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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: January 21, 2020

Subject: Caregiver Appreciation Recognition Event

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Concord Hotel LLC, dba Crowne Plaza Concord/Walnut Creek, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to provide the facility for the Foster Parent Recognition Support Program, Caregiver Appreciation Recognition event scheduled for May 13, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The facility rental charge is up to \$6,000 funded from AB 2129 Foster Parent Training and Recruitment room space, as stated in County Fiscal Letter (CDL) 97/98-26. Funding is 50% Federal and 50% State.

**BACKGROUND:**

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) works in collaboration with California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) Finance Advisory Committee. CDSS authorizes recognition events coordinated by counties to recognize the achievements of current foster parents, help retain their valuable services, and recruit potential parents.

Recognition events are allowable under 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/21/2020** ☒ 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: January 21, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

1856.60(c)(2)(vii). Effective September 1997, counties may claim the allowable foster parent recruitment costs

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

using AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment as stated in CFL 97-98-26.

On May 13, 2020, Employment and Human Services, Children and Family Services Bureau, will host a caregiver appreciation event for kin and non-kin caregivers (foster parents and caregivers). Provision of food and beverages during the recognition event is allowable under the CDSS State allocation funds set for "caregiver appreciation" activities.

The contract for the event includes language that requires the County to indemnify Crowne Plaza Hotel Concord for injuries or damage caused by attendees during the event.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Not hosting the requested event would inhibit the County's ability to attract and retain current and prospective foster parents for Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD). With various child welfare regulations impacting the Continuum of Care Reform and Resource Family Approval, it is essential EHSD maintains and finds foster parents to open their homes for the County's vulnerable, at risk, and needy youth to avoid and prevent manifestation of mental, physical and social issues (i.e. homelessness, health concerns).