



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: October 1, 2025

TIME: **2:30PM**

MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
-- No items --
- III. **Motion(s)**
SD1: Continuing Housing Opportunities for Transition-Aged Youth.
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a) **A Sense of Home and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Presentation.**
- V. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
 - a) **DCFS/Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect:** Request to Approve a Sole Source Contract Extension with Alma Family Services for the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children Funded with Assembly Bill 2994 Surplus Children's Trust Funds. (Continued from the September 17, 2025 Meeting)
- VI. **Public Comment**

VII. Adjournment

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Continuing Housing Opportunities for Transition-Aged Youth

California’s high housing costs have led to housing instability and homelessness. This reality is felt most by young people, including those who are or have been in foster care. Housing instability is critical to the pursuit of higher education, meaningful employment, and self-sufficiency for youth as they transition to adulthood.

When young people exit foster care, it can be challenging to find resources and housing opportunities; and when there are resources, they are often limited in number. Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus) is one such program, but it has expanded in recent years at the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the hard work of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). THP-Plus has been a critical housing program for youth ages 18-25 years old who were formerly in foster care.

Housing Navigators can assist youth with identifying appropriate and available housing options; help them access financial support for move-in costs, such as deposits; and provide stabilization support including budgeting, establishing utilities and landlord communication. The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development issued several allocation acceptance forms, including:

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1. An Allocation Acceptance form dated August 19, 2025, under Round 7 of the Transitional Housing Program (“THP”), authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2025 (Chapter 4 of the Statutes of 2025) and Chapter 11.7 (commencing with section 50807) of part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (the “THP Allocation Acceptance Form”).
2. An Allocation Acceptance form dated August 19, 2025, under Round 4 of the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (“HNMP”) authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2025 (Chapter 4 of the Statutes of 2025) and Chapter 11.8 (commencing with section 50811) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (the “HNMP Allocation Acceptance Form”); and
3. An allocation acceptance form dated August 19, 2025, under Round 5 of the THP Plus Housing Supplement authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2025 (Chapter 4 of the Statues of 2025) and Chapter 11.9 (commencing with HSC 50820) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (collectively, the “Statue”) (the “THP Plus SUP Allocation Acceptance Form”).

The Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program will be administered by participating counties to fund Housing Navigators to act as housing specialists for young adults ages 18 and up to 24 years of age, and will assist with securing and maintaining housing. Priority will be given to young adults in the foster care system. In addition, Los

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Angeles County may use the funding to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the County.

The THP allocations will be shared among participating counties for the purpose of housing stability to help young people ages 18 to 25 years old secure and maintain housing through THP-Plus. This is a critical opportunity and Los Angeles County should leverage it to support youth previously in foster care.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that in order to participate in the State of California THP Round 7, HNMP Round 4, and THP-Plus Housing Supplement Round 5 funding allocations, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the DCFS to participate in the THP Round 7, HNMP Round 4, and THP-Plus Housing Supplement Round 5 and accept the additional funding allocation.
2. Instruct the Director of DCFS, or designee, to accept the funding for the THP Round 7, HNMP Round 4, and THP-Plus Housing Supplement Round 5 for Los Angeles County, by submitting the signed resolution to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute amendments to THP-Plus contracts to increase the Maximum Contract Sum to distribute the new funding allocation to accommodate an increase in units of service and/or increase the current rate of the units, and to update THP-Plus contracts for necessary programmatic changes. Execution of

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amendments is contingent upon:

- a. County Counsel approval being obtained prior to execution of such amendments, and
 - b. DCFS notifying the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing, within 10 business days of such amendment.
4. Instruct the Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCFS and the Department of Health Services (DHS) for Housing Navigators to increase the MOU amount with the new funding allocation.

