

# **County of San Mateo**

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** COUNTY EXECUTIVE **File #:** 23-632

Board Meeting Date: 7/25/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive

Subject: Use of District-Discretionary Measure K Funds - Supervisorial District 4

## RECOMMENDATION:

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$26,000, to All Five to support their Mental Health Support Initiative that will provide Belle Haven and East Palo Alto children and families with mental health support in a high-quality early childhood learning environment, and authorizing the County Executive, or designee, to execute the grant agreement.

### BACKGROUND:

**Measure K** is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has held study sessions on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2023-25 and has approved funds, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for one-time district-discretionary needs and projects. District 4 has submitted a request to use their district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
District 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum) - All Five to support their Mental Health Support Initiative that will provide Belle Haven and East Palo Alto children and families with mental health support in a high-quality early childhood learning environment.	\$26,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the Board in December 2018.

#### PROJECT SUMMARY:

This is a request to authorize a grant to All Five, and resulting grant agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000, to support their Mental Health Support Initiative that will provide Belle Haven and

East Palo Alto children and families with mental health support in a high-quality early childhood learning environment. The County Executive's Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

District-discretionary **Measure K** funding for this organization has previously been provided as listed below:

• On July 20, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved district-discretionary **Measure K** funding, not to exceed \$25,000, to All Five to allow for enrollment expansion of their infant, toddler, and preschool program in Belle Haven.

All Five is a high-quality, socioeconomically diverse early childhood education program located in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park. Its mission is to empower all families to choose a high-quality early education for their children. And since 2015, All Five has brought early childhood education equity to Ravenswood, serving East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park's Belle Haven families who live in challenging circumstances. 75 percent of All Five families earn at or near the poverty line, with their child's tuition paid by the State of California, or the family pays reduced-rate tuition. All children attending All Five experience high-quality early childhood care and education regardless of their family's ability to pay.

All Five has seen their community's children impacted by the trauma their families experience and routinely struggle to achieve age-appropriate formative milestones associated with verbal, behavioral, fine and gross-motor skills. All Five is in a unique position to engage a mental health therapist to support struggling children through direct intervention. Further, this therapist intervention will educate teachers and parents regarding best practices to allow children and their families to better recover, and thus enable intellectual growth to flourish. They will do so through the All Five Mental Health Support Initiative, a partnership with One Life Counseling Center to support All Five's infant to preschool learners with access to a trained play therapist to attend to their social and emotional wellbeing.

This **Measure K** grant of \$26,000 will support the All Five Mental Health Support Initiative by helping the Initiative provide a mental health therapist to support struggling children and their families through direct intervention.

## Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$26,000

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County's confirmation of the expenditure of funds for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

Karen Pace Strategic Projects Manager All Five 1391 Chilco Street Menlo Park, CA 94025 (650) 504-1928 karen@allfive.org

# **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**:

Description	Target
All Five Mental Health Support Initiative will provide a mental health therapist to support struggling young learners, infant through pre-school, through direct play therapy intervention through FY 2023-24.	Complete
Therapist intervention will educate teachers and parents regarding best practices to allow children and their families to better recover through FY 2023-24.	Complete

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2023-24 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2023-24 Approved Recommended Budget.