



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Contract with Wayfinder Family Services for Kinship Support Services in East County

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Wayfinder Family Services, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$381,051, to provide Kinship Support Services to relative caregivers of relative's children in East County for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This Contract is subject to approval by the County Administrator and approval as to form by the County Counsel. This contract may be executed retroactive to July 1, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$381,051: This contract is funded 100% by State 2011 Realignment Funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

Wayfinder Family Services was selected from a competitive bid process, Request for Proposal (RFP) #1175 in 2020-2021, to

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ 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: June 22, 2021

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: A. Bailey-Nesbitt,  
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cc:

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

provide the Kinship Support Services Program for East Contra Costa County. The Kinship program provides community-based family support services to relative caregivers and the dependent children placed in their homes by the juvenile court as well as for those who are at risk of dependency or delinquency. Additionally, these programs will provide post-permanency services to relative caregivers who have become the legal guardian or adoptive parent of formerly dependent children. Wayfinder Family Services will provide multiple support services for relative and non-relative caregivers including site based mentoring, case management, support groups, recreational/group activities, respite, emergency assistance and educational forums.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Services will not be provided to support relative caregivers in successfully raising their kin and preventing the removal of children from an extended family when the biological parents are unable to provide care.

### 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 family support, stability, and safety of children, thereby preventing out-of-home placement.