



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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- b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$26,740) of the amended contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of \$294,406.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this Agreement is for the County of Monterey Department of Social Services Family and Children's Services (FCS) and Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) to utilize Complex Care Capacity Building funds awarded by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to support the start-up costs for the development of a highly integrated continuum of care that will serve foster youth who are in crisis.

DISCUSSION:

This Agreement will support the start-up of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and two Enhanced Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (E-STRTP) beds managed by Seneca Family of Agencies. The CSU includes four-beds that provide up to 23 hours, 59 minutes of individualized, targeted crisis stabilization services. Youth eligible to Medi-Cal may be brought to the CSU via ambulance from an emergency department. The E-STRTP model is designed to serve youth who need longer-term stabilization in an individualized home-like placement while providing the added stability from full-time staff.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

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

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded with Complex Care Capacity Building child welfare and probation allocations. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOC005 are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This agreement correlates to the Well-Being and Quality of Life Strategic Plan Goal adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to improve the quality of life for children who have been victims, or are at high risk, of abuse or neglect. This Agreement will support the start-up costs for the development of a highly integrated continuum of care that will serve foster youth who are in crisis.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy
- Administrative

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Attachments: Agreement

The proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.