

**MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MEETING: July 27, 2010 - CONSENT**

**AGENDA NO: 33**

**SUBJECT:** a) Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social and Employment Services, or his designee, to sign a funding agreement from First 5 Monterey County in the amount of \$980,346 for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 to support the Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (C.A.R.E.S.) Program; and  
b) Authorize the Director of the Department of Social & Employment Services, or his designee, to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement, where the total amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

**DEPARTMENT:** Social & Employment Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION**

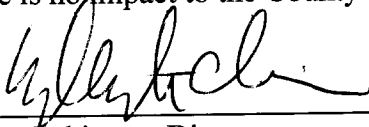
The Monterey County Child Care Planning Council was awarded a two-year grant by the First 5 Monterey County Commission in May 2009 through a competitive bid process. Fiscal year 2010-2011 is the last year of the grant. This grant funds the CARES Program, which focuses on increasing the education of Monterey County's child caregiver workforce by providing financial incentives to early care educators and family child care providers. The goal is for CARES Program participants to complete college credits that will help them move up the Child Development Permit Matrix, achieve an Associate or Bachelor degree, earn a specialization, or enhance their education in Early Childhood Education, or Child Development. In addition to completing college units, each CARES participant must meet certain program requirements to be eligible for the CARES financial incentive.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

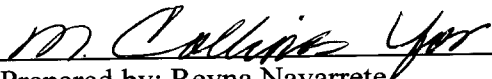
County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement.

**FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the 2010-11 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

  
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Elliott Robinson, Director  
Department of Social Services

Date: 7/8/10

  
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Date: 7/8/10