



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: October 18, 2016

Subject: 2016-17 Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) grant

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Department Director, or designee, to accept funding in the amount of \$286,000 and execute an agreement, including an indemnification clause from Contra Costa County Office of Education for Quality Rating and Improvement System for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% grant funding

Contra Costa County Office of Education

No County match

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department's Community Services Bureau (CSB) submitted a grant application to Contra Costa County Office of Education to receive funding to implement a Quality Rating System through stipends for the Ambrose, Balboa, Bayo Vista, Brookside, Contra Costa College, Crescent Park, George Miller - Concord, George Miller III - Richmond, Las Deltas, Lavonia Allen, Los Arboles, Los Nogales, Marsh Creek, Riverview and Verde childcare sites. Stipends will be used to fund professional growth training for staff to implement the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **10/18/2016** ☒ 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: October 18, 2016

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: CSB (925) 681-6304

cc: Jagjit Bhambra, Ressie Dayco, Cassandra Youngblood

Quality Rating and Improvement System program.

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The stipends are awarded to child care centers to improve the quality services through enhanced professional development for staff and updated, improved site materials. The stipends will be given out on a per classroom basis. The site supervisors, under the direction of Community Services Bureau Assistant Directors, will determine what specific site materials, such as play equipment or educational toys, will be purchased.

Professional development stipends will be distributed to selected classrooms, not to individuals, to fund site-based training for classroom staff.

Selection of site award is determined by which sites have NAEYC (National Association of Education of Young Children) and/or PMD (Preschool Makes a Difference) designations. The CSB Director will make final decisions regarding stipend allocations. Allocation will be based on site designation, size of center population, and professional learning needs as determined through assessment.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the department will not receive funding to implement Quality Rating System components.

## 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

Grant letter

QRIS Agreement

QRIS contract

QRIS CSPP goals

QRIS CSPP expenditures