



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: October 13, 2020

Subject: Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to issue payments to Private Adoptions Agencies, per California State Assembly Bill 1301 in an amount not to exceed \$880,000 for reimbursements to Private Adoptions Agencies serving youth who would otherwise be in Foster Care for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$880,000 for Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program, Assembly Bill 1301 (50% State 2011 Realignment Funds, 50% Federal)

BACKGROUND:

The Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) is an incentive program for private adoption agencies to recruit adoptive families for children who would otherwise remain in foster care because of age, membership in a sibling group, medical or psychological disability or other circumstance that would make adoptive placement of these children especially difficult, reference Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/13/2020** ☒ 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: October 13, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Section 16122. Since the initial implementation in 1999, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has been responsible for collecting and processing claims from private adoption agencies, including reimbursement of standardized rates to the private adoption agencies for adoption support. With the recent passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1301, the claiming and reimbursement process has shifted to the county child welfare agencies.

Effective July 1, 2020 as outlined in All County Letter 20-85 dated August 20, 2020, county child welfare agencies will assume local control of the PAARP and be required to compensate licensed private adoption agencies for the costs associated with supporting families through the process of adopting children and Non-Minor Dependents eligible for Adoption Assistance Program benefits.

The new PAARP reimbursement for children adopted by resource families approved by dually licensed private nonprofit foster family and adoptions agencies is eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) each; and the new PAARP reimbursement for dually licensed private nonprofit foster family and adoption agencies that, upon the request of the county, provide adoption support activities for adoptive placement and/or finalization for resource families that were approved by the County or another Foster Family Agency (FFA), is six thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600) each.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

County would not be in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 1301.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports one community outcome established in the Children's Report Card: "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; by placing youth who would otherwise remain in foster care into adoptive families.