



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 18-832

Board Meeting Date: 9/4/2018

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Nicole Pollack, Human Services Agency Director  
**Subject:** **Measure K:** Agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services to current and former San Mateo County foster youth or young-adults

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with StarVista to provide educational 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 \$309,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Human Services Agency's ("HSA") Children and Family Services ("CFS") branch 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, HSA conducted a request for proposals ("RFP") to identify a provider for employment and educational support services for current and former foster youth. StarVista was one of three providers selected. HSA selected StarVista because of their experience and success in providing supportive services in San Mateo County specifically through StarVista's service delivery model. StarVista serves every city in San Mateo County and currently provides some of the most essential services in the county including Healthy Homes; First Chance sobering station; StarVista's homeless and runaway youth programs; Differential Response; Early Childhood Consultation; and a 24-Hour Crisis Intervention and Suicide and Prevention Center.

**DISCUSSION:**

This agreement provides comprehensive educational support services to current and former San Mateo County foster youth in transitional Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. StarVista will provide academic enrichment and case management to a minimum of 35 youth. This agreement will assist youth in identifying and achieving long term academic goals to improve their success in high school and college.

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 35 youth will receive educational support services under this agreement and that 62% of youth engaged will meet or exceed third grade reading level by the end of the third grade. It is also anticipated that 90% of children enrolled in or exiting the educational services program, or their parents/caretakers, will report satisfaction or greater with the services received from the provider.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2018-19* Anticipated</b>
The percentage of current foster youth in grades K-3 receiving educational case management services will meet or exceed third grade reading level by the end of the third grade.	62%
Based on a quarterly survey administered by the County, the percentage of children enrolled in or exiting the educational services program, or their parents/caretakers, that will report satisfaction or greater with the services received from StarVista.	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.