



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 18-831

Board Meeting Date: 9/4/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nicole Pollack, Human Services Agency Director

Subject: **Measure K:** Agreement with the Silicon Valley Children's Fund to provide educational support and employment services to current and former San Mateo County foster youth or young-adults

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Silicon Valley Children's Fund to provide educational and employment support services to current and former San Mateo County foster youth, or young-adults, for the term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$240,404.

BACKGROUND:

The Children and Family Services ("CFS") branch of the Human Services Agency ("HSA") 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 and services, designed to provide current and former foster youth/young-adults with the skills and supports needed to successfully transition into adulthood.

On January 8, 2018, the Human Services Agency ("HSA") conducted a request for proposals ("RFP") for service providers of employment and educational support services for current and former foster youth. Silicon Valley Children's Fund ("SVCF") was one of three providers selected. HSA selected SVCF because of their experience and success in providing educational support services in San Mateo County specifically through SVCF's programs such as: Emerging Scholars, Roadmap to independence for foster youth, and their college pathway intensive coaching model.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement provides comprehensive educational support services to San Mateo County foster youth in high school grades 9th through 11th. SVCF will provide academic planning, coaching and college preparation to a minimum of 35 youth. This agreement will also provide 8 to 10 foster youth with internship opportunities.

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.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing educational support services to current and former San Mateo County foster youth that will allow them to enhance academic achievement and long-term success. It is anticipated that 92% of the foster youth receiving educational case management services through this agreement will have earned sufficient school credits to achieve grade level advancement and remain on-track for high school graduation. Additionally, the foster youth or their parents/caretakers in this agreement will report satisfaction with the services in this agreement based on a quarterly survey administered by the County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2018-19* Anticipated
At the completion of each school year, the percentage of current foster youth in grades 9-12 receiving educational case management services will have earned sufficient school credits to achieve grade level advancement and remain on-track for high school graduation.	92%
Based on a quarterly survey administered by the County, the percentage of youth 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.	90%

*This measure tracks services for 10 months in FY 2018-19 and 2 months in FY 2019-20.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is 100% funded through **Measure K** Sales and Use tax. Appropriation of this funding is included in the FY 2018-19 Approved Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget.