



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 16-335

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

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**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 Silicon Valley Children's Fund

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Silicon Valley Children's Fund to provide educational case management services to foster youth, extending the term by one year to June 30, 2018 and increasing the amount by \$206,000 to an amount not to exceed \$506,000.

**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 Silicon Valley Children's Fund (SVCF) by resolution 074427 for the term of March 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide educational case management and coaching services to high-school aged foster youth in San Mateo County to increase graduation rates. The agreement was entered into after a Request for Proposals (RFP) process conducted on August 18, 2015 which requested education and employment services for foster youth.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Human Services Agency (HSA) is submitting for approval an amendment that will increase the current agreement with SVCF by \$206,000 for a new amount not to exceed \$506,000. This increase will permit SVCF to continue to provide services to a minimum of 30 high-school aged foster youth through its Emerging Scholars Program. Services include, but are not limited to, weekly one-on-one coaching sessions, development and follow-up of an academic plan, supporting high-school seniors with college matriculation steps including financial aid and college applications, and preparing the youth for post-secondary education. The educational coaching services delivered through SVCF 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 dependent 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 receiving at least one quarter of services that will demonstrate improvement in the academic area(s) of concern upon reassessment as a result of the SVCF services.	N/A*	70%

\*New performance measure for FY 2017-18.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment extends the term of the agreement by one year, for a new term of March 29, 2016 through June 30, 2018 and increases the agreement amount by \$206,000 to a new amount not to exceed \$506,000. The total increased amount of \$206,000 is anticipated to be funded 100% through **Measure K** and has been included in the FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget.