

**COUNTY OF MONTEREY STANDARD AGREEMENT**

This **Agreement** is made by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter “County”) and:

Monterey County Children and Families Commission dba First 5 Monterey County

(hereinafter “CONTRACTOR”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

**1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The County hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in **Exhibit A** in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. The goods and/or services are generally described as follows:

**Provide:**

Maintain general operations for the Bright Beginnings Initiative enhance its strategy-aligned projects, and connect projects to indicators of success per the described backbone activities outlined in Exhibit A.

**2.0 PAYMENT PROVISIONS:**

2.01 County shall pay the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in **Exhibit A**, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement. The total amount payable by County to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of: \$ 500,000.00.

**3.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT:**

3.01 The term of this Agreement is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both CONTRACTOR and County and with County signing last, and **CONTRACTOR may not commence work before County signs this Agreement.**

3.02 The County reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, or any extension of this Agreement, without cause, with a thirty day (30) written notice, or with cause immediately.

**4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:**

The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

**Exhibit A Scope of Services/Payment Provisions**

**Exhibit B Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

5.0 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

- 5.01 CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's agents, employees, and subcontractors performing services under this Agreement are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this Agreement and are not employees of the County, or immediate family of an employee of the County.
- 5.02 CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
- 5.03 CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials, equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not use County premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.0 PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

- 6.01 Prices shall remain firm for the initial term of the Agreement and, thereafter, may be adjusted annually as provided in this paragraph. The County does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.
- 6.02 Negotiations for rate changes shall be commenced, by CONTRACTOR, a minimum of ninety days (90) prior to the expiration of the Agreement. Rate changes are not binding unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the County and the CONTRACTOR.
- 6.03 Invoice amounts shall be billed directly to the ordering department.
- 6.04 CONTRACTOR shall submit such invoice periodically or at the completion of services, but in any event, not later than 30 days after completion of services. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR for the previous period, together with an itemized basis for the amounts claimed, and such other information pertinent to the invoice. The County shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as the County approves in conformity with this Agreement and shall promptly submit such invoice to the County Auditor-Controller for payment. The County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.
- 6.05 CONTRACTOR shall not receive reimbursement for mileage or travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement.

7.0 TERMINATION:

- 7.01 During the term of this Agreement, the County may terminate the Agreement for any reason by giving written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination, the amount payable under this Agreement shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the date of termination.

7.02 The County may cancel and terminate this Agreement for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. "Good cause" includes the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided under this Agreement. If County terminates this Agreement for good cause, the County may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to CONTRACTOR, and the County may proceed with the work in any manner, which County deems proper. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

7.03 The County's payments to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are funded by local, state and federal governments. If funds from local, state and federal sources are not obtained and continued at a level sufficient to allow for the County's purchase of the indicated quantity of services, then the County may give written notice of this fact to CONTRACTOR, and the obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate immediately, or on such date thereafter, as the County may specify in its notice, unless in the meanwhile the parties enter into a written amendment modifying this Agreement.

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8.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

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~~CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (including damages to property and injuries to or death of persons, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County. "CONTRACTOR's performance" includes CONTRACTOR's action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.~~

9.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

9.01 **Evidence of Coverage:** Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the Contractor upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

This verification of coverage shall be sent to the County's Contracts/Purchasing Department, unless otherwise directed. The Contractor shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and the County has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the Contractor.

9.02 **Qualifying Insurers:** All coverages, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A- VII, according to the current A.M. Best's Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by the County's Purchasing Agent.

9.03 **Insurance Coverage Requirements:** Without limiting CONTRACTOR's duty to

indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

**Commercial General Liability Insurance:** including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)*

**Auto Liability Coverage:** must include motor vehicles, including scheduled, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit or Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these auto insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)*

**Workers' Compensation Insurance:** if CONTRACTOR employs others in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these Workers' Compensation Insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)*

**Professional Liability Insurance:** if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims-made" basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

*(Note: Professional liability insurance coverage is required if the contractor is providing a professional service regulated by the state. Examples of service providers regulated by the state are insurance agents, professional architects and engineers, doctors, certified public accountants, lawyers, etc. However, other professional Contractors, such as computer or software designers, technology services, and services providers such as claims administrators, should also have professional liability. If in doubt, consult with your risk or contract manager.)*

If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the contractor.

