



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Family and Social Services

REVISED

SACHI A. HAMAI
Chief Executive Officer

NOTE: THIS WILL BE A TELECONFERENCE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2020
TIME: 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Teleconference Call-In Number: (866) 833-9177
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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address agenda item. Three (3) minutes are allowed for each item.

- I. Call to Order
- II. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Chief Executive Office:** 2020-21 Recommended Budget.
- III. **Informational Items** (Any informational item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification):
 - a. **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS):** Request Approval of Amendment One to the Behavioral Aide Services for High Risk Youth Contract with Delta-T Group Los Angeles, Inc.
 - b. **DCFS:** Request Approval and Delegated Authority to Procure Services and Food Associated with the 5th Annual Celebration II 2020.
- IV. Items continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment



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**County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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March 31, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROCURE
SERVICES AND FOOD ASSOCIATED WITH THE
5th ANNUAL CELEBRATION II 2020**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Probation Department (Probation), and community partners will co-host the 5th Annual Celebration II 2020 event. This event is held in honor of DCFS and Probation high school graduates to recognize their academic achievement GPA of 2.0 - 2.7 and their pursuit of a post-secondary education. DCFS works with Internal Services Department (ISD) to procure necessary services and to support a successful event, including fair and reasonable food costs for lunch and post-reception refreshments. DCFS is requesting approval from the Board to expend funds to purchase food services and refreshments required for the event.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to sponsor and pay for costs, including food services for lunch and post-reception refreshments associated with the 5th Annual Celebration II 2020. DCFS has budgeted funds in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase food services to provide lunch and post-reception refreshments to youth, guests and volunteers.

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2. Authorize the Director of Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisitions of services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, as long as the cost does not exceed \$20,000 and donors are not required to pay for the said services.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DCFS to co-host and conduct the 5th Annual Celebration II 2020 event, which will honor foster and Probation youth for their academic achievements. The Celebration II 2020 event is essential to the implementation of specific state, County, and departmental goals, specifically Self-Sufficiency. This annual event is organized at an all-inclusive venue that includes sole source vendors offering services, as well as food and refreshment that complement the target population and guests.

The Celebration II 2020 event will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at Universal Studios. This annual event, honoring graduating high school seniors, is a collaborative endeavor hosted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, DCFS, Probation, and NBC Universal/Universal Studios. The total cost for this year's event is \$47,498.

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville is the sole caterer and vendor used by Universal Studios. No other caterers are allowed to provide services or food at this facility. The sole source request is necessary in order to provide lunch and post-reception refreshments for the Celebration II 2020 event participants, guests, and volunteers. NBC Universal has agreed to contribute a portion of the Celebration II 2020 event cost in the amount of \$28,500, covering Universal Studios theme park admission tickets. The participants and many of the guests and volunteers are in attendance at the event for a total of seven (7) hours, justifying the need for food services.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of Countywide Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of Our Communities, and identify, support, and promote practices for higher quality of life through violence reduction, enhanced social cohesion, increased awareness of supports and services, and better physical fitness, mental health and well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DCFS' annual budget for Independent Living Program (ILP) services is comprised of Chafee Funding, which includes both federal and state funds. The California Department of Social Services requires these funds to be used for transition age youth under the

supervision of both DCFS and Probation, ages 16 through 20, that have been determined ILP eligible.

DCFS has committed to contribute a total of \$20,000 per year in Chafee funds to host the Celebration II event. The funding to support the costs is available in the annual DCFS Adopted budget for FY 2020-21, if approved.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Code section 5.40.097 limits the departmental expenditures for food and beverages to \$5,000 annually. The cost of lunch and post-reception refreshments for the Celebration II 2020 event will not exceed \$20,000; however, this amount exceeds the departmental authority. Therefore, Board approval is required.

The ILP eligible transition age youth graduating from high school are eligible to benefit from ILP funding. Participation in the Celebration II 2020 event serves as an opportunity for transition age youth to be recognized and receive educational incentives to assist in their financial commitment for a higher education.

