



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: 2021-22 Quality Matters Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept funding in the amount of \$102,400 and execute an agreement with Contra Costa County Office of Education for Quality Matters programs for the period October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is entirely funded by Contra Costa County Office of Education.
No County Match.

BACKGROUND:

The Department's Community Services Bureau (CSB) submitted a grant application to Contra Costa County Office of Education to receive funding to implement a Quality Matters program through stipends for the following childcare centers: Balboa, George Miller, Bayo Vista, Crescent Park, GM III, Lavonia Allen, Los Arboles, Los Nogales and Riverview. Stipends will be used to fund professional growth training for staff implementing the program.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/05/2021** ☒ 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: October 5, 2021

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: CSB (925) 681-6389

cc: Theodore Trinh, Isabel Renggenathen, Komal Dayal

The stipends are awarded to

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

childcare centers to improve the quality of services through enhanced professional development for staff and updated, improved site materials. The stipends will be given out on a per classroom basis. The site supervisors, under the direction of Community Services Bureau Assistant Directors, will determine what specific site materials, such as play equipment or educational toys, will be purchased.

Professional development stipends will be distributed to selected classrooms, not to individuals, to fund site-based training for classroom staff.

Selection of site award is determined by which sites have National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and/or Preschool Makes a Difference (PMD) designations. The CSB Director will make final decisions regarding stipend allocations. Allocation will be based on site designation, size of center population, and professional learning needs as determined through assessment. The agreement includes a clause to indemnify the County Office of Education.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Department will not receive funding to implement Quality Rating System components.

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 children throughout Contra Costa County.