**9.04 Other Requirements:**

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to the County and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact Insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.

Each liability policy shall provide that the County shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for Contractor and additional insureds with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

**Additional Insured Status:**

The County of Monterey, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the auto liability policy for liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the Contractor. Auto liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance.

The County of Monterey, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the commercial general liability policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

**Primary Coverage:**

For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance Waiver of Subrogation:**


The Workers' Compensation Insurance policy required hereunder shall be endorsed to state that the Workers' Compensation Insurance carrier waives its right of subrogation against County, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers, which might arise by reason of payment under such policy in connection with performance under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR. Should CONTRACTOR be self-insured for Workers' Compensation Insurance, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to waive its right of subrogation against County, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by the County, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance and endorsements with the County's contract administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five (5) calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall always during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by County, annual certificates to County's Contract Administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, County shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this Agreement, which entitles County, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement immediately.

## 10.0 RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

- 10.01 **Confidentiality:** CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from the County or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless County specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to County any and all requests for disclosure of any such confidential records or information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement except for the sole purpose of carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement.
- 10.02 **County Records:** When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to County any County records which CONTRACTOR used or received from County to perform services under this Agreement.
- 10.03 **Maintenance of Records:** CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, state, and County rules and regulations related to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such records for a period of at least three years after receipt of final payment under this Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action relating to this Agreement is pending at the end of the three-year period, then CONTRACTOR shall retain said records until such action is resolved.
- 10.04 **Access to and Audit of Records:** The County shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors related to services provided under this Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7, if this Agreement involves the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000, the parties to this Agreement may be subject, at the request of the County or as part of any audit of the County, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining

to matters connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement.

  
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10.05 **Royalties and Inventions:** ~~County shall have a royalty free, exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use, and authorize others to do so, all original computer programs, writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, and other works of similar nature produced in the course of or under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not publish any such material without the prior written approval of County.~~

10.06 **Format of Deliverables:** For this section, “Deliverables” shall mean all electronic documents CONTRACTOR provides to the County under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure all Deliverables comply with the requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (“WCAG”) 2.1, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”). CONTRACTOR bears the burden to deliver Deliverables, such as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (“PDF”) and Microsoft Office files, complying with WCAG 2.1. CONTRACTOR shall defend and indemnify the County against any breach of this Section. This Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Find more on Accessibility at this State website: <https://webstandards.ca.gov/accessibility/>.

**11.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

11.01 During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, religious creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sexual orientation, or any other characteristic set forth in California Government code § 12940(a), either in CONTRACTOR’s employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall, in the performance of this Agreement, fully comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to such target population as may be designated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be prohibited discrimination.

**12.0 COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS:**

If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by the County pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which the County is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract, to the extent applicable to CONTRACTOR as a subgrantee under said contract, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, County will deliver a copy of said contract to CONTRACTOR, at no cost to CONTRACTOR.

**13.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:**

13.01 CONTRACTOR shall keep itself informed of and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders, including but not limited to all state and federal tax laws that may affect in any manner the Project or the performance of the Services or those engaged to perform Services under this AGREEMENT as well as any privacy laws including, if applicable, HIPAA. CONTRACTOR shall procure all permits and licenses,

pay all charges and fees, and give all notices require by law in the performance of the Services.

13.02 CONTRACTOR shall report immediately to County’s Contracts/Purchasing Officer, in writing, any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in the laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, and/or guidelines in relation to the Project of the performance of the Services.

13.03 All documentation prepared by CONTRACTOR shall provide for a completed project that conforms to all applicable codes, rules, regulations, and guidelines that are in force at the time such documentation is prepared.

**14.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:**

In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is always acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the County. No offer or obligation of permanent employment with the County or County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from County any form of employee benefits including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, retirement benefits, workers’ compensation coverage, insurance or disability benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including federal and state income taxes and social security, arising out of CONTRACTOR’s performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold County harmless from any and all liability which County may incur because of CONTRACTOR’s failure to pay such taxes.

