



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 19-882

Board Meeting Date: 9/17/2019

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Iliana Rodriguez, Human Services Agency Director

**Subject:** **Measure K:** Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services to current San Mateo County foster youth

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services to current San Mateo County foster youth, increasing the amount by \$309,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$618,000, with an amended term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

### **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 designed to provide current and former foster youth/young-adults with the skills and supports they need to successfully transition into adulthood.

In March 2013, CFS established a Foster Youth Education and Employment Services program to help foster children that are in primary and secondary education ensure their successful enrollment in and completion of post-secondary education. Through the implementation and delivery of this program, CFS has identified a greater need for more focused employment and educational services for current and former foster youth. This agreement with StarVista specifically aims to provide educational services to San Mateo County primary school age foster youth grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

On September 4, 2018, by Resolution 076129, this Board authorized and entered into an agreement with StarVista to provide educational support services for the term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$309,000.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The current agreement with StarVista provides specific educational supports for current foster youth in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to ensure their promotion to the next grade level and,

subsequently, their graduation from high school, college matriculation and graduation (or vocational training), and stable employment with earned income, one of the many hallmarks of a successful transition into adulthood. The proposed amendment would add funds and extend the current agreement term through August 31, 2020.

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 amendment 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 2019-20* Anticipated</b>
The percentage of current foster youth in grades K-8, receiving educational case management services for a minimum of two consecutive quarters, that will meet or exceed the current grade reading level or make significant progress based on their initial assessment by the end of the school year.	72%
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 that they are satisfied (or better) with the services received from the provider.	92%

\*This measure tracks services for 10 months in FY 2019-20 and 2 months in FY 2020-21.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment is 100% funded through Measure K sales and use tax. Appropriation of this funding is included in the FY 2019-20 Approved Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget.