



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director
Date: May 16, 2023

Subject: Stipends to Foster and Birth Parents for Trainings, Workshops, and Focus Groups

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay stipends in an amount not to exceed \$150 per Resource Family or birth parent for the successful completion of Heritage training as approved by the Employment and Human Services Department for a total payment amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The stipends are funded with 38% federal, 44% state, and 18% County funds, \$12,500 which is budgeted in FY 23/24 and \$12,500 will be included in the 24/25 budget. (CFDA No. 93.658)

BACKGROUND:

The Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) supports and convenes trainings, meetings, workshops, and focus groups to meet mandated and discretionary training requirements for foster parents (now referred to as "Resource Families") and birth parents. EHSD often includes provisions for reasonable stipends to be paid to program participants in their funding application, in order to encourage participation. The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/16/2023** ☒ 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
Ken Carlson, 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 16, 2023

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

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involvement of program participants is critical in designing and modifying effective programs.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without approval of stipends for attendance to workshops, trainings, and focus groups, Resource Families and birth parents may be precluded from attendance and interaction in the ongoing system of change and development of services.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

These stipends support three of Contra Costa County's community outcomes: (2) Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood; (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.