



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One

PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two

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District Three

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District Four

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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** May 1, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Ortiz    PHONE: (559) 624-8097

**SUBJECT:**            Approve an agreement with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of funds for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children in the amount of \$387,136 in State and Federal funds for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 to be used to provide child care services to meet the needs of foster children;
2. Approve an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children in the amount not to exceed \$207,887 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and \$415,774 for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 retroactive from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to April 1, 2018, due to the time needed to process, prepare and submit the agenda item;
3. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of April 1, 2018, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date;
4. Approve the attached AUD 308 Budget Adjustment Form (requires 4/5ths vote); and
5. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

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**SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 89, All County Letter No. 17-109, and County Fiscal Letter No. 17/18-45 and 17/18-50 provide guidance and funding on the county option to administer the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program). This program aims to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings, increase 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. One of the primary barriers for potential families seeking to take in a foster child is the lack of access to child care immediately following the removal of the child. With the passage of Senate Bill 89 resource families and families that have a child placed with them in an emergency, licensed foster family homes or certified family homes, approved homes of relatives or nonrelative extended family members, and parents under the jurisdiction of juvenile court are eligible to receive time-limited monthly payments for child care and the assistance of a child care navigator.

Funding for the Bridge Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act through the Federal Government and through the State General Fund. The funds will be received as a reimbursement for services performed and is claimed on a quarterly basis on the County Expense Claim. This program is not an entitlement program and has capped funding.

The Bridge program serves eligible families by providing three (3) separate yet complementary program components. These activities include: (1) emergency child care payment, (2) child care navigator, and (3) trauma-informed care training and coaching.

Child Welfare Services (CWS) will be responsible to operate the first program component of the Bridge Program by operating the emergency child care payment activity. Under this part of the Bridge Program, eligible participants can receive child care payments. To be qualified to receive child care payments, care providers and non-minor dependent parents must be working or attending school. These child care payments will help compensate for child care costs for foster children birth through age twelve (12), children with exceptional needs, and severely disabled children up to age 21. Payments may be provided for up to six (6) months until the child is successfully enrolled into long-term, subsidized child care. Eligibility may be extended an additional six (6) months, not to exceed twelve (12) months. Counties are authorized to disburse child care payments either directly to the family or to the child care provider. All payments must be in accordance with the Regional Market Rate (RMR) ceilings for subsidized child care payment rates. It is anticipated that 80 foster children a year will be served by these child care payments.

The second (child care navigator) and third (trauma-informed care training and coaching) component of the Bridge Program will be provided by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools through this agreement. The child care navigator works with eligible families, CWS social workers, and the child and family teams to assess child care opportunities and provide consumer education to the family based on the child's age and needs. The navigator will be responsible to assist with finding a child care provider, securing a subsidized child care placement if eligible, completing child care

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program applications, and developing a plan for long-term child care. Eligibility for the navigator services is not contingent on a child's receipt of a child care payment. It is projected that 100 foster families will receive the services of a child care navigator.

Trauma-informed care training and coaching will be provided through the Bridge Program to child care programs and providers serving eligible children. Trauma-informed training includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based, trauma-informed best care practices. Child care providers will also receive access to individual coaching to assist them to apply training curriculum and learn strategies for working with children in foster care. It is anticipated that 200 child care providers will receive Trauma-informed training annually.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process since the funding requires that Counties partner and contract with their local Resource and Referral provider to operate the Bridge Program. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is the Resource and Referral provider in Tulare County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The Bridge Child Care Program is an opt-in program with capped funding and is funded entirely through the State General Fund and the Federal government. County Fiscal Letter 17/18-50 informed counties of the 2017/2018 allocation for this program. The Governor's Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 demonstrates the intent to double the funding to reflect a full year of implementation. Bridge Program revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will be included in next year's CWS budget. There will be no new impact to the County General Fund associated with this agreement.

The graph below represents funding level by year separated out by the agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the child care navigator and trauma-informed training components and the CWS operated child care payments component of the Bridge Program.

Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children

	Fiscal Year 2017/2018	Fiscal Year 2018/2019
Tulare County Superintendent of Schools	\$207,887	\$415,774
Child Welfare Services	\$179,249	\$358,498
Total	\$387,136	\$774,272

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative that encourages innovative provisions of quality supportive services to at-risk youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill the obligation by providing child care support to resource parents and parenting non-minor dependent. This support will reduce barriers for potential families seeking to take in a foster child due to the lack of access to child care immediately following the removal of the child.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Juliet Webb  
Director of Human Services

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) AGREEMENT  
AUD 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN** )  
**AGREEMENT WITH THE TULARE** ) **Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF** ) **Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**SCHOOLS** )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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**AUD-308 - Budget Adjustment Form**

8:39 AM

04/18/18				10/18		2018	
Date		Document ID Number		Accounting Period		Budget Fiscal Year	
				Health & Human Services		Caio de Lima 559-624-8094	
				Agency Name		Contact Person Phone Extension	

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #				LEVEL 1 Finish Here	Current Amount	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
C	001	142	142SSUP					129,511,921	129,899,057	387,136
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<b>Appropriations Total</b>							<i>Need Not Equal Zero</i>	129,511,921	129,899,057	387,136

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #	Unit	Object	Rev	LEVEL 2 Start Here	Current Amt	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
A	001	142	142SSUP	4053	7043				207,887	207,887
A	001	142	142SSUP	4053	7068				179,249	179,249
A	001	142		4053		5019			262,211	(262,211)
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<b>Line Total</b>							<i>Must Equal Zero</i>	\$ -	\$ 774,272	\$ -

*Reason for Adjustment (To Avoid Correspondence, State Reason in Detail)*

Tulare County received an allocation of \$262,211 in state general funds and \$124,925 in federal funds to implement the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children. The allocation is reflected by setting up a new unit to assist with the implementation of the program.

  
Affected Dept Head Signature

Other Affected Dept Head Signature

Checked By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Executive Office Action: No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved       Disapproved

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board of Supervisors Action: No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distribution: 1: BOS/CAO/Auditor

**\*\* Action Codes: A=Add, C=Change, D=Deactivate**  
 \* Whenever a 93XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 94XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, except for ISFs  
 \* Whenever a 95XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 96XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa  
 \* Whenever a 97XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 98XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa

