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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO
THREE HOME VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4, and 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute amendments to three Home Visitation Program services contracts to increase the contractual maximum obligation for fiscal year 2023-24.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health), or designee, to execute amendments to three Home Visitation Program (HVP) services contracts, substantially similar to Exhibit I, effective date of execution for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to increase the total contract obligation for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 by \$1,102,000 as follows: a) Contract Number PH-003680 with Pacific Asian Counseling Services (PACS) for Healthy Families America (HFA) HVP services by \$377,000 from \$715,226 to \$1,092,226; b) Contract Number PH-003681 with SHIELDS for Families (SHIELDS) for HFA HVP services by \$377,000 from \$691,226 to \$1,068,226; and c) Contract Number PH-003690 with SHIELDS for Parents As Teachers (PAT) HVP services by \$348,000 from \$996,699 to \$1,344,699; fully funded by Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) funds from the Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program State Block Grant (SBG).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On November 20, 2018, your Board approved contracts with qualified agencies to support Public Health's expansion of HVP services utilizing evidence-based HFA and PAT home visiting models in

the eight Service Planning Areas (SPA) in Los Angeles County, and delegated authority to execute amendments to the contracts that provide for an increase or decrease in funding up to 50 percent above or below the term's annual base maximum obligation. The goal of these services is to coordinate successful mental health and family support linkages to prevent trauma risks for young children and to strengthen expectant and parenting families, so children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Currently, PACS provides HFA home visiting services in SPA 2, and SHIELDS provides HFA and PAT home visiting services in SPA 6 through two separate contracts. These three contracts are in effect through June 30, 2024.

In 2018, the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was enacted under Public Law 115-123, which allowed states the option to access Title IV-E federal reimbursement for the provision of specified evidenced-based mental health, substance use, and in-home parent skilled-based services to children at imminent risk of entry into foster care, their parents or kin caregivers, and pregnant or parenting youth in foster care. In July of 2021, California's FFPS program was established by the Welfare and Institutions Code. The California Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$222.4 million in State General Funds, currently referred to as the FFPS Program SBG. SBG funding is a one-time appropriation, which must be spent by the end of the state fiscal year 2024.

On September 5, 2023, Public Health entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCFS, Department of Mental Health, and the Office of Child Protection for the operation of community pathways and expansion of Evidenced-Based Programs (EBP). The purpose of the MOU is to coordinate departmental funding through existing contracts that will be used to fund activities, services, or pilots included in Los Angeles County's Comprehensive Prevention Plan for the establishment of the FFPS and FFPSA Programs. Under this MOU, Public Health will be reimbursed for the salaries of staff needed to expand the home visiting EBPs in SPAs 2 and 6, implement pilots, and provide services.

Public Health is returning to your Board for approval to execute amendments to the HVP services contracts in order to increase funding for the current period ending June 30, 2024. This increase in funding exceeds our current delegated authority approved by your Board on November 20, 2018.

Approval of the above Recommendation will allow Public Health to execute amendments to the three HVP services contracts and thereby increase funding to meet the FFPS Program SBG service needs in SPAs 2 and 6.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Strategy I.1, Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives; Objective I.1.6 Increase Home Visitation Capacity, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost for the recommended contract amendments for the period effective date of execution through June 30, 2024, is \$1,102,000, 100 percent funded by DCFS funds from FFPS Program SBG.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

Funding for these contracts is included in Public Health's FY 2023-24 Final Adopted Budget, and will

be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Exhibit I is the amendment template reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 12, 2018, DPH released Request for Applications (RFA) 2018-011 to solicit applications from qualified organizations to expand HVP using HFA and PAT evidence-based models.

On November 20, 2018, your Board approved the execution of 18 (8 PAT and 10 HFA) HVP services contracts, effective November 20, 2018, through May 31, 2020, and delegated authority to Public Health to extend the term of the contracts for four additional one-year periods. Subsequently, on May 22, 2020, June 28, 2021, June 27, 2022, and June 20, 2023, your Board was notified that Public Health was exercising its delegated authority and consequently extended the HVP contracts each respective year through June 30, 2023. Two contractors relinquished their contract(s) resulting in the current contract number of 16.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable Public Health to support expansion efforts of home visiting EBPs in SPAs 2 and 6, implement pilots, and provide services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA
HOME VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACT**

Amendment No. XX

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into on _____,

by and between COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (hereafter
"Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to certain document(s) entitled: "HEALTHY
FAMILIES AMERICA VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACT" "PARENTS
AS TEACHERS HOME VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACT", dated
November 20, 2018, and further identified as Contract(s) No. PH-000000, and any
Amendments thereto (all hereafter "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, on xxxx, 2024 , the County Board of Supervisors authorized the
Director of Public Health, or designee, to execute amendments to the Contract; and

WHEREAS, Public Health received funding from the State General Funds,
currently referred to as the Family First Prevention Services Program SBG of which a
portion of these funds has been designated to this contract to expand the home visiting
programs.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to amend the Contract to increase the
maximum obligation of the County; and make other hereafter designated changes; and

WHEREAS, said Contract provides that changes may be made in the form of a

written amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise, and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Contract and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Amendment is hereby incorporated into the original Contract, and all of its terms and conditions, including capitalized terms defined therein, shall be given full force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

2. This Amendment shall be effective upon date of execution through June 30, 2024.

3. Exhibit B-x, Scope of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is added to the Contract.

4. Exhibits C-x, Budget, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is added to the Contract.

5. Paragraph 5, MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF COUNTY, Subparagraph "XX" is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"XX. For the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the maximum obligation of County for all services provided hereunder will not exceed AMOUNT dollars (\$ _____). Of this amount, AMOUNT dollars (\$ _____), is allocated for Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) CalWORKs Home Visiting Program services, as set forth in Exhibit C-, Budget, AMOUNT dollars (\$ _____) is allocated for CDPH CHVP SGF, as set forth in Exhibit C- Budget, AMOUNT dollars (\$ _____) is allocated for DPSS CalWORKs Home Visiting Program

Material Goods, as set forth in Exhibit C- Budget, and AMOUNT dollars (\$) is allocated for FFPS Program SBG services, as set forth in Exhibit C- Budget, all attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.”

6. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, all terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its Director of Public Health, or designee, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.
Director

Contractor

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

Department of Public Health

By _____
Contracts and Grants Division Management

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