**15.0 NOTICES:**

Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage pre-paid mail to the County and CONTRACTOR’S contract administrators at the addresses listed below:

<b>FOR COUNTY</b>
Edward L. Moreno
Name
MD, MPH, Health Officer and Director of Public Health
Title
1270 Natividad Road Salinas, CA 93906
Address
(831)755-4585
Phone

<b>FOR CONTRACTOR</b>
Francine Rodd
Name
Executive Director
Title
1125 Baldwin Street Salinas, CA 93903
Address
(831)444-8549
Phone

**16.0 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

16.01 **Conflict of Interest:** CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and agrees not to acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly, or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance

of the services required to be rendered under this Agreement.

- 16.02 **Amendment:** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by the County and the CONTRACTOR.
- 16.03 **Waiver:** Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the County and the CONTRACTOR. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions in this Agreement.
- 16.04 **Contractor:** The term “CONTRACTOR” as used in this Agreement includes CONTRACTOR’s officers, agents, and employees acting on CONTRACTOR’s behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
- 16.05 **Disputes:** CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 16.06 **Assignment and Subcontracting:** The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.
- 16.07 **Successors and Assigns:** This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of the County and CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, and heirs.
- 16.08 **Headings:** The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 16.09 **Time is of the Essence:** Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 16.10 **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California; venue shall be Monterey County.
- 16.11 **Non-exclusive Agreement:** This Agreement is non-exclusive and both County and CONTRACTOR expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 16.12 **Construction of Agreement:** The County and CONTRACTOR agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.
- 16.13 **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

- 16.14 **Authority:** Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of the County or the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants hereby that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such party and bind the party to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 16.15 **Integration:** This Agreement, including the exhibits, represent the entire Agreement between the County and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, between the County and the CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that the County signs the Agreement.
- 16.16 **Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions:** In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.

**17.0 CONSENT TO USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.**

17.01 The parties to this Agreement consent to the use of electronic signatures via DocuSign to execute this Agreement. The parties understand and agree that the legality of electronic signatures is governed by state and federal law, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.; California Government Code Section 16.5; and, California Civil Code Section 1633.1 *et. seq.* Pursuant to said state and federal law as may be amended from time to time, the parties to this Agreement hereby authenticate and execute this Agreement, and any and all Exhibits to this Agreement, with their respective electronic signatures, including any and all scanned signatures in portable document format (PDF).

**17.02 Counterparts.**

The parties to this Agreement understand and agree that this Agreement can be executed in two (2) or more counterparts and transmitted electronically via facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) via email transmittal.

**17.03 Form: Delivery by E-Mail or Facsimile.**

Executed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) by e-mail transmittal, in either case with delivery confirmed. On such confirmed delivery, the signatures in the facsimile or PDF data file shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if the manually signed counterpart or counterparts had been delivered to the other party in person.

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**18.0 SIGNATURE PAGE**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and CONTRACTOR have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below.

<b>COUNTY OF MONTEREY</b>	
By:	
	Chief Contracts & Procurement Officer
Date:	
By:	
	Department Head (if applicable)
Date:	
	Approved as to Form Office of the County Counsel, <sup>1</sup> Susan K. Blich, County Counsel
By:	<small>Signed by:</small> <i>Kevin F. Serrano</i> <small>CF464EA4829E489</small>
	County Counsel
Date:	6/1/2026   11:06 AM PDT
	Approved as to Fiscal Provisions <sup>2</sup>
By:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Patricia Ruiz</i> <small>E79EF64E57454F6</small>
	Auditor/Controller
Date:	6/1/2026   2:26 PM PDT
	Reviewed as to Liability Provisions <sup>3</sup> Office of the County Counsel-Risk Management
By:	
	David Bolton, Risk Manager
Date:	

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	
Monterey County of Children and Families Commission dba First 5 Monterey County	
Contractor/Business Name*	
By:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Francine Rodd</i> <small>9F5AAA34963D4FF...</small>
	(Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President)
Francine Rodd, Executive Director	
Name and Title	
Date:	5/31/2026   4:50 PM PDT
By:	<small>Signed by:</small> <i>Kerstine Curtis</i> <small>8BB1CF91B64F425...</small>
	(Signature of Secretary, Assist. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer or Assist. Treasurer)
Kerstine Curtis, Controller	
Name and Title	
Date:	5/30/2026   11:14 AM PDT

County Board of Supervisors' Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ approved on \_\_\_\_\_

\*INSTRUCTIONS: IF CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two (2) specified officers (California Corporations Code §, 313). If CONTRACTOR is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), the full legal name of the LLC shall be set forth above together with the signatures of either 1) any member or 2) two (2) managers (Corporations Code § 17703.01, subs. (a) and (d)). If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the full legal name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signature of a partner who has authority to execute on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any, and shall personally sign.

