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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: September 7, 2021

Subject: California Department of Social Services, Resource Family Approval Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/254 to approve and authorize the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a non-financial contract with the California Department of Social Services to provide legal consultation and representation services associated with the Resource Family Approval Program for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. This is a non-financial contract.

BACKGROUND:

Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program is a new unified, family-friendly and child-centered caregiver approval process created to replace multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relatives and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving adoptive families. It is a streamlined set of standards for resource family approvals which allow for the safety, permanence, and well-being of the children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect and decreases the length of time for each child to obtain permanency. RFA was created in 2017 as part of the Continuum of Care

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/07/2021** ☒ 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: September 7, 2021

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

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cc:

Reform (CCR) which was authorized by Senate bill 1013

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

(Chapter 35, Statutes of 2013). California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides legal consultation and legal representation services in administrative action appeals associated with the RFA program. Pursuant to Government Code section 30029.7, subdivision (a)(3), the County and CDSS may enter into an agreement for CDSS to provide services or activities related to RFA. The agreement contains a mutual indemnification clause.

After negotiation with CDSS on this agreement in December 2020, a finalized agreement was received from CDSS on July 21, 2021.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The department will not have additional legal representation capacity to address RFA appeals.

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 a streamline process in expediting service delivery to children and non-minor dependents.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2021/254