



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: May 1, 2018

Subject: Contract with Family Support Services for Comprehensive Respite Services for Foster Parents

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Family Support Services, in an amount not to exceed \$360,317 to provide comprehensive respite services to foster parents and relative caregivers for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funds allocated for this contract are 79% State 2011 Realignment (\$283,569) and 21% County (\$76,748), and are included in the FY 2018/19 department budget.

BACKGROUND:

This contract allows Family Support Services to provide comprehensive high quality in-home, out-of-home and site based respite services to support the relative caregivers and foster parents in their full-time role as caregivers. Family Support Services supports foster caregivers throughout Contra Costa County, most of which foster drug-exposed and medically fragile children. Respite services are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The program is designed to: improve the safety, permanence and well-being of the children

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/01/2018** ☒ 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: May 1, 2018

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

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receiving services; allow the primary caregiver(s) time for necessary self-care and to keep medical and other

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

personal appointments; reduce stress, improve family stability; and ensure families are able to access a range of resources that support permanence, stability and self-sufficiency.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, foster caregivers will not have the opportunity to receive respite services for the children in their care, including those who are drug-exposed and medically fragile.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Respite services support four of Contra Costa County's community outcomes: (1) Children Ready for and Succeeding in School; (2) Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood; (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. Respite services may be used during times of crisis when a caregiver needs to be away from home or when parents or relative caregivers must pursue other activities that temporarily take them away from children whose special needs require ongoing care.