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County**

To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
 Date: August 6, 2019
 Subject: City of Richmond, Children's Interview Center Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from City of Richmond for Children's Interview Center services for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive \$60,000 from the City of Richmond. There is no County match.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1996 the Children's Interview Center (Center) has worked in partnership with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, Employment and Human Services Children and Family Services Bureau, County Mental Health, police department, and other community agencies as part of a County wide multidisciplinary team working collaboratively, to respond primarily to allegations of child sexual abuse, but also to allegations of child physical abuse or witnesses to other traumatic events. The Center provides forensic interviews and exams for child victims of sexual assault. The Center provides skilled interviewers in a child friendly setting to decrease the child's trauma by minimizing the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/06/2019** ☒ 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: August 6, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

number of interviews

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

required of child victims. Standardized evidence collection processes that increase the number of cases prosecuted have been implemented at the Center. This funding will allow the Center to maintain services to child victims of sexual abuse.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding the Children's interview Center services and staffing could be impacted.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The funding supports three of the community impact outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: (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"; by immediately addressing the needs of children abused or at risk of abuse.