



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: April 4, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
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: **Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County for Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children**

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:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara (local vendor), to provide Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children to increase the total contract amount not to exceed to \$888,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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 the Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County to provide Emergency Child Care Bridge Program (ECCBP) for the increased contract amount not-to-exceed \$888,000 for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

The Department of Social Services (DSS) now wishes to increase funding for current Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 and recommends the approval of the Agreement.

Background:

One of the primary barriers to potential families serving as a resource family is child care, especially immediately following the child's removal and placement. Senate Bill 89 (SB89) was passed in 2017 and allows counties to participate in the ECCBP for foster children. This contract shall provide ECCBP services for children ages 0-5 placed on an emergency basis or placed for a compelling reason by the County. Also at the discretion of the County and based on available funding, child care may be provided to children up to age 12. Child care services may also be available to licensed foster family homes or certified family homes, or to parents under the jurisdiction of juvenile court, including, but not limited to, non-minor dependent parents who have their children placed with them. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and associated school and child care closures, the demand for child care has increased significantly for resource families. The ECCBP has been a critical component in ensuring that children in foster care are able to maintain safety and stability in their respective placements.

The ECCBP consists of three main components:

1. **Emergency child care voucher/payment** – Provide emergency time-limited child care vouchers in six (6) month increments for child care services. At the discretion of the County, the child care voucher can be extended on a case-by-case basis for up to 12 months.
2. **Child care navigator**- Child care navigator services shall assist families with finding a child care provider, securing a subsidized child care placement if eligible, completing necessary applications, and developing a plan for long-term child care.
3. **Trauma-informed care training and coaching** - Trauma-informed care training which includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based trauma-informed best care practices as well as access to coaching to assist them in applying trauma curriculum and learning strategies working with children in foster care.

The California Child Care Resource and Referral Network (R&R Network) will develop and coordinate the training content to be used by Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County.

SB89 and All County Welfare Letter (ACL) #18-73 mandates that counties enter into an agreement with the local Resource and Referral (R&R) Contractors for the provision of the ECCBP. Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County is the only R&R in Santa Barbara County. As a result, the Agreement is a sole source with Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County. In accordance with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Operations, Regulations 23-650.1.15 contracts may be negotiated without formal advertising for which it is impractical to secure competition when services can only be obtained for a single source. On August 28, 2018, your Board approved the original Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures are included in the current Agreement:

1. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County shall serve all Child Welfare Services (CWS) families referred for EBBCP services. Every effort shall be made to serve referrals received during the funding period. (Objective Met - as of FY 2022/2023 Q2, 100% of families referred have received EBBCP services)
2. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County shall provide Child Care Navigation Services to a minimum of 15 referred CWS children. (Objective Met – as of FY 2022/2023 Q2, 124 newly referred children have received Child Care Navigation Services.)
3. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County shall provide at a minimum four (4) Trauma-informed Child Care Training group sessions for all interested child care providers in Santa Barbara County, including follow-up and one-on-one coaching at child care provider locations using curriculum provided by the R&R Network. (Objective Met – as of FY 2022/2023 Q2, (2) groups sessions and 183 one-on-one coaching sessions have occurred.)
4. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County shall offer Trauma-informed Child Care Training to a minimum of 45 child care programs including license-exempt providers, licensed family child care providers, and licensed child care staff. (Objective Met – as of FY 2022/2023 Q2, Trauma-informed Child Care Training has been provided to 183 licensed and licensed-exempt child care providers.)
5. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County will provide monthly invoices to the County by the 15th of the month following the provision of services. (Objective Met)

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total Current</u>		<u>Total One-Time</u>	
	<u>FY2022/23 Cost:</u>		<u>Project Cost</u>	
General Fund				
State	\$	828,000		
Federal	\$	60,000		
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$	888,000	\$	-

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$888,000 in FY 2022/2023. Appropriations and associated funding for FY2022/2023 are included in the Department of Social Services adopted budget under the Social Service Programs division. This contract 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 Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County is a medium-risk vendor. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County is insured for general and professional liability.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Sixth Amendment – CRR – ECCBP
2. Attachment 2 – Original Agreement and Amendments 1-5 – CRR - ECCBP

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