



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Agreement with Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, Inc., to operate the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing an agreement with the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, Inc., to operate the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for foster children in San Mateo County for the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 for a total amount of \$588,036.

BACKGROUND:

The lack of access to child care for potential eligible families seeking to take in a foster child is one of the top barriers to placing young children with families. The passage of Senate Bill 89 established the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program (Bridge Program). The Bridge Program provides a payment, or voucher, for child care and assistance from a child care navigator to eligible relative caregivers, eligible families, or parenting youth in foster care. Trauma-informed care training and coaching are also provided to child care providers who care for children in foster care. SB 89 requires participating counties to enter into an agreement with their designated Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) Program agency(s) to provide the trauma-informed care and navigator services. SB 89 also authorized counties to enter into an agreement with their designated Alternative Payment Program (APP) provider. The Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, Inc. (4Cs), is a California Department of Education designated APP provider and is San Mateo County's designated R&R agency.

DISCUSSION:

4Cs will operate the Bridge Program in San Mateo County. Program services include providing emergency child care vouchers, child care navigator services, and trauma informed care training. Specifically, 4Cs will provide time-limited child care vouchers to help pay for child care costs for foster children birth through age 12, and for youth with exceptional needs up to age 21. A voucher may be issued for up to six-months until the child is successfully transitioned into long-term, subsidized child care or extended to one year at the County's discretion. Navigator services assist eligible families

with finding a child care provider, securing subsidized child care placement, completing child care program applications, and developing a plan for long-term child care appropriate to the child's age and needs. In addition, 4Cs will provide its providers with access to trauma-informed care training that includes strategies for working with children in foster care and trauma informed care best practices.

San Mateo County's designated R&R is 4Cs. The Human Services Agency is requesting that the Board waive the Request for Proposals process because San Mateo County has only one designated R&R, and it should therefore be considered a sole source.

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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing child care assistance that will increase the capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. It is anticipated that for FY 2019-20 80% of children receiving emergency child care services will be placed in long-term child care within 6 months of receipt of referral and 76% of child care providers who receive trauma informed care training will show an increase in their understanding of how to apply trauma informed care strategies (based on a pre and post training survey). These measures are expected to increase to 82% and 80% respectively in FY 2020-21.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2019-20 Anticipated	FY 2020-21 Anticipated
Percent of children receiving emergency child care services that will be placed in long-term child care within 6 months of receipt of referral.	80%	82%
Percentage of child care providers who receive trauma informed care training show an increase in their understanding of how to apply trauma informed care strategies (based on a pre and post training survey).	76%	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total obligation of the agreement is \$588,036. Of this amount, it is estimated that \$278,760 (47%) is federally funded, \$239,276 (41%) is funded through the State Emergency Child Care Bridge Allocation, and \$70,000 (12%) is Net County Cost. Appropriation was included in the FY 2019-21 Preliminary Recommended Budget.