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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: Contract amendment with FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ Families First (Kinship Program)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst, effective April 15, 2016, to increase the payment limit by \$75,000 to a new payment limit of \$831,125, for additional initial emergency financial support to caregivers raising a relative's child while awaiting home approval for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (State:100%)

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$831,125: State: 100%

BACKGROUND:

FamiliesFirst, Inc. was selected from a competitive procurement, Request for Proposal (RFP #1141 in June 2015 to provide Family Enhancement Collaborative (FEC) services to the Children and Family Services (CFS) Bureau. Services under the FEC included shared family care, kinship, and family preservation. The Kinship Support Services Program provides multiple support services to help relative caregivers and children remain safe, healthy, and nurturing. Kinship services include site-based mentoring services where

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/10/2016** ☒ 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: May 10, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: G.Chenoweth 3-1648

cc:

parents with children in the child Welfare System

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

live with mentor families and receive a variety of professional services so the family can become self-sufficient, safe, and remain together. Initial emergency financial support provides for caregivers to prepare an adequately supplied and welcoming home while awaiting home approval.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Employment and Human Services Department will be unable to provide valuable preparatory services to help children remain safe, healthy and nurtured.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all of the 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 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 providing family support and stability, and safety of children, thereby preventing out-of-home placements.