



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2019 REVISED

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 amendment with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 29284 with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children to increase the maximum amount under the agreement to \$971,522 in State and Federal funds retroactive from October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This amendment is retroactive due to delays in negotiation of terms. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to October 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board has authority to enter into this proposed amendment as of October 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter the amendment on that date;
3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments as per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required); and
4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the amendment.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 89, All County Letter No. 19-18 provides guidance and funding on the

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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 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.

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) is currently responsible to operate the first program component of the Bridge Program by operating the emergency child care payment activity. Included in this amendment is to amend the operation of the first program component and for Tulare County Superintendent of Schools to be responsible to operate all three program components of the Bridge Program starting October 1, 2019. The County will now only be responsible to monitor the program and funding that is passed through to the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. The County will also provide the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools with referrals to the program.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the agreement amount from \$256,016 to \$971,522. Exhibit B to the agreement has been revised to reflect this change. This change is prompted by an increase in County allocation amounts detailed in County Fiscal letter CFL 19/20-06. In addition, the Exhibit A, Scope of Work to the Agreement has been revised to reflect that starting October 1, 2019 Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is responsible to process and operate the emergency child care payment activity portion of the Emergency Childcare Bridge Program.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Approval of this amended agreement with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools will increase the agreement cost from \$780,045 to a total of \$971,522. Currently, \$780,045 has been included in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 adopted budget. The AUD 308 request will increase the budgeted revenue and expense for the additional \$191,477 to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget. This increase is prompted by an increase in County allocation amounts detailed in County Fiscal letter (CFL) 19/20-06. 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. There is no net cost to the County 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 amendment 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:


Anita Ortiz
Human Services Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Amendment

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AMENDMENT 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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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