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BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	9/17/2025						
BOARD MEETING DATE	10/21/2025						
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th						
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)						
SUBJECT	Request to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services for the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children, Contract Number 10-039-01, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; for a total of two years to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.						
PROGRAM	Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children (Alma Family Services)						
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: The Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children is a specialized program that was recommended for funding by Supervisorial District 1. In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect's (ICAN's) multi-disciplinary selection process. On March 19, 2025, DCFS released a Request for Information to gain familiarity with the current market, and gather general information related to operational management of a child abuse prevention and early intervention program for developmentally disabled children, which resulted in seven (7) responses from vendors who indicated that they currently provide similar services. Therefore, DCFS requests the Board's approval to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services to provide sufficient time for DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. Funding for this contract is through the ICAN using Assembly Bill (AB) 2994 funds.						
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.						
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	The current contract expires on December 31, 2025. A new contract needs to be executed effective January 1, 2026 to avoid a lapse in services.						
COST & FUNDING	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Total cost: \$600,000.00</td><td style="width: 50%;">Funding source: ICAN (AB 2994)</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TERMS (if applicable): The sole source contract extension request will be for two years effective, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.</td></tr> </table>			Total cost: \$600,000.00	Funding source: ICAN (AB 2994)	TERMS (if applicable): The sole source contract extension request will be for two years effective, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.	
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	<p>Explanation: The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum will be \$600,000. The Maximum Annual Contract amount will be \$300,000 per year.</p> <p>There is no fiscal impact to the County. This contract will be financed using 100 percent AB 2994/ICAN funds. AB 2994 funds stem from birth certificate surcharge funds deposited into the County's Children's Trust Fund. The DCFS Finance Section has assured ICAN that sufficient funds remain within the Children's Trust Fund to fund the contract with Alma Family Services.</p>
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	<p>Extending the current Sole Source contract for an additional two years will allow DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process and will help to avoid service interruption.</p> <p>The recommended extension will enable Alma Family Services to continue providing case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County. Alma Family Services' service delivery model is significantly impactful and it is important to offer these critical preventive services to this hard-to-reach population.</p>
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	<p>In 1992, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, AB 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies. The second bill, AB 2994/(Chapter 1399, Statutes of 1982), established a County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private, non-profit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund. Both laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is ICAN.</p>
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to ARDI's Equity Lens: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/</p> <p>If Yes, please explain how: Alma Family Services utilizes equity lenses by providing in-home services to the unique population: children with developmental disabilities and special needs and their families. All services are tailored to the unique needs of each family and are available in English and Spanish. The services are available to all eligible families, regardless of race, sexual orientation and other diverse characteristics.</p>
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTSION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, please explain how: These services meet the FFPSA goals because Alma Family Services is providing in-home child abuse prevention/education to the families in the First Supervisorial District and reducing reliance on congregate care by facilitating linkages to services and resources such as special education, medical services, the Department of Mental Health and Regional Centers.</p>
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to BOS Priorities: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/category/priorities-initiative/</p> <p>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p> <p>PREVENTION: The program provides in-home child abuse prevention/early intervention, specialized case management services for developmentally disabled children who have been abused or neglected to prevent entry and/or re-victimization. For the purposes of this program, special and unique needs include: a developmental delay or disability; mental health diagnosis; learning disability; receiving special education services; or displaying behavioral challenges. The Alma Family Services program provides in-home supportive services to the families who have system-involved disabled children and seeks to prevent re-victimization. The program also builds and strengthens the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff and other community service providers. In addition to parenting classes, Alma Family Services has provided training and outreach to Regional Centers, schools and community agencies on child abuse awareness. This program is providing important services to an underserved and highly at-risk population.</p>

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

REQUEST TO APPROVE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ALMA FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN FUNDED WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2994 SURPLUS CHILDREN'S TRUST FUNDS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This is to request the Board's approval to extend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. This contract is funded by the County Children's Trust Fund. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or designee, to execute an amendment substantially similar to the attached amendment, to the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services. The amendment will extend the current contract term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; for a total of two years. The Maximum Annual Contract Amount for this contract is \$300,000. The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum is \$600,000, financed using 100 percent Assembly Bill (AB) funds.



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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract to meet program needs, and for any revisions required by changes in local, State, and Federal regulations, provided that: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed; (b) sufficient funding is available; (c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (d) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract amount up to a total of 10 percent per year during the term of the contract to accommodate any increase or decrease in service, provided that: (a) sufficient funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments in instances of assignment and delegation, acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the contract for Contractor's default, County's convenience, or Contractor initiates termination for convenience, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to termination of the agreement; and (b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of terminating the contract.





