



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 18-500

Board Meeting Date: 6/19/2018

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Nicole Pollack, 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 the Silicon Valley Children's Fund for the continuation of educational case management services, extending the term by two months to August 31, 2018, and increasing the amount by \$34,441 to an amount not to exceed \$540,441.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Supervisors allocated **Measure K** funds to provide educational support services to foster youth in San Mateo County. On March 29, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with the Silicon Valley Children's Fund ("SVCF") for the amount of \$300,000 and a term of March 26, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The agreement with SVCF provides educational case management and coaching services to high-school aged foster youth in San Mateo County. A subsequent amendment on June 27, 2017, increased the funding by \$206,000 to an amount not to exceed \$506,000, and extended the term by twelve months to June 30, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:**

This amendment extends the term to August 31, 2018 and increases funding by \$34,441 to allow for the continuation of educational case management services while the Human Services Agency ("HSA") completes a comprehensive evaluation of services under this program. This includes conducting research, and surveying participating foster youth about program strengths and weaknesses. This evaluation will inform the development of the new agreement beginning September 1, 2018.

The services delivered through SVCF 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 on to post-secondary school. 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 school.

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

**This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community** by providing economic strategies that foster innovation through educational opportunities for youth to enhance their academic knowledge, leading to greater education, job opportunities, and self-sufficiency later in life. It is estimated for Fiscal Year 2017-18 that there will be an 85% high school graduation rate of foster youth engaged in foster youth educational and employment programs offered through the County of San Mateo. Additionally, it is estimated 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 Actual | **FY 2017-18 Estimated |
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| High school graduation rate for 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 an improvement in the academic areas of concern upon reassessment as a result of SVCF services. | N/A*              | 70%                    |

\*There is no data for the measure for FY 2016-17.

\*\*The measure does not include the two month extension. The agreement beginning in September will track measures for FY 2018-19.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment extends the term of the agreement by 2 months, for a new term of March 29, 2016 through August 31, 2018, and increases the amount by \$34,441 for a total obligation not to exceed \$540,441. The amended amount is 100% Net County Cost and is funded through **Measure K** Sales and Use tax. Appropriation for this funding will be included in the FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget. The rates to provide these services remain the same for this amendment.