



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director
Date: May 24, 2022

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 \$417,500 to provide resource family pre-approval supportive services to potential foster families for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will increase department expenditures by \$417,500 to be funded by 100% State 2011 Realignment, all of which is already budgeted in FY 2022-23.

BACKGROUND:

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

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/24/2022** ☒ 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: May 24, 2022

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

Wayfinder Family Services (Contractor) was selected in FY 2019-2020 from a competitive bid process. The Contractor works closely with CFS staff to

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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: Performing 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.