



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County  
**Department No.:** 994  
**For Agenda Of:** January 26, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Wendy Sims-Moten, Executive Director  
Director(s) First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County  
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**SUBJECT:** **First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County Acceptance of Appropriations**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: **Yes**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: **Yes**

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept \$557,722.00 of one-time funding for First 5 Santa Barbara County to identify instructional approaches that support learning outcomes for DLLs (Dual Language Learners) and examine the scalability of instructional, professional development, and family engagement strategies as well as infrastructure components that contribute to effectiveness, as the early learning system recovers from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b) Approve Budget Journal Entry No. 0007290 to establish appropriations of \$321,292.00 in First 5 Santa Barbara County's First 5 Child & Families Commission Fund for Salaries and Employee Benefits and Services and Supplies funded by unanticipated revenue from First 5 California (Attachment A); First 5 requests the Board approve and ratify the allocation of funds to FY 20-21.
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow First 5 Santa Barbara County to accept a \$557,722 grant from First 5 California (F5CA) to expand effective strategies to support the well-being of Dual Language Learners (DLL) for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The grant will provide investments to help counties focus on workforce development, book distribution, and the most effective strategies for serving DLLs and immigrant children and families, especially during and through recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Background:** In 2016, the (F5CA) State Commission authorized \$20 million for a Dual Language Learner (DLL) Pilot Study to evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of existing early learning, professional development and family engagement strategies for DLL in early learning and care settings. There are three phases to the study with \$11 million allocated for Phase 3: Dual Language Learner Expansion. Phase 3 supports expansion of effective strategies to support DLLs and the identification of policy recommendations for overcoming barriers to scaling these strategies in the contest of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Performance Measure:**

External Measure: In partnership with the early learning and care community, local school districts and families of children age birth to 5, increase the percentage of children entering Kindergarten who are deemed ready for school

2020-2021 Objective: Re-Design our Communication and Evaluation framework to promote child well-being in coordinated efforts with other County departments, community partners, and state efforts that align with First 5’s vision and mission

- a. **Outcome: Children** enter school with the foundational language and literacy skills necessary to succeed in school.
- b. **Outcome: Provider/Educators** are trained in dual language learner models and provide educational instruction and learning environments that promotes home language and English language development.

First 5 will report to First 5 California per the grant agreement.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>Total One-Time</b>
General Fund			
State	\$321,292.00	\$236,430.00	\$557,722.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 321,292.00</b>	<b>\$ 236,430.00</b>	<b>\$ 557,722.00</b>

**Narrative:**

F5SBC was awarded a one-time grant of \$577,722 and will allocate the grant funds as follows for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22: First 5 staff salary and benefits costs of \$85,759, operating costs of \$399,216.65 and indirect costs of \$72,746.35. Budget Journal Entry No. 0007290 will establish appropriations of \$321,292, which accounts for the staff, operating, and indirect costs anticipated to be incurred in FY 2020-21. F5SBC will build the balance of the grant into its FY 2021-22 budget. As F5SBC is funded by tobacco tax revenues collected by the State, approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

**Key Contract Risks:**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please send minute order to First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County, 5385 Hollister Ave. Bldg. 10 Ste. 110, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.

**Attachments:**

- A. Budget Journal Entry No. 00072590
- B. State of California Std Agreement LAA CFF DLLE 2020-12

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