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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Alma Family Services developed a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention program that serves children with special and unique needs. For purposes of this program special and unique needs include a developmental delay or disability, mental health diagnosis, learning disability, receiving special education services or displaying behavioral challenges. The program goals are to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs. The population to be served includes children and youth who are at risk of or have been abused or neglected, and the program seeks to prevent re-victimization. Alma Family Services also works toward building and strengthening the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff, school districts, county agencies and community service providers.

National research shows that children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children (four to 10 times more often). In addition, these children are often inadequately educated and supported to seek alternatives to abusive situations. It is also known that there is often an underreporting of abuse, neglect and victimization for children and adolescents with special and unique needs. Through this program, Alma Family Services is providing important and necessary services to this underserved and highly at-risk group of children.

The current contract for Alma Family Services is \$300,000/year. Services have been provided at four sites. Given that Alma Family Services is one of very few agencies that currently provide case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County, extending the Alma Family Services contract will continue to significantly impact children and families and continue providing important and necessary services to this population.

The recommended extension will enable Alma Family Services to continue providing case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County. Alma Family Services' service delivery model is significantly impactful and it is important to offer these critical preventive services to this hard-to-reach population.





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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal D, Support Vulnerable Populations; Strategy I – Prevention: Provide child welfare prevention supports (a continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary) and youth development related program services, for at-risk, justice-involved, and transitional aged children, youth, families, and communities at all stages of the sequential intercept model and child welfare continuum of care model; Strategy II – Child Safety and Family Well-Being: Invest in efforts and supports that promote child safety, protection, and family well-being using the child welfare continuum of care model, while building out the County's System of Care.

In addition, they provide collaboration and coordination between County departments, the community and contracting partners. This program promotes interventions and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs and for children and youth who are at risk of or have been abused or neglected, while significantly preventing re-victimization.

Children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children. Providing specialized services to this vulnerable population has at its core a focus on keeping these children safe while facilitating paths for connections to resources, helping caregivers build protective capacities and change behaviors or conditions that caused these children to be unsafe or at risk of future harm; these activities enhance children's well-being and stabilize families.

This program also builds and strengthens the bridge between DCFS, Regional Centers, school districts, the Department of Mental Health and other specialty service providers who work with children with special and unique needs. These activities promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure child and family well-being as well as public safety with greater emphasis on improving reports of child abuse/neglect for this population. Also, a focus on early intervention and education are recognized child abuse prevention approaches.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum is \$600,000. The Maximum Annual Contract amount is \$300,000, financed using 100 percent AB 2994 funds. Sufficient funding for this contract is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's budget requests for subsequent years.



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There is no fiscal impact to the County. AB 2994 funds stem from birth certificate surcharge fees deposited into the County Children's Trust Fund. The DCFS Finance Section has assured the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) that sufficient funds remain with the Children's Trust Fund to continue this program for an additional three years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1992, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, AB 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies. The second bill, AB 2994/(Chapter 1399, Statutes of 1982), established a County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private, non-profit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund. Both laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is ICAN.

The program provides in-home parent-child education and support to children and their parents who reside in the First Supervisorial District and have been identified or suspected of having special and unique needs.

Special and unique needs include a developmental delay or disability, mental health diagnosis, learning disability, receiving special education services or displaying behavioral challenges. The needs of this specialized population have often been inadequately addressed in the past and this program will promote effective services and case management for them.

On June 11, 2025, in accordance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contract and Amendments, the Department notified the Board of its intent to request delegated authority to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel and the CEO. County Counsel has approved the amendment (Attachment A) as to form. The CEO has approved the Sole Source Checklist (Attachment B).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through ICAN's multi-disciplinary selection process.



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ICAN reviewed and evaluated the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding. The ICAN Policy Committee approved funding for this specialized program. Specialized programs are currently funded in all five (5) supervisorial districts. ICAN works with DCFS Program staff to monitor the effectiveness of the services provided and it has been determined that this program fills a vital need in the County and the services should be expanded and continued.

On March 19, 2025, DCFS released a Request for Information to gain familiarity with the current market, and gather general information related to operational management of a child abuse prevention and early intervention program for developmentally disabled children, which resulted in seven responses from vendors who indicated that they are providing similar services.

