



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 19-883

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 Pivotal Connections (formerly Silicon Valley Children's Fund) to provide educational support to current San Mateo County foster youth.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Pivotal Connections (formerly Silicon Valley Children's Fund) to provide educational support services to current San Mateo County foster youth, increasing the amount by \$240,404 for a new total amount not to exceed \$480,808, with an amended term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

### **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. 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. This program is funded under Measure K and includes different services for current and former foster youth. Through the implementation and delivery of this program, CFS has identified a greater need for more focused educational services for foster youth and young adults.

An RFP was completed in January 2018 to seek specific employment services and educational supports for current and former foster youth/young adults to ensure their graduation from high school, college matriculation and graduation (or vocational training) and, ultimately, stable employment with earned income, one of the hallmarks of a successful transition into adulthood. This agreement with Pivotal Connections specifically aims to provide educational services to San Mateo County secondary school age foster youth in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

On September 4, 2018, by Resolution 076128, this Board approved an agreement with Silicon Valley Children's Fund ("SVCF") for the term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$240,404 to provide educational and employment support services to current and

former San Mateo County foster youth and young adults. SVCF has since changed their name to Pivotal Connections.

**DISCUSSION:**

Pivotal Connections currently provides academic planning, coaching, college preparation, and internship opportunities to foster youth from 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This amendment would add funds and extend the current agreement through August 31, 2020.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendment 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 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:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Anticipated*</b>
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 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%

**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.