



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

High School Equivalency (HSE), formerly known as General Education Development (GED), is an Education Directly Related to Employment (EDRTE) Welfare-to-Work (WTW) activity authorized under WIC Section 11322.6(k) and MPP 42-716.1(o). EDTRE, as defined in MPP 42-701.2(e)(1), is primarily for adult education leading to an HSE diploma, which is required as a prerequisite for employment.

The Monterey County Department of Social Services (DSS) is seeking to continue to provide HSE exam preparation classes to individuals referred by California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Employment Services (CWES) at the One-Stop Career Center in Salinas only and no longer in South County. The HSE program will fill the identified services gap for the low-income population as indicated in the Community Action Plan 2011-2013. This service gap was created by the severe loss of State funding to the Salinas Adult School for HSE classes.

HSE classes shall be offered at the Salinas One-Stop Career Centers for six (6) hours per day, in two (2) three-hour segments. Customers will receive group and individual instruction to prepare them to successfully pass their HSE exams. The HSE instructor shall be in regular communication with the assigned CWES Case Manager (CCM) regarding the customer's performance, attendance, and test readiness.

Soledad Unified School District's (SUSD) Board approved this agreement on June 12th. Due to administrative delays, DSS did not receive signed agreements from Soledad in time to bring the signed agreement to your board prior to the contract term start date. An unsigned agreement is brought for your approval today but the final agreement will be signed by both SUSD and the 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 the CalWORKs Single Allocation. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOC005 are included in the FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget. Future fiscal year costs will be included in the corresponding budget request.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Economic Development and Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by providing access to High School Equivalency instruction and testing. This access leads to improved employment opportunities which can result in improved overall quality of life for WTW customers.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachments: SUSD Agreement

Original agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board report.