1Approval by the office of the County Counsel is required.

2Approval by Auditor/Controller is required.

3Review by Risk Manager is required only if changes are made in the indemnification or Insurance paragraphs.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Scope of Services / Payment Provisions**  
**To the Standard Agreement between The County of Monterey**  
**and**  
**Monterey County Children and Families Commission**  
**dba First 5 Monterey County (F5MC)**

**I. BACKGROUND & SCOPE**

Bright Beginnings is an Early Childhood Development Initiative of the Monterey County Children’s Council and is fiscally sponsored by First 5 Monterey County (F5MC). Its overarching goal is to improve outcomes for young children ages prenatal to 8 years, measured through access to perinatal care, school readiness, and third grade reading.

This County of Monterey Health Department contracts with F5MC to provide funding to support projects within Bright Beginnings that align with the countywide Early Childhood Strategic Framework (the Framework), referenced in the County's Legislative Program. The total contract amount is \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Funding supports the following special projects, described in further detail below:

- Backbone Support to Bright Beginnings (\$300,000)
- Special Projects:
  - Perinatal Mental Health (\$100,000)
  - Early Care & Learning Systems (\$100,000)

A written mid-year and year-end report will be provided per the schedule outlined in Section III. Staff from Bright Beginnings is available to provide a verbal update to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors as requested and/or as scheduled through the Monterey County Children’s Council.

**Backbone Support to the Bright Beginnings**

**OBJECTIVE:** Allow Bright Beginnings to maintain its general operations as a Collective Impact effort, enhances its strategy-aligned projects, and connects projects to indicators of success, as aligned with the community-defined Framework. Five components of Collective Impact are: Common Agenda, Mutually Reinforcing Activities, Continuous Communications & Engagement, Shared Measurement and Backbone Support. Also, support transformation of the early childhood system to improve school readiness, by addressing policies (plans and legislation), practices (professional development), resource flows (social capital, private and public funding), relationships (networks), power dynamics (community inclusion and advocacy) and mental models (awareness)

**SUCCESS BENCHMARKS:** The backbone team will be adequately resourced to carry out its priorities. Framework-aligned projects will be appropriately supported through project management and data. Bright Beginnings partners will be aware of the work of Bright Beginnings and feel recognized and included in moving its goals forward. There will be regular reports on activities and success.

**ITEM 1 – Details: Backbone Support to the Bright Beginnings**

Activities & Deliverables	Timeline	Est. Cost
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<p><b>Common Agenda</b>  <u>Accountability:</u> Maintain feedback loops with Children’s Council and co-chairs, F5MC Commission, and the Bright Beginnings advisory group on progress and continuous improvement of Bright Beginnings. Produce an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.  <u>Budgeting:</u> Develop and monitor Bright Beginnings and project budgets.  <u>Fund Development:</u> Seek, apply for and manage diverse revenue streams for operations of the backbone, projects of Bright Beginnings, including public or private revenue sources.  <u>Capacity Building:</u> Provide relevant training, professional development and support to staff and key partners.  <u>Partnership Cultivation:</u> Build relationships in the community at all levels, across sectors and disciplines, to support the goals of Bright Beginnings. This may include participation in other related initiatives, collaboratives, etc.  <u>Operations:</u> Support rent, utilities, supplies, and fiscal sponsor fee.</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p><b>Mutually Reinforcing Activities</b>  <u>Project Support:</u> Design and facilitate of strategy-aligned projects, such as Family Friendly Business Certification and Mamas Abogan, including but not limited to including community inclusion; designing, developing meeting agendas and project action plans; monitoring projects; producing reports and case studies; and planning events. Monitoring of all projects to ensure quality and fidelity to countywide ECD Strategic Framework.  <u>Mutual Reinforcement:</u> Foster exchange of learning and intersection of impact across various projects and domains through reporting and facilitating learning sessions (e.g., during project meetings or during Advisory meetings).</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p><b>Continuous Communication</b>  <u>Internal Communications:</u> Implement communication strategies within the backbone, the operations team of the fiscal sponsor, the initiative governance, and the project teams to ensure progress among the activities and towards the goals of the Framework. Strategies may include but are not limited to reports, emails, newsletters, social and traditional media, conversations, and learning sessions. Connect to Common Agenda and Mutually Reinforcing Activities.  <u>External Communications:</u> Create reports, articles, social posts, etc. for consumption by the general public to advance the Bright Beginnings work.  <u>Engagement &amp; Awareness Building:</u> Participate in community events, resource fairs, coalitions, associations, public processes, community engagement opportunities, celebrations, etc. to center early childhood and Bright Beginnings (e.g., Chambers, Juneteenth, Ciclovía, Farm Day, etc.).</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p><b>Shared Measurement System</b>  <u>Project Evaluation &amp; Monitoring:</u> Develop project-based theories of change and/or logic models to articulate desired outcomes, steps to get there, and alignment with ECD Strategic Framework. Assessments of success as aligned with theories/models.</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>

