



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director

Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Amend Contract with Wayfinder Family Services for Kinship Support Services in East County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Wayfinder Family Services, a non-profit corporation, to increase the payment limit by \$103,000 to a new payment limit of \$484,051 to provide additional Kinship Support Services to relative caregivers of relative's children in East County with no change to the term.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment will increase department expenditures by \$103,000 for a total department expenditure of \$484,051, funded by 100% State 2011 Realignment revenues, all of which is already budgeted in FY 2022-23.

BACKGROUND:

Per Public Law (PL) Notification 110-351, and County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 21/22-59, to conform to federal regulations, counties are required to reinvest all savings resulting from application of the De-link of federal eligibility income requirements to Adoptions cases. Per

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/13/2022** ☒ 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: September 13, 2022

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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the reinvestment requirements, a portion of the savings must be spent on post-adoption, post-guardianship

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

services, and services to support and sustain positive permanent outcomes for children who otherwise might enter into Foster Care under the responsibility of the State. The Kinship Support Services Program currently provides post-guardianship services and services to support kin youth who are at risk of dependency or delinquency. To support the utilization and reinvestment requirements of this funding, the contract terms and budget were renegotiated with existing Employment and Human Services Kinship Support Services contractors.

Wayfinder Family Services (Contractor) provides the Kinship Support Services Program for East Contra Costa County. The Kinship Support Services Program provides community-based family support services to relative caregivers and the dependent children placed in their homes by the juvenile court as well as for those who are at risk of dependency or delinquency, which includes providing post-permanency services to relative caregivers who have become the legal guardian or adoptive parent of formerly dependent children. The Contractor provides multiple support services for relative and non-relative caregivers including site based mentoring, case management, support groups, recreational/group activities, respite, emergency assistance and educational forums. With the additional funding, the Contractor will provide enhanced post guardianship services and provide an enhanced academic achievement program for youth and young adults enrolled in the kinship program to support positive outcomes and reduce the risk of dependency and delinquency.

Approval of this contract amendment will allow the Contractor to implement and provide enhanced Kinship Support Services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Previous contracts for these services with the Contractor have been authorized by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022 (C.88) for FY22/23, and on June 22, 2021 (C.76) for FY21/22.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not be in compliance with federal and state funding reinvestment requirements. In addition, enhanced Kinship Support Services will not be provided to support relative caregivers in successfully raising their kin, achieve guardianship, and improving academic achievement for at risk youth when the biological parents are unable to provide care.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all five (5) 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 family support, stability, and safety of children, thereby preventing out-of-home placement.

