

Board Report

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This Agreement with Binti, Inc. provides the Department of Social Services (DSS), Family and Children's Service Branch with software and support services for tracking the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program throughout Monterey County.

RFA was authorized through Senate Bill 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) and requires the California Department of Social Services, in consultation with the county welfare agencies, foster parent associations, and other interested community parties, to implement a unified, family friendly and child-centered resource family approval process. In addition, RFA prepares families to better meet the needs of vulnerable children in the foster care system and allows seamless transition to permanency. This Agreement provides RFA upgrades and unifies approval standards for all caregivers by replacing and streamlining the existing processes for licensing foster family homes, approving relative and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving adoptive homes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this Agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

Funding for this agreement is provided through Federal and State Social Services Funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in SOC005 are included in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing DSS to improve the quality of life for foster children by expanding capacity for timely

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completion of resource family approvals.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives: __Economic Development __Administration X Health & Human Services __Infrastructure __Public Safety Prepared by: Arthur B. Lomboy, BTA IV x3557

Approved by: Lori A. Medina, DSS Director x4430

Attachment: Original Agreement Amendment #1 Amendment #2 Proposed Amendment #3

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