



Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This agreement with The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation provides childcare services to eligible children with an open Child Welfare case with the County of Monterey. These services support the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program in Monterey County, funded by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to provide counties with the funding needed to provide childcare for foster care children placed in in-home family settings. The intent of the program is to alleviate common barriers to placing foster youth in family care settings by providing temporary childcare services and resources to assist families in identifying long-term childcare.

The State of California Education Code, Article 12, Section 8279, requires that each county maintain the level of expenditures for child development services provided by the county during the 1970-71 fiscal year. Activities performed in this agreement meet the requirements of this Maintenance of Effort.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Social Services Federal and State revenues as well as \$89,482 of County General Funds each fiscal year, which is the Maintenance of Effort funding required by Education Code 8279. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for Social Services Fund 001-SOC005 are included in the FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget. FY 2025-26 costs will be requested through the corresponding annual budget process. Approval of this action will not change the departments' general fund contributions.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Administration and Health and Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department of Social Services to meet the requirements of, and leverage funding from, the State Funded Child Care Bridge Program, while improving the health, wellness, and safety of foster youth under the supervision of Monterey County.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐ Economic Development
☒ Administration
☒ Health & Human Services
☐ Infrastructure
☐ Public Safety

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Attachments: Agreement

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