<p><u>Initiative-wide Evaluation &amp; Monitoring:</u> Develop and implement shared measurement plan, including measurement tools, and continuous improvement processes, and aligned with the ECD Strategic Framework and Bright Beginnings Theory of Action.</p>		
<b>Bright Beginnings Backbone Support TOTAL</b>		<b>\$300,000</b>

**Special Projects: Perinatal Mental Health & Early Care & Learning**

OBJECTIVE: Provide intensive support to priority areas identified by the Bright Beginnings, including perinatal mental health and early care and learning, to achieve towards the following outcomes:

*Perinatal Mental Health Outcomes:* Improved assessment and treatment of perinatal depression; reduced stigma around maternal mental health; increased access to services and resources for perinatal mental health. More perinatal mental health professionals are connected and coordinated, have increased professional capacity including cultural and trauma-informed attunement, and more services are available to birthing people across the county. Birthing people and their newborns have better birthing outcomes.

*Early Care & Learning Outcomes:* Increased access to affordable, quality childcare for parents. Increased resources for start up or expansion of childcare programs/businesses. Increased the number of licensed childcare programs and increased rate of new licensures. Increased awareness of the importance of childcare in a thriving economy.

SUCCESS BENCHMARKS: Projects are able to conduct a reasonable amount of their core activities. Emergent trends are recognized and priorities to address them identified. Project partners feel supported, acknowledged and valued.

**ITEM 2 – Details: Special Projects**

<b>Activities &amp; Deliverables</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
<p><b>Perinatal Mental Health.</b> Activities include but are not limited to the following:</p> <p><i>Ongoing:</i> Convene the Maternal Mental Health Task Force at least 24 times for networking, community awareness raising, professional capacity building, planning, technical assistance, communications, evaluation, and community outreach. Publish monthly newsletter with resources for service providers and maintain web resource hubs for the Task Force. Support action committees (currently Doula Hub, Awareness Raising, and Screening &amp; Referrals). Directly serves approximately 24 organizations.</p> <p><i>Emergent:</i> Center perinatal mental health community-wide in other arenas outside of the Task Force. Support or participate in partner or regional efforts to support perinatal health.</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>

<p><b>Early Care &amp; Learning.</b> Activities include but are not limited to the following:</p> <p><i>Direct Support:</i> Provide direct financial support for recruitment and start-up of new home-based childcare licensees. Partner with Ventures for new childcare business models. Maintain the <a href="http://www.MontereyCountyChildCare.org">www.MontereyCountyChildCare.org</a> resource hub. Support early childhood education apprenticeships. Coordinate and financially support the Greenfield USD early learning enrollment fair. Coordinate the COLIBRI Child Care Campaign, leading a Children’s Bill of Rights movement. Attend and advise the Child Care Planning Council. Provide evaluation support such as data landscapes, gap analysis, and surveys of parent, workforce and employer needs.</p> <p><i>Centering Child Care in All Policies:</i> Engage in government and business relationship building through engagement in events and committees with the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula Chambers, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, Monterey County Business Council, and Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative. Partner with the Small Business Development Center for childcare start-up outreach. Engage in public speaking and strategically advise on various planning efforts, such as the County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Regions Rise Together Inclusive Economic Blueprint, Salinas Vibrancy Plan, MBEP State of the Region and Regional Economic Outlook.</p>	<p>Jul 2026 - Jun 2027</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
<p><b>Special Projects TOTAL</b></p>		<p><b>\$200,000</b></p>

**II. DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE**

Upon request by the County, the Contractor will provide periodic progress reports throughout the duration of this Agreement. The determination of whether performance meets standard is at the sole judgment of the County. The County will review these periodic progress reports and perform other monitoring tasks at its discretion to make its determination. This may include making site visits and reviewing related records, which the Contractor shall make readily available upon request.

