



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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Board Meeting Date: 6/19/2018

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 StarVista

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with StarVista to increase funding for the continuation of case management and educational support services, extending the term by two months to August 31, 2018 and increasing the amount by \$51,500 to an amount not to exceed \$810,500.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors allocated **Measure K** funds to provide educational services to San Mateo County foster youth. On March 29, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with StarVista for an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the term of March 26, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to provide foster youth enrolled in primary and secondary schools with case management, legal advocacy, and educational enrichment activities. A subsequent amendment on June 27, 2017, increased the funding by \$309,000 to an amount not to exceed \$759,000, and extended the term by twelve months to June 30, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

This amendment extends the term to August 31, 2018 and adds funds for the continuation of educational case management services. This amendment will allow the Human Services Agency ("HSA") time to complete 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 provided through StarVista help foster youth develop curiosity and interest in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math ("STEAM"). In addition, these services contribute to the long-term permanency, well-being, and success of foster youth by providing them with the skills and support needed to graduate from high-school and continue to 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 to 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
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%

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

**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 two months, for a new term of March 29, 2016 through August 31, 2018, and increases the funding by \$51,500 for a total obligation not to exceed \$810,500. 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.