



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: September 7, 2021

Subject: 2022 Early Head Start Continuation Grant

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept grant funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, in an amount not to exceed \$9,013,798 for Early Head Start Program services for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and AUTHORIZE the Chair of Board of Supervisors to sign the grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 budget. The County, as Grantee, is required to generate a 25% non-federal match of the total grant-budget. For 2022, the match amount equates to \$2,253,449, which will be achieved through collaboration with State Child Development programs and the volunteer hours generated from Early Head Start parents and community partners.

100% Federal funds. No County Cost. CFDA #93.600

☒ 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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: A. Bailey-Nesbitt,  
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cc:

## BACKGROUND:

Early Head Start is a federal program that serves low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers from birth to age three. The program design supports and nurtures healthy attachments between the child and their family. Early Head Start programs provide quality child care, child development, and other services including, medical, mental health, and dental services. Head Start/Early Head Start also offers comprehensive services, including health, nutrition, social and other services determined as necessary via family needs assessments. These services respond to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage. Children and families access these services through various service models, including centers or schools that children attend half or full-day, family childcare homes, and/or the children's own homes - a Head Start staff visit once per week to provide in-home services. Children who receive home-based services gather periodically with other enrolled families for group learning experiences facilitated by Head Start staff. Contra Costa County applies annually to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, as the Head Start grantee. The annual application includes newly identified goals and objectives for the program. This is year four of a five-year grant cycle. The year three continuation application was approved by the Board on September 22, 2020. This application was reviewed and approved by the Head Start Policy Council on August 18, 2021. Approval of this board order request will allow the continued provision of Early Head Start services to program eligible children and families.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the County will not receive funding to operate Early Head Start childcare centers.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Community Services Bureau of the Employment & Human Services Department's Early Head Start program supports three of Contra Costa County's community outcomes - Outcome 1: "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School," Outcome 3: "Families that are Economically Self-sufficient," and, Outcome 4: "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing." These outcomes are achieved by offering comprehensive services, including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, and health services to low-income pregnant women and families throughout Contra Costa County.

## ATTACHMENTS

EHS Funding Letter

EHS Budget Narrative