



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

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AGENDA DATE: May 12, 2020

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075 | | |

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with California Department of Social Services

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with California Department of Social Services to provide access to base wage data through the Employment Development Department at zero cost to the County effective upon the date of signature by both organizations through June 30, 2022.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has a formal agreement with the Employment Development Department (EDD) to obtain abstract base wage data. Unemployment insurance benefit payment history is also available upon special request. This data is matched against individuals who are identified as current and/or former public assistance program recipients in CalWORKs, CalFresh or General Assistance/General Relief (GA/GR). When these data are matched, CDSS then has the ability to produce aggregate or summary level frequency distributions; tables, and complex statistical analyses for internal research; develop budgets; monitor program performance, conduct program evaluations and facilitate continuous quality improvement in service delivery; and to carry out special, mandated, or other evaluation and outcomes projects.

An agreement is required between CDSS and each county that chooses to opt-in to match public assistance recipient data to the EDD's base wage data. The

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agreement is to provide information to County Welfare Department (CWDs) regarding the EDD Base Wage Data File Match agreement requirements, data file transfer processes, and allowable use of recipient matched data. By executing an agreement with CDSS, the CWD may also use the base wage data for county specific evaluations and outcomes provided any reports or publications generated using the base wage data are approved by CDSS ninety (90) days prior to publication and data is reported in aggregate to protect client privacy. Base wage data will provide participating counties with a more robust ability to measure and understand labor market participation of its employment services recipients (CalWORKs, CalFresh and General Assistance/General Relief recipients), and allow greater capacity to conduct meaningful evaluations of the long-term effects of employment services provided to recipients. Approximately one in four Tulare County residents receives assistance from the CalWORKs, CalFresh and/or General Assistance programs.

The following terms deviate substantively from standard County boilerplate: 1) the County must sign first; 2) CDSS may conduct random on-site inspections to ensure the County is meeting the requirements of the agreement, such as maintaining confidentiality of information; 3) the County must defend and indemnify the State, but the State is not required to defend and indemnify the County; and 4) the State, not the County, can terminate the agreement without cause.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The State of California is covering the cost of this agreement. 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 Organizational Performance initiative that provides state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure to support better service delivery. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill this obligation by providing employees with the technological means to improve process efficacy by accessing data with which to evaluate client outcomes of current program processes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Anita Ortiz
Anita Ortiz
Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA) Resolution No. _____
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) Agreement No. _____
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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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