In the event the County determines the Contractor is not meeting its expectations as expressed above, in whole or in part, the County reserves the right to determine the appropriate remedies. These remedies may include, but are not limited to, requiring a corrective action plan, disallowing costs, changing the compensation schedule, reducing future allocations, and/or terminating the Agreement.

**Modifications to the Scope of Services:** The Director of Health Services or designee may modify scope of services in accordance with County Board of Supervisors approval and authorization.

**III. PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

COUNTY shall pay an amount **not to exceed \$500,000** for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth above in the Scope of Services.

Contractor will submit invoices to COUNTY as follows:

Upon completion of deliverables and submission of semi-annual reports, submit invoices for the periods listed below as follows:

July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 = \$250,000.00

January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027 = \$250,000.00

#### **IV. INVOICING AND PAYMENTS**

1. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of the invoices, the County agrees to compensate the Contractor in accordance with the above listed terms. The County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.
2. Invoices shall be submitted to:  
County of Monterey Health Department  
Edward Moreno, MD, MPH  
Public Health Director  
1270 Natividad Road  
Salinas, CA 93906  
Telephone: (831) 755-4585
3. Invoices shall:
  - i. Be prepared on Contractor letterhead. An authorized official, employee, or agent certifying that the expenditures claimed represent services performed under this contract must sign invoices.
  - ii. Bear the Contractor's name as shown on the agreement.
  - iii. Identify the billing and/or performance phase and deliverables covered by the invoice.  
Reimbursement may only be sought for those costs and/or cost categories expressly identified as allowable in this agreement and approved by the County of Monterey.

#### **V. EXPENSES/FISCAL DOCUMENTATION**

1. Invoices, received from Contractor and accepted and/or submitted for payment by the County, shall not be deemed evidence of allowable agreement costs.
2. Contractor shall maintain for review and audit and provide to County upon request, adequate documentation of all expenses claimed pursuant to this agreement to permit a determination of allowable expenses.

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

TO AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF MONTEREY  
AND  
FIRST 5 MONTEREY COUNTY

This Addendum No. 1 amends, modifies, and supplements the County of Monterey Agreement by and between the **COUNTY OF MONTEREY**, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter “County”) and **First 5 Monterey County**. (hereinafter “CONTRACTOR”). This Addendum No. 1 has the full force and effect as if set forth within the Agreement and is incorporated by reference and made a part of the Agreement. To the extent that any of the terms or conditions contained in this Addendum No. 1 may contradict or conflict with any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement, it is expressly understood and agreed that the terms and conditions of this Addendum No. 1 shall take precedence and supersede the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and CONTRACTOR agree that the Agreement terms and conditions shall be amended, modified, and supplemented as follows:

1. **Section 8.0, INDEMNIFICATION**, Section 8.0 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

8.0 **Mutual Indemnification:**

8.01 County hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless CONTRACTOR and its officers, agents, and employees to the extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all claims and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting to any person, firm or corporation for damages, injury, or death incurred by reason of any act or failure to act by County of County’s officers, agents and employees arising from its negligent acts, errors, and omissions in the performance of this agreement.

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless County and it’s officers, agents, and employees to the extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all claims and/or losses whatsoever occurring and resulting to any person, firm or corporation for damages, injury, or death incurred by reason of any act or failure to act by CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTOR’S officers, agents employees arising from its negligent acts, errors, and omission in the performance of this agreement.

5. **Section 10.5, Royalties, and Inventions.** Section 10.5 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

F5MC-Capacity Building  
\$100,000.00

Term: July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Addendum No. 1, by the authority as follows:

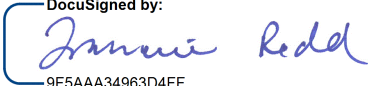
**CONTRACTOR - First 5 Monterey County.**

**Approved:**

Signed by:  
By:   
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**COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**Approved as to Form:**

Signed by:  
By:   
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**Approved:**

By:  
Auditor/Controller

Date:

**Approved:**

By:  
Elsa Mendoza Jiménez,  
Director of Health Services

Date: