



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 16-333

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: **Measure K:** Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista for Foster Youth Education

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with StarVista to provide case management and educational support services to foster youth, extending the term by twelve months to June 30, 2018 and increasing the amount by \$309,000 to an amount not to exceed \$759,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors allocates **Measure K** funds for foster youth education and employment services in San Mateo County. On March 29, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with StarVista by resolution #074428 for the term of March 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to provide case management services to foster children, legal advocacy with individual education plans, and educational enrichment activities that help develop curiosity and interest in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The Agreement was negotiated as a result of a Request for Proposals (RFP) conducted on August 18, 2015 which requested education and employment services for foster youth.

DISCUSSION:

The Human Services Agency (HSA) is submitting an amendment that will increase the current agreement with StarVista by \$309,000 for a new amount not to exceed \$759,000, and extend the term by twelve (12) months. All services remain the same; however, there is an increase of cost due to a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). This amendment will allow StarVista to continue to provide educational case management services, educational enrichment and summer learning activities, and legal advocacy with individualized education plan support to foster children enrolled in San Mateo County elementary schools. These comprehensive education and advocacy services delivered through StarVista will contribute to the long-term permanency, well-being, and success of San Mateo County foster youth by providing them with the skills and supports needed to graduate from high-school and continue to post-secondary school.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendments of the County’s fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing economic strategies that foster innovation through educational opportunities to youth to enhance their academic knowledge, leading to greater education, job opportunities, and self-sufficiency later in life. It is anticipated that there will be an 85% high school graduation rate of foster youth engaged in foster youth educational and employment programs offered through San Mateo County. Additionally, it is anticipated that 70% of youth receiving at least one quarter of services will demonstrate improvement in the academic area(s) of concern upon reassessment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2016-17 Estimated	FY 2017-18 Target
High school graduation rate for dependent foster youth who participate in educational and employment foster youth program contracts, including those served under this agreement.	82%	85%
Percentage of youth that will demonstrate improvement in the academic area(s) of concern upon reassessment after receiving at least one quarter of services as a result of the StarVista services.	N/A*	70%

*New performance measure for FY 2017-18.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment extends the term of the agreement by 12 months, for a new term of March 29, 2016 through June 30, 2018, and increases the agreement amount by \$309,000 to a new amount not to exceed \$759,000. The total increased amount is anticipated to be funded 100% through **Measure K**. The \$450,000 has been included in the FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Adopted Budgets, and the \$309,000 has been included in the FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget.