



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: 8/28/2018
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: 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

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County (local vendor) to provide Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children for a total contract amount not to exceed \$199,263 for the period of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and
- b) Determine that the execution of the Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), finding that the execution of the Agreement is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve 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) including child care vouchers, child care navigator, and trauma-informed and coaching services to foster children for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$199,263 for the period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The ECCBP aims to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. The Department of Social Services (DSS) 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.

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.

Performance Measure:

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.
2. Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County shall provide Child Care Navigation Services to a minimum of 15 referred CWS children.
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.
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.
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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY2018/19 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 160,097		
Federal	\$ 39,166		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 199,263	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$199,263 in FY 2018-19. Appropriations and associated funding for FY 2018-19 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Service Programs division. This contract will be funded with 20 percent federal funds and 80 percent state funds. 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 to i.vazquez@sbcsocialserv.org and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit
C/O Ismelda Vazquez
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement with Children’s Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County– ECCBP
2. Attachment 2 – CDSS Sole Source Approval Letter

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