County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 21-336, **Version:** 1

a. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign an Agreement with Door to Hope in the amount of $471,138 for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to provide parent education to families who are involved with, or at-risk for child protective services intervention; and
b. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) additional amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% ($47,113) of the contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:
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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:
This agreement provides ongoing interactive parent education services to families in need of, or at-risk for child protective services intervention. These families fall within one of the following three categories:
1. Parents involved with prevention and early intervention services, including the county's differential response program, currently known as the Pathways to Safety program;
2. Parents who are receiving Court Mandated or Voluntary Family Maintenance Services; and
3. Parents who receive Court Mandated or Voluntary Family Reunification Services.

Parents as Teachers is a family education and therapy program for parents and their children. The program was founded on the belief that parents serve as a child's first and most influential teachers, and that effective parenting during a child's early years builds a lasting foundation for success in school and life. This service is provided on a one-on-one basis for children ages 0-5, and incudes hands-on instruction by certified Parent Educators with a focus on enhancing the parents' knowledge of child development and parenting skills. Expansion of this program allows for greater emphasis on engaging with families prior to formal intervention with the Child Welfare system, a primary prevention and family well-being service. Currently services are being provided according to safety protocols and will change as conditions permit.

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 fully funded with Social Services Federal and State revenues and Realignment funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOCOO5 are included in the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget. Future fiscal year costs will be requested through the corresponding budget process.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:
This amendment 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 families by providing interactive parent education services to families in need of, or at risk of child protective services intervention.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

___Economic Development
___Administration
_X_Health & Human Services
___Infrastructure
___Public Safety

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Attachments: Door to Hope Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report