



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
 Date: August 1, 2017
 Subject: 2017-18 Quality Matters grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Department Director, or designee, to accept funding in the amount of \$248,000 and execute an agreement, including an indemnification clause from Contra Costa County Office of Education for Quality Matters for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% grant funding
 Contra Costa County Office of Education
 No County match
 39-200-2

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 Matters program through stipends for the Balboa, Bayo Vista, Brookside, Crescent Park, George Miller-Concord, George Miller III - Richmond, Las Deltas, Lavonia Allen, Los Arboles, Los Nogales, Riverview childcare centers. Stipends will also be granted

☒ APPROVE ☐ OTHER
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/01/2017** ☒ 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: August 1, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: CSB (925) 681-6389

cc: Nasim Eghlima, Janissa Rowley, Ressie Dayco

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to childcare partners, Little Angels Country School and First Baptist Head Start - Fairgrounds. Stipends will be used to fund professional growth training for staff responsible for program implementation.

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.