



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Renewal Contract with Wayfinder Family Services for Child Welfare Resource Family Pre-Approval Supportive Services for Foster Youth FY21-22

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 \$419,000, to provide resource family pre-approval supportive services to potential foster families 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:

This will increase department expenditures by \$419,000 to be funded by 100% State 2011 Realignment.

BACKGROUND:

Resource Family Approvals are a critical component of finding families that are willing and able to support youth involved

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

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

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

in Children and Family Services (CFS). The purpose of the Resource Families Pre-Approval Supportive Services program is to provide permanency focused outreach, engagement, resource family pre-approval assessments and associated activities to secure supports, lifelong connections and ideally permanent placement for foster youth.

Wayfinder Family Services (Contractor) was selected in Fiscal 2019-2020 from a competitive bid process. The Contractor works closely with CFS staff to deliver Resource Family Pre-Approval services to ensure Contra Costa County foster youth reside in a safe and nurturing environment.

Services provided by the Contractor include the following: Perform Family Evaluations (previously called Psychosocial Assessments) in compliance with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Resource Family Approval (RFA) program; communicating general progress in completing assessments with County staff; out-of-county RFA pre-approvals of potential caregivers, as needed; participating in Child Family Team meetings as needed or requested; gathering statistical data for measuring progress on performance outcomes and goals; and establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with County staff, kin and non-kin caregivers, and community members.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County foster youth will have less access to supportive services to identify, approve and transition into appropriate stable permanent placements.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports four of the five 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 Safe, Stable and Nurturing; and 4) Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families by placing foster youth into appropriate, stable and permanent placements.