Therefore, DCFS requests the Board's approval to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services to provide sufficient time to initiate and complete the solicitation process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Linking children and families with service providers who specialize or are familiar with children with special and unique needs, providing education on child abuse and prevention, and building and strengthening the bridge with service providers for this population are important activities for maintaining family relationships and supporting goals for stability. These services promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure child and family well-being and can alleviate problems such as safety concerns and fear of ongoing abuse experienced by these children. This program provides an opportunity to assess the impact of interventions designed to improve parenting skills and parent-child interactions.

Without extending the Alma Family Services contract, the County will not have sufficient services to provide continuous services to link children and families with service providers who specialize or are familiar with children with special and unique needs. Services including education on child abuse and prevention and building and strengthening the



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The investment in supportive interventions to address educational needs, parenting, and skill building, are integral to the process of healing for families with children with special and unique needs. The program further strengthens the bridge between DCFS, Regional Centers and other specialty service providers working with this population to provide access to highly specialized services that otherwise would be difficult to obtain. This program increases DCFS' and the community's ability to reduce trauma to this population of children and youth.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of this Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services and the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanne Tilton Durfee".

Deanne Tilton Durfee, Doc.hc
Executive Director
Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect

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Attachments

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AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN

TO

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

CONTRACT NUMBER 10-039-01

WITH

ALMA FAMILY SERVICES

_____ **2025**

Federal Assistance Listing Number (CFDA #): N/A

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This Amendment made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Alma Family Services, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor." Alma Family Services is located at 1000 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 650 Monterey Park, CA 91754.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to the Contract and CONTRACTOR has been providing services to the COUNTY;

WHEREAS, This Amendment extends the Contract beyond the original contract term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, as authorized by the COUNTY'S Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2994 established the County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs is available to extend the CONTRACT;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 7.0, Changes and Amendments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to amend the Alma Family Services Contract as follows:

1. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 2.0, Term, Sub-section 2.1.6 is added as follows:
 - 2.1.6 The Contract term is extended, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
2. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 3.0, Contract Sum, Sub-section 3.1.7 is added as follows:
 - 3.1.7 The Maximum Annual Contract amount for each year is \$300,000. The total Maximum Contract Sum for both years is \$600,000, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
3. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 3.0, Contract Sum, Sub-sections 3.10 and 3.11 are added as follows:
 - 3.10 The Contract Sum under this contract will be the total monetary amount payable by County to Contractor for supplying all the tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work specified under this Contract. Contractor will provide services at the rates identified in Exhibit B-2 (Pricing Schedule).

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- 3.11 The Department may increase the total contract amount by up to 10%, as approved by the Board. The County does not warranty or represent that all, or any portion, of the not-to-exceed contract amount will be authorized, allocated, or expended by the County; nor does the County warranty or represent that it will authorize the selected contractor(s) to perform any work or services of any monetary amount.
4. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 6.0, Background and Security Investigations, Sub-section 6.7, is added as follows:

6.0 BACKGROUND AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

6.7 These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

5. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 9.0, Child Support Compliance Program is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

9.0 CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

9.1 Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's child Support Compliance Program

9.1.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through Contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

9.1.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program ([County Code Chapter 2.200](#)) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and will during the term of this Contract maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and will implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support,

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pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and
Family Code Section 5246(b).

9.2 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with
County's Child Support Compliance Program

9.2.1 Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 9.1 (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program), will constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice will be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 53.0 Termination for Contractor's Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor), pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.202](#).

6. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 14.0, Compliance with Jury Service Program is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Section 14.0, Compliance with County's Jury Service Program, as follows:

14.0 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

14.1 Jury Service Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in [Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

14.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

14.2.1 Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.020 of the County Code](#)) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.070 of the County Code](#)), the Contractor must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees will receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service

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with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

- 14.2.2 For purposes of this Paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the Subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph. The provisions of this Paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the agreement.
- 14.2.3 If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor must immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor must immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

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14.2.4 Contractor's violation of this Paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

7. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 17.0, Consideration of Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Participants For Employment, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Section 17.0, Consideration of Hiring GAIN/START Participants, as follows:

17.0 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/START PARTICIPANTS

17.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor will give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration will mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/START participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors must report all job openings with job requirements to: gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov and BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/START job candidates.

