



Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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| AGENDA DATE: | June 5, 2018 |
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| CONTACT PERSON: Anita Ortiz PHONE: (559)624-8000 | Public Hearing Required Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice Meet & Confer Required Electronic file(s) has been sent Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Personnel Resolution attached Agreements are attached and signature tab(s)/flag(s) | Yes □ N/A ☑ Yes □ N/A ☑ Yes □ N/A ☑ Yes □ N/A ☑ Yes □ N/A □ Yes □ N/A ☑ line for Chairman is marked with Yes □ N/A □ |
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SUBJECT:

Approve an agreement with the Tulare County Superintendent of

Schools

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools to provide Foster Youth liaison staff to establish key provisions supporting the educational opportunities within the best interest of the children in foster care in an amount not to exceed \$717,285 for three years, effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and
- 2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

All County Letter No. 04-32 (Title IV-E Reimbursement of Administrative Costs for Pre-Placement Prevention) outlines a funding opportunity which would enable Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) to receive administrative services associated with pre-placement prevention and educational support for children in the foster care system from the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools [otherwise known as Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE)]. Many children in foster care experience a disruption in their educational situation due to their immediate need for an out-of-home placement or a change in placement. These disruptions often lead to lack of continuity in the child's school and education, which can result in a child having to repeat classes or change schools. In addition, children in care are often in need of additional educational services and support to ensure they can reach their full academic potential.

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The purpose of this agreement is to provide resources to support educational needs through administrative activities directly related to the coordination and provision of educational information for children in foster care. This partnership between CWS and TCOE will ensure that children who come into the foster care system have access to the services and programs that will ensure each child can reach their full educational potential, as well as maintain the child in their school of origin whenever possible. With this collaboration there is a greater likelihood that high school graduation rates for children in foster care will increase in Tulare County and that more children will achieve educational success.

Through this agreement, TCOE will coordinate the provision of specified educational services for children in foster care. This partnership will ensure continuity in educational services and provide an increased level of staffing to support education, resulting in better educational outcomes for children in foster care.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process because TCOE is the only provider in Tulare County that is eligible to serve Title IV-E eligible foster youth for educational support to draw down federal pass through funds.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate: This is a multi-year agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be no impact to the County General Fund associated with this agreement. Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) will act as a pass through agent for federal Title IV-E funds for allowable administrative costs. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (TCOE) will provide an annual match and CWS will invoice the state quarterly to receive the pass through federal funding that will reflect the federal discount rate at that time. The total agreement amount is \$717,285 effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

The following details this fiscal pass through for each year over the three year contract period:

Fiscal Year 18/19

| Title IV-E Administrative Cost Reimbursement | \$222,695 |
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| TCOE Match | \$327,170 |
| TCOE Total Cost | \$549,865 |

Fiscal Year 19/20

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| Title IV-E Administrative Cost Reimbursement | \$238,290 |
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| TCOE Match | \$350,080 |
| TCOE Total Cost | \$588,370 |

Fiscal Year

20/21

| Title IV-E Administrative Cost Reimbursement | \$256,300 |
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| TCOE Match | \$376,540 |
| TCOE Total Cost | \$632,840 |

Total: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021

| Title IV-E Administrative Cost Reimbursement | \$717,285 |
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| TCOE Match | \$1,053,790 |
| TCOE Total Cost | \$1,771,075 |

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 resources to support educational needs through administrative activities directly related to the coordination and provision of educational information for children in foster care

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Juliet Webb

Director of Human Services

CC:

Auditor-Controller County Counsel

County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

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