



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 21-725

Board Meeting Date: 9/14/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ken Cole, Human Services Agency Director
Subject: **Measure K:** Agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services to current San Mateo County foster youth

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services to current San Mateo County foster youth for a total amount not to exceed \$309,000 for the term of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Human Services Agency's ("HSA") Children and Family Services ("CFS") branch is committed to enhancing the well-being of children, adults, and families by providing professional, responsive, caring, and supportive services. CFS offers a wide range of programs designed to provide current and former foster youth/young-adults with the skills and supports they need to successfully transition into adulthood.

In March 2013, CFS established a Foster Youth Education and Employment Services program to help foster children that are in primary and secondary education ensure their successful enrollment in and completion of post-secondary education. Through the implementation and delivery of this program, CFS has identified a greater need for more focused employment and educational services for current and former foster youth. This agreement with StarVista specifically aims to provide educational services to San Mateo County primary school age foster youth grades Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade.

StarVista provides strength-based, in-home (or through other safe means, such as video conferencing), educational case management services to current San Mateo County foster youth in grades Transitional/Pre-K through 8th grade and youth preparing to transition to 9th grade residing and attending primary school in San Mateo County.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed agreement with StarVista allows HSA to provide specific educational supports for current foster youth in grades Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade to ensure their promotion to the next grade level and, subsequently, their graduation from high school, college matriculation

and graduation (or vocational training), and stable employment with earned income, which is one of the many hallmarks of a successful transition into adulthood.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 in aggregate.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2021-22* Anticipated
The percentage of current foster youth, in grades TK-8, receiving educational case management services for a minimum of two consecutive quarters, that will meet or exceed the current grade reading level or make significant progress based on their initial assessment by the end of the school year.	70%
The minimum percentage of unduplicated children that will be served annually.	90%
The percentage of children enrolled in or exiting the educational services program, or their parents/caretakers, that will report satisfaction or greater with the services received from the provider (based on a quarterly survey).	92%

*This measure tracks services for 10 months in FY 2021-22 and 2 months in FY 2022-23.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is 100% funded through **Measure K** sales and use tax. Appropriation of this funding is included in the FY 2021-22 Approved Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget.