



Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Health Department Agreement with the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Development Initiative (fiscally sponsored by F5MC) will provide funding for the following: School Readiness Assessment, Family Friendly Business Strategic Planning, and Capacity Building for Trauma-Informed Practices. The collaborative work of the Bright Beginnings Initiative is guided by the countywide early childhood development strategic framework, "Together, Preparing Every Child for Life and School," which after the launch of the framework, has already reinforced a shift in how we approach our work. The Projects are multidisciplinary and cross-agency and designed around the holistic wellbeing of a child.

During FY 2021-2022, the primary objectives of the strategic framework are to universally double the proportion of children ready for kindergarten, from 25% to 50% of children, and specifically to decrease the gap in Kindergarten readiness between children of low-income and children of non-low-income families, by 2025. Invest in Child Care stipends, which allow a family to choose the best types of care to meet their children's needs. The start date of this Agreement to start upon execution. The approval of this Agreement will enable Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Development Initiative (fiscally sponsored by F5MC) to continue to support a system of care so that young children are ready for life and school, with their holistic needs for wellbeing are met.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Initiatives: 1. Empower the community to improve health; 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; and 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports the following of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues; 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; and 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The office of the Counsel-Risk management and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to form and fiscal provisions respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement for \$409,000 is funded by The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$409,000). Appropriations for FY 2021-22 in the amount of \$409,000 are included in the Health Department's (HEA003-8124) FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

☐Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

☒Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☐Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: _____

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Attachment:
Agreement