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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: April 20, 2021

Subject: Stipends to Foster and Birth Parents for Trainings, Workshops, and Focus Groups

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay stipends in an amount not to exceed \$150 per Resource Family or birth parent for the successful completion of Heritage training as approved by the Employment and Human Services Department for a total payment amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$50,000 of stipends are funded 50% by Child Welfare funds (18% County, 44% State, and 38% Federal).

CFDA No. 93.658

**BACKGROUND:**

Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) supports and convenes trainings, meetings, workshops, and focus groups to meet mandated and discretionary training requirements for foster parents (now referred to as "Resource Families") and birth parents. EHSD often includes provisions for reasonable stipends to be paid to program participants in their funding application, in order to encourage participation. The involvement of

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COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/20/2021** ☒ 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: April 20, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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program participants is critical in designing and modifying effective programs.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without approval of stipends for attendance to workshops, trainings, and focus groups, Resource Families and birth parents may be precluded from attendance and interaction in the ongoing system of change and development of services.