



Board Report

File #: A 24-301, **Version:** 1

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, First 5 Monterey County shall act as the lead agency for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program working in collaboration with Subcontractors. The program will connect parents with necessary resources, improve their parenting skills through early educational learning and playing, and ensure that their children have a safe and nurturing environment that allows them to thrive and grow. The goal of the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program is to support families to learn and expand parenting and child development skills and knowledge, as well as engage in positive behaviors that support children's school readiness.

The Home Visiting Program will serve 158 enrolled families during the fiscal year who have children ranging in age from prenatal to 24 months old at the time of enrollment. An original and/or a subsequent child may remain in the program for a combined total of two (2) years regardless of the ages at enrollment. The Home Visiting Program may also serve other populations with State approval should the need arise.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded by the CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative allocation of \$474,977 and \$368,883 in County General Fund Contributions. The General Fund Contribution amount was requested by the Department and supported by the Board of Supervisors at the May 29, 2024, Budget Hearing in response to the State budget funding impacts sustained by the Department. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in

the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget. Approval of this recommendation does not change the overall total General Fund Contributions for the Department included in the Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by providing parenting skills and support to 158 CalWORKs customers. The skills and experience gained will help reduce child abuse, neglect, and trauma and nurture healthy child development.

Check 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 on file with Clerk to the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.