County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office have reviewed and approved the Board Letter. ISD has also reviewed the Board Letter.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of food and services will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures for Sole Source purchases.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Celebration II event is an annual event that allows DCFS and Probation to acknowledge high school graduates for their academic achievements. Currently, the average number of eligible participants is 200 graduates. The Celebration II event also serves as an opportunity to introduce various resources offered through ILP to transition age youth that will further assist them in their endeavor to pursue a post-secondary education and to assist them in a successful transition to self-sufficiency.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the authorization and delegated authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to sponsor and pay for costs associated with food services for this event will support transition age youth in their endeavors to pursue a post-secondary education and a successful transition to self-sufficiency. Your Board's approval of these

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recommendations will also authorize ISD, as the County Purchasing Agent, to procure services and include the provision of food and refreshment costs which are included at all-inclusive venues for FY 2020-21.

Upon approval of this request, please instruct the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board to send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter to:

Department of Children and Family Services
Materials Management Services Section
501 Shatto Place, Room 301
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Probation Department
Youth Development Services Division
Attention Jedediah Minoff, ILP Director
3530 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Respectfully submitted,


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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Director, Internal Services Department
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April 7, 2020

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Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT ONE TO THE BEHAVIORAL AIDE
SERVICES FOR HIGH RISK YOUTH CONTRACT WITH
DELTA-T GROUP LOS ANGELES, INC.
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) seeks delegated authority to execute Amendment One to Contract Number 18-0046 with Delta-T Group Los Angeles, Inc. (Delta-T) to increase the Maximum Annual Contract Amount by greater than ten percent to accommodate an increase in the utilization of services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the DCFS Director, or designee, to execute an Amendment, substantially similar to the attached Amendment to Contract Number 18-0046 with Delta-T to increase the Maximum Annual Contract Amount by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 to \$2,500,000 for the Contract term effective May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. This contract is financed using 100 percent State Realignment funding. Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A subset of children under DCFS care have needs that exceed the ability of available foster parents, licensed residential facilities, their parents, and mental health providers. These children may be unstable in placement, chronically assaultive to caregivers or other children, self-harming, have sexually inappropriate behaviors, destructive to property, prone to AWOL from placement, or some combination of these. Due to these behaviors, it is extremely difficult to secure and maintain placement for these children.

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Since the execution of the Behavioral Aide Services contract in May 2019, the services provided to this population, inclusive of those children residing in Short Term Residential Treatment Programs and Community Treatment Facilities, resulted in \$1,300,000 in expenditures within seven months, exhausting 76% of the annual allocation. The breakdown of these services during this time period reflected a 40/60 ratio for services delivered in residential versus home based settings. The additional \$800,000 in funds are required to continue providing services to these children and those strongly in need of this service through the first base contract term.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Make Investments That Transform Lives: Strategy 2, Deliver comprehensive and seamless services to those seeking assistance from the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Annual Contract Amount will be increased by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 to \$2,500,000 for the Contract term effective May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. This contract is financed using 100 percent State Realignment funding. Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 10, 2020, in accordance with Board Policy No. 5.120, the Department notified the Board of its intent to request delegated authority to execute an Amendment to increase Maximum Annual Contract Amount for an amount greater than ten percent.

The Chief Executive Office and County Counsel have reviewed the Board letter and the amendment has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Contracting Process is not required for this action.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The contractor met all performance standards as outlined in the current Contract. The one-on-one services are renewed every 30 days, and performance monitoring is evaluated by regional staff on a monthly basis who collaborate with the caregiver and team to evaluate if the services have been beneficial and there is a continued need prior to submitting a renewal of services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Delta-T currently provides Behavioral Aide staff for one-on-one supervision services for DCFS children when approved by a DCFS Deputy Director. These services are obtained for children who are difficult to place as an assurance to caregivers that they will not be without help or support from DCFS. Offering the Behavioral Aide Services for High Risk Youth support services for the children has prevented placement disruptions, improved placement stability and has facilitated placements for many children.

Approval of the recommended actions will continue to provide a valuable tool for children who are unstable in placement, chronically assaultive to caregivers or other children, self-harming, and destructive to property. This contract provides services where the children are located, for a specified number of hours, depending on the children's needs. Therefore, these services help prevent some placement disruptions, improve placement stability, facilitate placements for many children, and help keep children safely with their caregivers. In addition, the contract also increases the use of program and performance monitoring to ensure the quality of the work performed.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted, stamped Board letter and its attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors