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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: October 8, 2019

Subject: Amend Contract with CocoKids, Inc. for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with CocoKids, Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation, effective October 1, 2019 to increase the payment limit by \$232,980 to a new payment limit of \$907,278 to provide additional Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children services, with no change to term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This will increase department expenditures by \$232,980 for a total department expenditure of \$907,278, funded by 83% State Capped Allocation funds and 17% Federal Title IV-E funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

The lack of access to childcare 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 contract provided Bridge Program services during Fiscal 2018-2019 and this contract represents a renewal contract for Fiscal 2019-2020. The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/08/2019** ☒ 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: October 8, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Gina Chenoweth  
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contractor provides Bridge

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Program services that include six-month payment (or voucher) for childcare, as well as assistance from childcare navigator for eligible relative caregivers, eligible families or parenting youth in foster care. The contractor also provides trauma-informed care training and coaching to childcare 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 childcare programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the childcare needs of eligible families.

The original contract, in the amount of \$674,298, was approved by the Board of Supervisors at its May 21, 2019 meeting (c.71). This contract amendment will increase the payment limit due to the County receiving additional funds from the State. As the State continues to implement the program, the number of counties participating has fluctuated and thus the final allocation increased as of July 25, 2019.

### 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.