



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: 15-0950, **Version:** 1

- a. Approve the Renewal and Amendment to the agreement between the Monterey County Probation Department and First 5 Monterey County reimbursing the Probation Department in the amount of \$220,000 for a total aggregate of \$550,000, and extending the term date through June 30, 2017 for the Child Advocate Program; and
- b. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign the Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Probation Department has been a funded partner of First 5 Monterey County since 2003, and has been approved for continuous funding on an annual basis for the Child Advocate Program through June 30, 2017. This Amendment adds funding in the amount of \$220,000 to the existing agreement for continuation of services in Fiscal Years 15-16 and 16-17.

DISCUSSION:

The School Readiness Expansion collaborative is a strong partnership with local agencies and organizations serving children ages 0-5. The collaboration focuses on continuing the development and expansion of a school readiness system designed to prepare children for success in school by supporting their physical, emotional, and cognitive development during the first few years of life.

Probation's Child Advocate Program provides service to children ages 0-5 years where at least one parent is on probation. The focus of the program is to ensure that children who come from chaotic or violent home environments are developmentally and emotionally prepared to enter kindergarten. The unit is staffed with a Probation Officer and two Child Advocates, which intensely monitor each family for three to six months. The team provides ongoing home visitation to help insure a safe and stable environment, and offer referrals to community resources and parent education classes, based on the needs identified by the team. The unit works with approximately 120 families per year.

The proposed Amendment allocates funding in the amount of \$110,000 for each of FY 15-16 and 16-17 to ensure continuation of services to the affected children and families.

A copy of the Amendment is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Agreement has been approved by County Counsel as to legal form and by the Auditor-Controller as to fiscal terms.

FINANCING:

Funding in the amount of \$330,000 was already included in PRO001- Probation to support the program during fiscal year 2012- 2015. An additional \$110,000 is allocated for each fiscal year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, for a total of \$550,000 in funds for this grant award. There will be no impact on General Fund Contributions associated with this recommendation.

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Attachments: Amendment to First 5 Agreement