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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: March 12, 2019

Subject: Stipends to Foster Parents for Trainings, Workshops, and Focus Groups

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay stipends in an amount not to exceed \$15 per individual for each half day, or \$25 per individual for each full day to foster parents and birth parents, for a total payment amount not to exceed \$50,000 for attendance at training workshops, focus groups, and meetings for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$50,000 of stipends are funded 50% by Child Welfare Allocation, which is 10% County, 48% State, and 42% Federal, and 50% Substance Abuse HIV funding, which is 7.5% County, 17.5% State, and 75% Federal.

BACKGROUND:

Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) supports and convenes trainings, meetings, workshops, and focus groups to meet mandated and discretionary training requirements for foster parents and birth parents. EHSD often includes provisions for reasonable stipends to be paid to program participants in their funding application, in order to encourage participation. The involvement of program participants is critical in designing

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/12/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
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: March 12, 2019

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Elaine burres 608-4960

cc:

and modifying effective programs.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without approval of stipends for attendance to workshops, trainings, and focus groups, foster parents and birth parents may be precluded from attendance and interaction in the ongoing system of change and development of services.