



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: December 15, 2020

Subject: Contract with Seneca Family of Agencies for Child Welfare Family Finding Services for Foster Youth

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Seneca Family of Agencies, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to provide family finding services for foster youth for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will increase department expenditures by \$250,000 funded by 50% State and 50% Federal funds.

BACKGROUND:

Family Finding is an intensive research and engagement process for the Children and Family Services (CFS) youth in support of the California Continuum of Care Reform (AB403). The purpose of the Family Findings is to offer lifelong connections to foster youth by locating the most appropriate stable family or non-related extended family members, supporting the resource family approval process, identifying a placement, or discovering relatives of the children in care. Seneca Family of Agencies (Contractor) was selected from a competitive bid process in Fiscal 2019-2020. The Contractor works closely with CFS staff

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/15/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 15, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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cc:

to deliver Family Finding services to ensure Contra Costa County foster youth reside in a safe and nurturing environment.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County foster youth will have less access to family finding and supportive services to locate and transition into appropriate stable permanent placements.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports four of the five community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 1) Children Ready for and Succeeding in School; 2) Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood; 3) Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing; and 4) Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families by placing foster youth into appropriate, stable and permanent placements.