



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: December 8, 2015

Subject: Stipends to foster parents and birth parents for trainings, workshops, and focus groups

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay stipends in an amount not to exceed \$15 per individual for one-half day, or \$25 per individual for one full day to foster parents and birth parents, for a total payment not to exceed of \$95,000, for attendance at training workshops, focus groups, and meetings for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$95,000: 50% Child Welfare Allocation, 10% County, 42% Federal, 48% State (\$47,500); 50% Substance Abuse HIV Funding, 7.5% County, 75% Federal, 17.5% State (\$47,500)

BACKGROUND:

Employment and Human Services (EHSD) supports and convenes trainings, meetings, workshops, and focus groups to meet mandated and discretionary training requirements for foster parents and birth parents. In order to encourage participation, EHSD often includes provisions for a reasonable stipend to be paid to program participants in their funding applications. The involvement of program participants is critical in designing and modifying effective programs.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2015** ☒ 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
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 8, 2015

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Gina Chenoweth
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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without approval of stipends for attendance, foster parents and birth parents may be precluded from attendance and interaction in the ongoing system of change and development of services.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The stipends for trainings, workshops, focus groups, and meeting attendance support all five of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 1) "Children Ready or and Succeeding in School"; 2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; 3) "Families that are Economically Self Sufficient"; 4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing", and 5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families" by encouraging those within the Child Welfare System to participate in various training and informational exchange opportunities.