



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director
Date: June 21, 2022
Subject: FY 2021-2022 Aspiranet Contract

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Aspiranet in an amount not to exceed \$223,198 to reimburse the contractor for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and enhancement to support staff, families and children returning to Head Start and Early Head Start programs as set forth by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), for the term June 22, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$223,198: This contract is 100% funded by federal grant funds. The \$223,198 supplemental childcare funds, all of which is budgeted in FY 21-22, are part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. CFDA/AL 93.600.

BACKGROUND:

These supplemental childcare funds are part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act one-time funding.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/21/2022** ☒ 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: June 21, 2022

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

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By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

This contract is to reimburse Aspiranet for costs incurred between July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023 that are related to the COVID-19 pandemic and enhancements to support staff, families, and children returning to Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Since this Board Order will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022, the term of this contract will be for the period June 22, 2022 through March 31, 2023, which has been approved by County Counsel. However, the Contractor is allowed to submit reimbursement requests related to eligible expenses dating back to July 1, 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic funding for this new contract supplements existing contracts awarded to Aspiranet on July 13, 2021 through Board Order [C. 57](#).

Both the ARP and CRRSA Acts expand flexibility to provide childcare assistance to families and children, support child care providers, and provide lead agencies with additional funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Use of funds are to continue supporting children and families and investing in safe and high-quality early childhood learning opportunities for children. Expenditures to be reimbursed must be related to COVID-19.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County will not be able to more widely distribute childcare availability through partnership with community-based agencies.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment and Human Services Department Community Services Bureau 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.