17.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/START participants are available for hiring, County employees must be given first priority.

8. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 45.0, Public Records Act is deleted its entirety and replaced as follows:

45.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

45.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Section 47.0 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement) of

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this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the [California Government Code Section 7921 et seq. \(Public Records Act\)](#) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 45.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a bid marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

9. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 47.0, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Section 47.0, Records Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement, as follows:

47.0 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION-AUDIT SETTLEMENT

- 47.1 The Contractor must maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor must also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, will have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, will be kept and maintained by the Contractor and will be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years after the expiration of the term of this Contract thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material must be

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maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside of Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor will pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

- 47.2 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor must file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County will make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- 47.3 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Section 47.0 will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.
- 47.4 If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference must be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference will be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event will the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

- 10. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 55.0, Termination for Improper Consideration, Sub-section 55.2, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

55.0 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

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55.2 The Contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <https://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

11. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 82.0, Survival, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Section 82.0, Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding as follows:

82.0 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION PROHIBITION FOLLOWING FINAL DECISION IN CONTRACT PROCEEDING

Pursuant to [Government Code Section 84308](#), Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a County officer for twelve (12) months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of [Government Code Section 84308](#) and of this paragraph, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

12. Part III: Survival is added as follows:

PART III: SURVIVAL

In addition to any terms and conditions of this Contract that expressly survive expiration or termination of this Contract by their terms, the following provisions will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason:

PART I: UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Section 1.0** Applicable Documents and Defined Terms
- Section 3.0** Contract Sum
- Section 4.0** Insurance Requirements, Sub-section 4.1 General Insurance Requirements
- Section 4.0** Insurance Requirements, Sub-section 4.2 Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Section 7.0** Confidentiality

PART II: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Section 4.0** Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions
- Section 7.0** Changes and Amendments
- Section 12.0** Compliance with Applicable Laws, Sub-section 12.3
- Section 28.0** Fair Labor Standards

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Section 31.0 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue
Section 32.0 Indemnification
Section 34.0 Liquidated Damages
Section 42.0 Notices
Section 44.0 Proprietary Rights
Section 45.0 Public Records Act
Section 47.0 Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement
Section 53.0 Termination for Default
Section 54.0 Termination for Convenience
Section 60.0 Validity
Section 61.0 Wavier
Section 78.0 Force Majeure
Section 80.0 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)
Section 82.0 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final
Decision in Contract Proceeding

13. Exhibit B-1b, Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, are incorporated into the Contract as attached to this Amendment.
14. Exhibit E, Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook is deleted in its entirety and replaced as attached to this Amendment.
15. Exhibit S, Contribution and Agent Declaration Form is added as attached to this Amendment.

**EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
CONTRACT REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Contractor has caused this Amendment 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 Amendment. 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

CONTRACTOR

Alma Family Services

By: _____ Date: _____
BRANDON T. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR
Department of Children and Family Services

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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

**Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program
for Developmentally Disabled Children
ANNUAL LINE-ITEM BUDGET
Contract Years 2026 and 2027**

Contractor's Name: ALMA FAMILY SERVICES

<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
I. Personnel Costs	
a. Salaries	
Program Manager (.030 FTE)	\$ 22,800.00
Child Abuse Prevention Specialists (3.0 FTEs)	137,800.00
Family Support Services Coordinator (0.50 FTE)	20,500.00
Total Salaries	<u>\$ 181,100.00</u>
b. Employee Benefits	49,000.00
Total Personnel Costs	<u>\$ 230,100.00</u>
II. Non-Personnel Costs	
Rent	\$ 9,000.00
Maintenance/Repair	4,800.00
Utilities/Telephone	6,000.00
Supplies	9,000.00
Staff Travel/Mileage	1,200.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Equipment	1,200.00
Other (Recruitment, Training, Postage)	4,200.00
Total Non-Personnel Costs	<u>\$ 36,600.00</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>\$ 266,700.00</u>
Administration/Indirect Costs (12.5% of Total Direct Costs)	<u>\$ 33,300.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>

Alma Family Services
Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program
for Developmentally Disabled Children
Budget Narrative with Cost Detail and Justification

Personnel Costs (include salaries and benefits)

