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October 14, 2025

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT
FOR THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to amend the existing Funding Agreement (FA) with Southern California Grantmakers (SCG), originally executed on June 5, 2023, for the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute Amendment Number Four, substantially similar to Attachment A, to the FA for FFPSA Prevention and Promotion Services with SCG to increase the agreement amount by \$1,900,000, financed by 100 percent State funds. The amendment is effective upon execution through June 30, 2027, with an option to extend effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to exercise the extension option effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028, by written notice or amendment, provided that: a) funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to make changes to the agreement term and conditions, if necessary to accommodate unanticipated changes

in service needs, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained; and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the agreement for convenience or default by written notice or amendment, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained; and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days of execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Community Cultural Broker Program (CCBP) plays a critical role in advancing the goals of the FFPS by offering culturally responsive, community-driven support to prevent unnecessary child welfare involvement and promote family stability. CCBP helps bridge systemic gaps by connecting Black/African American families to tailored resources and services that address the root causes of disproportionality in the child welfare system.

Despite success in increasing family engagement, improving child safety outcomes and reducing entry and re-entry into care, the program remains underfunded. An increase in available funding is necessary to streamline data collection methods, finalize a training curriculum, conduct a process evaluation and quasi-experimental study and resource the community-based organizations leading this effort, all of which increase the availability of culturally relevant service delivery.

The increase to the FA meets the intent of the Federal legislation and affirms the County's commitment to racial equity and community-based prevention.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan North Star #1, Make Investments That Transform Lives by supporting vulnerable populations through efforts that promote prevention by utilizing youth development program and services for at-risk, justice-involved, transitional aged children, youth, families and communities at all stages of the sequential intercept model and child welfare continuum of care model; as well as investing in efforts that support child safety, protection, and family well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The agreement will be increased by \$1,900,000, financed by 100 percent State funds. Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's subsequent budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In August 2021, California elected to opt-in to the Federal FFPSA. Subsequently, California enacted Assembly Bill 153 (Chapter 86, Statutes of 2021), which established the FFPS Program and encouraged counties to consider a holistic view of the prevention of child maltreatment. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provided a three-year grant to support implementation of FFPS and required counties to develop a Comprehensive Prevention Plan. Los

Angeles County received FFPS SBG allocation of \$49 million for DCFS, which had to be spent by June 30, 2024. In January 2024, CDSS announced the extension of the deadline for the FFPS SBG spend down to the end of FY 2028.

The Board letter and the Amendment (Attachment A) were reviewed by County Counsel and the CEO.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Board motion, approved by the Board on April 18, 2023, directed the Director of DCFS to enter into an FA with the Center for Strategic Partnerships' fiscal agent, SCG, to facilitate an expedited funding pathway to community-based organizations and consultants for the provision of ten (10) prevention and promotion pilot services and supports identified in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Prevention Plan, with the option to extend the agreement contingent upon the availability of funding and approval of County Counsel. The FA was executed effective June 5, 2023.

The Board motion, approved by the Board on September 24, 2024, directed the Director of DCFS to amend the agreement, as needed, for the development and implementation of the Preventive Legal Services Hub and Warmline to increase the provision of preventive services and increase the agreement amount by \$1,070,000. The amendment was executed and is effective September 30, 2025.

The Board motion, approved by the Board on December 17, 2024, directed the Director of DCFS to amend the agreement, as needed, for the development and implementation of the Plans of Safe Care for Pregnant and Parent People Struggling with Substance Use for the provision of prevention services and increased the agreement amount by \$950,000. The amendment is effective through June 30, 2027.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DCFS to continue to provide FFPS services to children and youth at imminent risk for entry into the child welfare system.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of this request, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/14/2025

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brandon T. Nichols', written in a cursive style.

BRANDON T. NICHOLS

Director

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Enclosures

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



**AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR FOR
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT PREVENTION
AND PROMOTION PILOT SERVICES
WITH
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS
(SCG)
FUNDING AGREEMENT NUMBER SCG-6523**

**AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION
SERVICES ACT PREVENTION AND PROMOTION
FUNDING AGREEMENT NUMBER SCG-6523**

This Amendment Number Four (hereinafter referred to as “Amendment”) to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Pilot Funding Agreement Number SCG-6523, (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and its Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) and Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) (hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”), in Los Angeles, California this ___ day of _____, 2025.

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Board Motion directing the Director of DCFS to enter into a funding agreement with the CONTRACTOR to facilitate an expedited funding pathway to community-based organizations and consultants for the provision of ten prevention and promotion pilot services and supports identified in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Prevention Plan.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to this Agreement, executed by all parties on June 5, 2023.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. One extended the Agreement, effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, using delegated authority as per the expenditure extension granted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) released in January 2024.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Two increased the Agreement amount by \$1,070,000 for the development and implementation of the Preventive Legal Services Hub and Warmline, and extended the Agreement through September 30, 2025, using the Board Motion approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2024.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Three increased the Agreement amount by \$950,000 for the development and implementation of the Plans of Safe Care (POSC) for Pregnant and Parent People Struggling with Substance Use and extended the Agreement through June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Four increases the Agreement amount by \$1,900,000 for the provisions of the Community Cultural Broker Program (CCBP).

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared and executed by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as set forth in the Agreement, SECTION B, AGREEMENT TERM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree to the following changes to the Agreement:

- 1. SECTION A, APPROVED FUNDING AND COSTS**, is revised to add Subsection 5c:

- 5c. The County agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR, for the term of this agreement an additional amount of \$1,900,000 for the provisions of the CCBP.

2. SECTION B, AGREEMENT TERM, is revised to read as follows:

The term of this agreement will be effective upon date of execution through June 30, 2027, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this agreement.

Funding for this agreement is contingent on continued SBG funding allocations. In the event the State discontinues funding, DCFS has the option to terminate this agreement, or to claim towards other available funds.

The DCFS Director, or designee, shall have the sole option to extend the Contract term effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028, provided: (a) availability of funding; (b) approval by County Counsel; and (c) written notification to the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Such extension shall be exercised at the discretion of the Director of DCFS by written notification to SCG thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the funding agreement

EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Four to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment Number Four to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. The person(s) signing on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrants under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the CONTRACTOR in this Agreement. This Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts and may be delivered by electronic facsimile; each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall constitute a duplicate original but all counterparts together shall constitute a single agreement.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
 Brandon T. Nichols, DCFS Director

 Date

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS

By _____
 Christine Essel, Chief Executive Officer

 Date

 95-2831058
 TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
 Dawyn R. Harrison, County Counsel

By _____
 David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel