influence, provide opportunities for community service, and prevent alcohol and other drug use among teens; and 2) a FNL Leadership Coalition. In addition, the program utilizes an environmental approach to address underage youth access to alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs, including changing social norms that tolerate underage drinking and marijuana use, advocating for policies that limit youth access, and promoting the enforcement of laws and policies that govern access, advertising, and consumption of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs.

Background:

The California Friday Night Live Partnership (CFNLP) was developed in 1984 in Sacramento by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), which is now known as the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). FNL began to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by teen motorists driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. The youth involved were organized into high school-based student action groups, or Chapters, and the success rate was so great that in 1988, ADP established a statewide office to facilitate the expansion of the program. By 1990, the number of counties with the FNL Program had increased 300%, and the main focus of the program began to shift from one of preventing drinking and driving among teens to one of promoting healthy lifestyles free of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance abuse among youth. In 1996, ADP, through the request for proposals bid process, subcontracted out the administration of the CFNLP, including the responsibility of providing leadership and field support to FNL Programs. Since then, the CFNLP office and staff are now housed in the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE).

Effective July 1, 2022, the DHCS Substance Use Block Grant funding for the FNL program is being allocated directly to counties by the TCOE. TCOE, the administrator of the CFNLP on behalf of the California DHCS, enters into subcontracts with counties for the provision of FNL services within their respective county. On September 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors renewed the FY 2024-25 Agency (Grant) Agreement in the amount of \$45,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Approval of this Agreement will allow Santa Barbara County to continue accepting these funds and maintain the continuity of FNL Programs in the county.

Performance Measure:

BWell met all performance measures for FNL programs through the provision of youth-driven FNL chapters in Santa Barbara County in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. During FY 2023-24, BWell provided services at three school sites (Lompoc High School, Maple High School, and Lompoc Valley Middle School) and successfully demonstrated "Member in Good Standing" status.

Performance Measures and Outcomes for FY 2024-25:

During FY 2024-25, the Friday Night Live (FNL) staff provided youth-driven Friday Night Live and Club Live programming in the Lompoc Valley at four schools: Lompoc High School, Maple High School, Lompoc Valley Middle School, and the Bob Forinash Community Day School. These youth chapters utilized a youth development model that engaged youth as positive leaders at their schools and in the community. The FNL program met all program expectations including:

- Training four adult advisors on the FNL program design, program standards, and guidelines;
- Submission of the required Program Integrity Review (formerly called Member in Good Standing) application showing: foundation of a youth development model by implementing all FNL standards of practice; implementing projects that include alcohol, tobacco or other drug prevention activities; ensuring inclusion and participation of special populations;
- Reporting all FNL activities through an online portal on a quarterly basis; and
- Ensuring the inclusion and participation of special populations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26 Grant	FY 2026-27 Grant	Total
Federal	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$92,000
Total	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$92,000

The above-referenced Agency (Grant) Agreement is funded by Substance Use Block Grant federal funding. This revenue has been included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to David Russo at drusso@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Tulare County Office of Education Agency (Grant) Agreement FY 2025-27 No. 260215

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