Budget Allocation: \$230,100			
Position: Program Manager	Salary: \$22,800	Benefits: \$6,170	Total: \$28,970
Description & Justification: Program Manager will be responsible for providing administrative supervision and oversight for all staff. The Program Coordinator will oversee data collection and documentation to ensure that all project information is documented and tracked appropriately. The Program Manager will offer specialized knowledge and insight to assist the implementation of curriculum, interventions and plans aimed at promoting parents' growth and family wellness. The Program Manager will provide a minimum of one hour of individual supervision each week per member of staff. This position will be allocated to the program for 0.30 FTE			
Position: Child Abuse Prevention Specialists	Salary: \$137,800	Benefits: \$37,285	Total: \$175,030
Description & Justification: The Child Abuse Prevention Specialists will be responsible to carry a caseload of children who have developmental disabilities and an open child abuse file with DCFS. The child abuse prevention specialist will provide support and augment the services provided by DCFS staff, in order to meet the special needs of children who have a developmental disability. Case management services will include: 1) coordinating with DCFS staff to identify developmentally disabled children who have experienced child abuse or neglect, 2) consulting with DCFS staff (as well as the child and family) regarding the types of supports and services that are needed to help the child and family obtain and maintain placement and prevent future abuse, 3) coordinating with DCFS staff parents/foster parents to remove barriers to placement and provide information and ensure appropriate linkage to community providers who work with children who have special needs. These positions were noted in the budget for 3.0 FTE.			
Position: Family Support Services Supervisor	Salary: \$20,500	Benefits: \$5,545	Total: \$26,020
Description & Justification: The Family Support Services Supervisor will serve as the team lead under the Program Coordinator, supporting optimal communication and coordination with system of care (i.e. DCFS), screening and assignment of referrals, monitoring cases, review of caseloads, facilitation of team meetings and trainings. Will work collaboratively and provide programmatic supervision to the Child Abuse Prevention Specialists under the Project Coordinator, providing critical support to service delivery. The Family Support Services Supervisor will make quality assurance contacts and work closely with the Program Coordinator and Alma's Executive team on continuous monitoring and evaluation of services. This position is noted in the budget for 0.50 FTE.			

Rent

Budget Allocation: \$9,000
Rent for facilities is budgeted at \$750 per month for the program, for a total of \$18,000 for the period.

Maintenance/Repair

Budget Allocation: \$4,800
The budgeted amount for Maintenance/Repair includes outside services for Alma's IT consultant for fees to maintain the agency's computer system and servers, maintenance of leased equipment/copiers, as well as janitorial services. Expenses for this line item are budgeted at \$400 per month or \$4,800 .

Utilities/Telephone

Budget Allocation: \$6,000
The budgeted amount for Utilities/Telephone include land telephone line and internet access, staff cell phones, and other utilities at the site. Expenses for this line item are budgeted at \$500 per month or \$6,000 .

Supplies

Budget Allocation: \$9,000

Program and office supplies include papers, binders, folders, ink cartridges, pens, envelopes and other supplies. Expenses for this line item are budgeted at \$750 per month or **\$9,000**.

Staff Mileage

Budget Allocation: \$1,200

The budgeted amount for Staff Mileage includes expenses incurred on home or community visits. Using the IRS-approved mileage reimbursement rate, mileage reimbursement expenses are estimated at \$100 per month.

Other

Budget Allocation: \$6,600

Other Costs of \$5,900 consist of the following expenditures budgeted for this program:

Insurance	\$1,200.00
Equipment	1,200.00
Miscellaneous (Postage, Printing, Recruitment, Training, etc.)	4,200.00

Indirect Costs

Budget Allocation: \$33,300

Administrative Overhead is estimated at 12.5% of the total Direct Costs or **\$33,300**. Administrative support and other indirect costs are those incurred for the common benefit of the organization's total contracted program and are not directly or readily attributable to a previously specified direct cost. Allowable administrative costs include accounting, budgeting, financial screening, general administrative personnel, information system, office services, and other such similar services.

