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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: January 15, 2019

Subject: National Head Start Association, Gro More Garden Grants Funding

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept funding from the National Head Start Association, for five Gro More Garden Grants in an amount up to \$5,000 each, for a total of \$25,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive up to \$25,000 in gardening mini-grants. No county match is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The National Head Start Association partnered with Scott's Miracle Gro Foundation to connect young children to healthy food by offering gardening mini-grants to reach Head Start families.

Mini-grants of \$5,000 each will assist Head Start programs to create edible gardens for young children and their families. If awarded, grantees will receive a garden kit which includes raised beds, weed cloth, tub trugs, child-sized hand tools, child-sized shovels, hose and reel, child-sized watering cans, adult and child-sized gloves, tomato towers, pots, seeds,

☒ APPROVE

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ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/15/2019** ☒ 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: January 15, 2019

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

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organic soils and fertilizers, garden planting guides and curriculum. The garden grant is a three

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

year renewable grant program, which includes \$5,000 and a garden kit. Five department children's centers applied for the grant, including George Miller (Concord), Lavonia Allen, (Pittsburg), Los Nogales (Oakley), George Miller III (Richmond), and Crescent Park (Richmond).

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, Department will not be able to pursue this gardening program, which would provide families with increased access to fresh produce.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant will support two of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood" and 4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing" by providing nutritional information and encouragement to families for healthy lifestyles.