



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
 Date: June 18, 2019
 Subject: Seneca Family of Agencies Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Children and Family Services Bureau, to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$97,738 from Seneca Family of Agencies as the lead applicant for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Community Collaborations to Strengthen Families for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$97,738 from Seneca Family of Agencies, as a subrecipient to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families Community Collaborations to Strengthen Families grant over a five year period. Funding is 100% Federal, with no County match.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the grant is to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies for strengthening families. These projects will address site-specific barriers in order to reduce the number of unnecessary removals of children from their families. During

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

Action of Board On: **06/18/2019** ☒ 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: June 18, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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the project period, grantees will address site-specific barriers and mobilize communities to prevent child maltreatment, reduce entry into the public

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

>child welfare system, and enhance the overall well-being outcomes of children and families. The program aims to develop integrated family support systems through a continuum of community-based prevention services that can support families early and strengthen protective factors before formal involvement with the child welfare system is necessary.

To this end, Seneca Family of Agencies and Employment and Human Services (EHSD) will provide the following:

- Services at 4-6 West Contra Costa Unified School District schools where Seneca already provides mental health and school-wide culture and climate services
- Provided by 1 FTE coordinator, 2 FTE clinicians, 1 FTE family partner
- Three tiers of services depending on family need:
 - Tier One (approximately 250 families/year): Resource warm line available to all families at target schools; Parenting classes available to families at target schools; Training and consultation for school staff and teachers around pathways for meeting family need.
 - Tier Two (approximately 50 families/year): Families with needs greater than the warm line will be referred to the Coordinator of Services Team; Protective Factors Survey for families to identify target areas of need; Parent support groups and workshop series.
 - Tier Three (approximately 40-48 families/year): Case management services for 4-6 months including linkages to resources; home visits; family therapy; parent coaching, flex funds

EHSD Children and Family Services Bureau (CFS) will partner with Seneca Family of Agencies and contracted partners to deliver the prevention services outlined in the proposal application to the Department of Health and Human Services. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

The benefits of the grant include leveraging existing CFS and community partners to address gaps in services for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, supporting the overall well-being outcomes of children and families, including changes in risk and protective factors by using data to inform and align strategies across sectors and address site-specific barriers, and provides a focus on prevention in order for children to remain safely in their homes and avert out-of-home and foster care placements. The Department is aware that the sustainability of program funding beyond the end of the grant term, September 30, 2024, may be a challenge.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, Employment and Human Services, Children and Family Services Bureau ,will continue to face an increasing number of entries into the Child Welfare System and in removal from home of children and youth in the West County region.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant will support two of the five 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 supporting the cohesive family unit.