

County of Monterey

Item No.

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

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Board Report

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b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$47,243) of the original contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of \$519,676.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This agreement funds the operation of the Visitation Center, which is a court ordered service that is an essential component of a Case Plan for Family Reunification when children have been removed from the custody of their parents as the result of child abuse and/or neglect and/or to facilitate contact with parties who have a connection with the child.

The intent of a Visitation Center is to provide a safe homelike environment in which a parent, parents, or interested parties can interact with children to develop positive parenting skills, maintain contact, and facilitate bonding while under the supervision of parent coaches, mentors, therapists and/or staff.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreements as to form, as has the Auditor-Controller's Office as to financial provisions.

FINANCING:

Funding for these services is provided with a combination of Federal, State and Realignment revenues. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in Fund 001-SOC005 are included in the FY2024-25 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to improve the quality of life for children at risk of abuse and neglect by expanding the Department's ability to work in collaboration with the community.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:
Economic Development
Administration
X Health & Human Services
Infrastructure
Public Safety
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Approved by: Lori A. Medina, Director, Ext.,4430
Attachment: Agreement
Proposed agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board
Report.