



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: August 18, 2015

Subject: 2016 Early Head Start Continuation Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, for an amount not to exceed \$3,443,834 for Early Head Start program services for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the period January 1 – June 30, 2016 is included in the Department’s FY 2015-16 budget. Funding for the period July 1 – December 31, 2016 will be included in the Department’s proposed FY 2016-17 budget. The County, as Grantee, is required to generate a non-federal match of \$860,958 which is 20% of total federal and non-federal funding not to exceed \$4,304,792. This match is achieved through collaboration with State Child Development programs and the volunteer hours accrued by Head Start parents and community partners.

BACKGROUND:

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth through five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional

APPROVE OTHER
 RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/18/2015** APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
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: August 18, 2015

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

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: CSB (925) 681-6345

development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in the following domains: language and literacy; cognition and general knowledge; physical development and health; social and emotional development; and approaches to learning. Early Head Start provide services to pregnant women and children ages birth to three.

Head Start/Early Head Start also provides comprehensive services which include health, nutrition, social and other services determined as necessary via family needs assessments. Services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage. Services are provided through a variety of service models including: centers or schools that children attend part or full day, family childcare homes and/or the children's own homes wherein a Head Start staff visit once per week to provide in-home services. Children who receive home-based services gather periodically with other enrolled families for group learning experiences facilitated by Head Start staff.

Contra Costa County submits an application annually to U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Administration for Children and Families as the Head Start grantee. The annual application includes newly identified goals and objectives for the program. This application was reviewed and approved by the Head Start Policy Council on August 19, 2015.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Approval of this board order will allow the continued provision of Early Head Start services to program eligible children and families.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County will not receive funding to operate Early Head Start childcare centers.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Community Services Bureau of the Employment & Human Services Department's Early Head Start program supports three of Contra Costa County's community outcomes - Outcome 1: "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School," Outcome 3: "Families that are Economically Self-sufficient," and, Outcome 4: "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing." These outcomes are achieved by offering comprehensive services, including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, and health services to low-income children throughout Contra Costa County.

ATTACHMENTS

Early Head Start Grant Narrative