



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: July 23, 2019 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input 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 an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children in the amount not to exceed \$256,016 in State and Federal funds for Fiscal Year retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to the delay in receiving insurance documents from Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 89, All County Letter No. 19-18 provides 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

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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.

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.

The second (child care navigator) 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 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.

The 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. 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.

Funding for the Bridge Program for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 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.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process since the funding

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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.

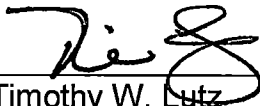
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The agreement with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children is in the amount not to exceed \$256,016 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The costs associated with this contract are budgeted in the Health and Human Services Agency 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, professional services for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. The Bridge Child Care Program is an opt-in program which has capped funding and is funded entirely through the State General Fund and the Federal government. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

cc: County Administrative Office

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN) Resolution No. _____
AGREEMENT WITH THE TULARE) Agreement No. _____
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF)
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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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