

County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 22-383 Board Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

Special Notice / Hearing:

Vote Required: Majority

None

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Ken Cole, Director of Human Services Agency

Subject: Acceptance of a one-time allocation of federal Community-Based Child Abuse

Prevention (CBCAP) supplemental grant through the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) of 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The County of San Mateo to accept the ARPA-CBCAP supplemental grant fund which will further support prevention planning efforts and direct service activities, in the amount of \$300,368 from the State of California Health and Human Services Agency; and
- B) The Director of the Human Services Agency (HSA), or his designee, to act on behalf of the County of San Mateo in connection with the ARPA-CBCAP allocation award, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate for allowable prevention activities and Title IV-E reporting requirements; and
- C) The Director of HSA, subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the letter of intent for the receipt of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Supplemental grant attachments A and B, dated January 13, 2021, to allocate received funds in the contracting of related services.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of CBCAP programs is to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

Counties with a Title IV-E agreement with the State electing to receive funds agree to all reporting requirements set forth by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Administration for Children and Families. The reporting requirements include collecting aggregate quantitative and qualitative data regarding planning activities and family centered services. Counties with a Title IV-E agreement with the State must indicate within the Letter of Intent the planned

expenditure of funds. Counties may select one or more options listed which include, but are not limited to, the establishment and further development of prevention planning teams, primary and secondary direct services and/or the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy and plan to provide a continuum of preventive, family-centered services, consistent with 42 USC sections 5116(b) and 5116e(a) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 16588(c)(2). The ARPA-CBCAP supplemental funds may be used to supplement, but shall not supplant, existing state and local funds for prevention programs.

DISCUSSION:

HSA recommends authorizing the Director of HSA, or director's designee, to apply for and accept funds on behalf of the County of San Mateo for the ARPA-CBCAP allocation.

The ARPA-CBCAP allocation will allow for primary and secondary direct service activities which are not limited to the issuance of stipends to those with lived experience to participate in planning and implementation processes or prevention systems; provide peer to peer support; or other direct services to support families at-risk of entry into the child welfare system. It will also allow for increasing the capacity of Family Resource Centers or networks to provide direct services to children, youth, parents, caregivers, and programs and services to increase father engagement and involvement, as well as concrete resources to help keep families together and stable.

County Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

There are no performance measures with this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The ARPA/CBCAP allocation award is unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$300,368. The supplemental grant funding will obligate funds by September 30, 2025 and liquidate funds by December 30, 2025. There is no Net County Cost as a result of this allocation.