



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2019

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075

SUBJECT: Authorize Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency to accept the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Home Visiting Initiative award from the California Department of Social Services

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Authorize Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Human Services Branch Director to accept the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Home Visiting Initiative Award from the California Department of Social Services for a retroactive period in the amount of \$974,908 to be expended from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

SUMMARY:
In July 2018, the California Department of Social Services announced a special funding opportunity to help launch the Home Visiting Initiative for county social services departments. Tulare County Health and Human Services TulareWORKs Division applied to be a recipient of the award on September 27, 2018 and received notification of the award on December 3, 2018.

The Home Visiting Initiative aims to provide resources for first-time parents to support positive health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting women, families and infants born into poverty; and to expand future educational, economic and financial capability opportunities and improve the likelihood of exiting the cycle of poverty.

Home visiting is an evidence-based, voluntary program that pairs new parents with

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a para-professional that will make regular visits to the parent's home to provide guidance, coaching, access to pre- and postnatal care, and other health and social services. The pairing of home visits with the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program provides an opportunity to connect parents with necessary resources, improve their parenting skills and household order, and ensure that their children have a safe and nurturing environment that allows them to thrive and grow. We are also maximizing resources for new parents by partnering across the agency with Public Health, which was recently awarded a grant for the Local Oral Health program (LOHP). LOHP will offer home visits by nurses to parents of infants and toddlers to promote oral health through education.

If receipt of the Home Visiting Initiative award is authorized, Tulare County plans to use two of the six evidence-based models offered as option, the Parents as Teachers model through a partnership with First Five California and the Early Head Start model through a partnership with the Tulare County Office of Education. First 5 of Tulare County has identified five Family Resource Centers (FRCs) as key locations to deliver the Parents-As-Teachers model home visitation services. Each FRC is located in a non-overlapping pocket of Tulare County and is designed to meet the needs of that community by reaching families where they reside via collaboration and co-location of services at their establishments.

The target population for each of these models is pregnant CalWORKs clients with no other children or a first-time caretaker relative with a child younger than twenty-four months. It is estimated that 773 families will meet this criteria for the program and we anticipate serving 320 of those eligible as first- priority families.

Because the program is voluntary, we have identified an expanded eligible population that includes 1,658 families with at least one child under twenty four months, clients transitioning from the Cal-Learn (a program for parenting teens) to the Welfare-to-Work program or parents who no longer have custody of prior children but who are now pregnant or have custody of a child under twenty four months. Once the goal is reached for offering the program and serving the primary target population, state guidelines allow for the program to be made available to the families from the expanded eligible population provided funds are available. We anticipate serving 70 families from the expanded eligible population.

This authorization has been approved as to from by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from the standard boilerplate: 1) This authorization is retroactive due to the state notifying the County of Tulare of the award in December of 2018. The first board meeting this authorization could be approved is January 15, 2019. There are no documents for the board to sign at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The award amount of \$974,908 is 100% State funded and must be expended by June 30, 2019. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.


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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Tulare County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing parenting resources for first-time parents to ensure healthy child development, empowered parents and, ultimately, strong communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Juliet Webb
Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) None

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZE TULARE) Resolution No. _____
COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES) Agreement No. _____
AGENCY TO ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA)
WORK OPPORTUNITY AND)
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS HOME)
VISITING INITIATIVE AWARD FROM THE)
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL)
SERVICES)

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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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