



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: July 23, 2019

Subject: Contract with Family Support Services for Comprehensive Respite Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Family Support Services, a Non-Profit Corporation of California, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to provide comprehensive respite services to foster parents and relative caregivers for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract will increase the department budget expenditures by \$350,000 to be funded by 21% County and 79% State 2011 Realignment funds.

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 resource families (i.e., foster parents) in their full-time role as caregivers. Respite Services provide caregivers a break from child caring responsibilities, even for short periods of time, and on a non-recurring basis to help ensure primary caregivers have the time for necessary self-care, rest and relief, and to keep medical and other personal appointments. Family Support Services supports relative and resource family caregivers with respite services

☐ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/23/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
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: July 23, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact:

cc:

throughout Contra Costa County, where

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

many of these caregivers are supporting 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 receiving services; allow the primary caregiver(s) time for necessary self-care and to keep medical and other 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. Contract language subject to approval by the County Administrator's Office.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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.