



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Board of Supervisors



**Date:** October 26, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** November 3, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Carole Groom

**Subject:** Big Lift Comprehensive Expenditure and Program Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Manager's execution of the "Big Lift" Memorandum of Understanding, including a commitment of \$15 million to the San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Trust Fund, and approving the comprehensive expenditure and program plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 18, 2013, the Board appropriated \$5 million in FY 2013-14 and \$5 million in FY 2014-15 to be transferred to the San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Trust Fund in support of the Big Lift. Additional funds totaling \$5 million were appropriated in the budgets for FYs 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 for a total Measure A commitment to the Big Lift of \$15 million. Although the above-referenced funds were appropriated in the County's budgets for FYs 2013-2017, they have not yet been transferred to, or expended from, the San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Trust Fund pending (1) the confirmation of matching funds, and (2) this Board's approval of a comprehensive expenditure and program plan as recommended by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the San Mateo County Office of Education (COE).

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 25, 2014, this Board was presented with the Big Lift's comprehensive expenditure and program plan. Since February 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding between SVCF, the COE, and the County has been negotiated and executed, and this Board reviewed and approved the same on September 1, 2015. Additionally, the required matching funds have been obtained and/or pledged, and the comprehensive

expenditure and program plan has been updated. The plan is now recommended for this Board's approval by SVCF and the County Superintendent of Schools.

This resolution approves the County Manager's execution of the MOU, and authorizes the County's transfer of \$15 million in Measure A funds to the County's "San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Trust Fund" upon confirmation of the required matching funds including the receipt of any pledged funds. This resolution also approves the updated comprehensive expenditure and program plan, thereby allowing disbursement of those funds.

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution as to form.

Execution of the Big Lift MOU and approval of the comprehensive expenditure and program plan contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by enabling the County to join together with the SVCF, the COE, and other community based organizations and community leaders to strive to close the achievement gap in San Mateo County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with the execution of the Big Lift Memorandum of Understanding and approval of the comprehensive expenditure and program plan as the \$15 million is included in the FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget and the FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget.