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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: May 21, 2019

Subject: Contract with CocoKids, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with CocoKids, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$674,298, to provide Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children services for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the contract is covered 81% by State funding (State Capped Allocation) and 19% by Federal Title IV-E funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

The lack of access to child care for potential eligible families seeking to take in a foster child is one of the top barriers to placing young foster children with families. The passage of Senate Bill (SB) 89 established the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program). The contractor provides Bridge Program services that include a six-month payment (or voucher) for child care, as well as assistance from child care

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/21/2019** ☒ 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: May 21, 2019

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

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navigator for eligible relative caregivers, eligible families or parenting youth in foster

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

care. The contractor also provides trauma-informed care training and coaching to child care providers who care for children in foster care.

The purpose of this program is to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Availability of ideal placement of foster children with eligible families may be limited.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all five of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 1) "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School"; 2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; 3) "Families that are Economically Self Sufficient"; 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" by providing safe housing and support to assist youth in foster care.