



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: June 28, 2022
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: Second Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway Family Services for Child Welfare Services Emergency Shelter Care Services

County Counsel Concurrence :

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence :

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway Family Services to provide Child Welfare Services Emergency Shelter Care Services, to amend the Agreement payment arrangements for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and renew for a total contract amount not to exceed \$230,672, 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 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway Family Services (Pathway) to provide Child Welfare Services (CWS) Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) Services, to amend the Agreement payment arrangements for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and renew for a total contract amount not to exceed \$230,672, for the period of July 1, 2022

through June 30, 2023. The ESC Services outlined in the Statement of Work and Performance Measures remain the same as noted in the original agreement.

Background:

Pathway is a corporation that is licensed by the California Department of Social Services – Community Care Licensing as a Foster Family Agency (FFA) to provide foster care services in Kern, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Tulare and Riverside Counties and has been serving the needs of 'At Risk' youth since 2006. The County of Santa Barbara is currently contracting with Pathway to provide these services 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Since 2013, DSS has partnered with Pathway as it provides essential services for the recruitment, certification, training and supervision of the temporary shelter placements.

A request for proposals was released on November 26, 2019 requesting proposals from a FFA interested in providing Emergency Shelter Services for children and youth being removed from their homes or being returned to County on a temporary basis for court hearings or determination of a permanent placement arrangement. As a result one (1) proposal for funding was received by the submittal due date of January 21, 2020. Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract was recommended for award to Pathway to provide these services.

Performance Measures:

1. Pathway shall monitor the safety and well-being of children in their shelter homes. 100% of children/youth placed in Emergency Shelter Care will not have any substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect by resource parents or any other adult members that are living in the ESC home. (Objective Met: 100% (Fiscal Year) FY 21/22 Q1-Q3)
2. Pathway shall respond to 100% of all requests for a shelter bed within 60 minutes of verbal notification. (Objective Not Met: 90% FY 21/22 Q1-Q3)
3. Pathway shall maintain agreed upon number of shelter beds throughout the duration of the contract. Shelter bed retainer fees will decline as specified if shelter bed space is reduced below the contracted number of shelter beds. (Objective Not Met: Average number of shelter beds 5.5 FY 21/22 Q1-Q3)

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY2021/22 Cost:</u>	<u>FY2022/23 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 201,600.00	\$ 230,672.00	
Total	\$ 201,600.00	\$ 230,672.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$201,600 in FY2021/22 and \$230,672 in FY2022/23. Appropriations and Funding for FY2021/22 and FY2022/23 are included in the Department of Social Services' (DSS) adopted and recommended budgets, respectively, under the Social Programs division. This contract will be fully funded by the SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds.

Execution of this contract will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The Agreement 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 Pathway is a medium risk vendor. The County has experience with Pathway and is confident of their ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

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

DSS Contracts Unit

Attn: Nereida Zarate, Contracts Coordinator

2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd floor

Santa Maria, CA 93455

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Second Amendment – Pathway for CWS ESC
2. Attachment 2 – Minute Order and Executed Agreement – Pathway for CWS ESC

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