



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) program was authorized through Senate Bill 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) and requires the State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the county welfare agencies, foster parent associations, and other interested community parties, to implement a unified, family friendly and child-centered resource family approval process. Prior to RFA, there were different application, assessment, and approval processes for relatives, near-kin and licensed foster family, guardianship and adoptive homes.

This agreement will fund Seneca Family of Agencies to support the RFA Program to ensure families are assessed for RFA approval in a timely manner. This includes ensuring open communication with the Department of Social Services - Family & Children's Services, oversight of adherence to RFA requirements and time frames, discussion and decision making regarding written referral and assessment issues, evaluation of contract usage and effectiveness, and making recommendations for processing, or process modifications.

Seneca is a full-service agency providing family evaluation assessments to Resource Families and continues to provide services focused on retention efforts to ensure children remain in Monterey County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this Agreement. County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded by Social Services Federal and State revenues. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for Social Services 001-5010-SOC005 are included in the FY 2022-23 Recommended 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 foster children by expanding capacity for timely completion of Resource Family Approvals.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachment: Agreement

Proposed agreement is filed with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.