In-Kind Match

Budget Allocation: \$33,600

Alma Family Services will meet the required 10% in-kind match per contract year through the provision of mental health services. The annual cost of psychotherapy per individual in LA County is estimated at \$4,200. Alma will provide a minimum of 8 slots ($\$4,200 \times 8 = \$33,600$) for children/adolescents who might benefit from direct mental health services, to be referred through the ICAN program. Mental Health Services for children and adolescents will be focused on the experience of significant emotional difficulties. Services may include individual psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, medication support and/or case management. This collaborative will emphasize linkages and close collaboration with the child's and family's support system. Licensed and/or Registered Marriage and Family Therapists/Social Workers will provide mental health services under Alma's Clinical and Administrative Supervisors.



**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
CONTRACT ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION
HANDBOOK**

- REVISED JULY 2025 -

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The purpose of the Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook (Handbook) is to provide organizations (CONTRACTORS) that contract with the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) with guidance on key accounting, financial reporting, internal control, and contract administration standards, along with best practices and recommended approaches that will help to promote accountability, protect the integrity of assets and financial information, and minimize the risk of fraud.

The accounting, financial reporting, and internal control standards presented in this Handbook are fundamental and derived from applicable federal, State, and COUNTY regulations and guidelines (see [Section F](#)). These standards are not intended to be all inclusive or replace acceptable existing procedures, preclude the use of more sophisticated methods, or supersede any laws or requirements imposed by the applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies) that may be more restrictive and/or stringent. Instead, this Handbook includes the minimum federal, State, and COUNTY required procedures and controls that must be incorporated into a CONTRACTOR'S accounting and financial reporting system to ensure compliance, as well as guidance on other recommended procedures and controls. The internal control standards described apply to organizations with adequate staffing. Organizations with insufficient staff to implement the internal controls as described herein must adopt alternative controls (e.g., use of appropriate alternative staff and/or board members) to comply with the intent of the standards to ensure effective internal control systems are in place within the organization. The CONTRACTOR'S subcontractors must also follow these standards unless otherwise stated in the COUNTY Agreement.

For additional resources, please see [Section F](#), and for any inquiries, please see [Section G](#).

A. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

1.0 Basis of Accounting

Unless otherwise specified by the applicable funding source(s), CONTRACTORS may elect to use either the accrual or cash basis of accounting during the year for recording financial transactions. CONTRACTOR must ensure their basis of accounting is adequately documented in their accounting policies. Monthly invoices must be prepared on the same basis used for recording financial transactions.

The COUNTY generally recommends the use of the accrual basis for recording financial transactions when appropriate.

1.1 Accrual Basis

Under the accrual basis for recording financial transactions, revenues are recorded in the accounting period earned (rather than when cash is received). Expenditures



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are recorded in the accounting period incurred (rather than when cash is disbursed).

Recorded accruals (e.g., to estimate expenditures) should be reversed in the subsequent accounting period or when deemed appropriate and/or necessary to ensure revenues and expenditures are not double counted, and are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

1.2 Cash Basis

If a CONTRACTOR elects to use the cash basis for recording financial transactions during the year:

- Necessary adjustments must be made to record the accruals at the beginning and the end of each year of the COUNTY Agreement, and at the end of the COUNTY Agreement.
- All computations, supporting records, and explanatory notes used in converting from the cash basis to the accrual basis must be retained.

1.3 Prepaid Expenditures

Prepaid expenditures (e.g., insurance, service agreements, lease agreements) must be expensed during the appropriate COUNTY Agreement year to the extent goods and services are received, or are applicable to that COUNTY Agreement year.

2.0 Accounting System

Each CONTRACTOR must maintain a ***double entry accounting system*** (utilizing debits and credits) and adequate, accurate, and reliable financial records in accordance with GAAP. The financial records must provide a comprehensive audit trail, and typically include, but may not be limited to a General Journal, a Cash Receipts Journal, a General Ledger, a Cash Disbursements Journal, and a Payroll Register or equivalent records as described in this Handbook. Postings to the General Ledger and Journals must be made timely, at least on a monthly basis. The CONTRACTOR must maintain separate cost centers, which clearly identify funds received and expended on services provided under the COUNTY Agreement.

2.1 General Journal

A General Journal (or equivalent records) must be maintained to ensure transactions are recorded accurately and timely in the order they occur, and for recording adjusting entries, reversing entries, closing entries, and other financial transactions not normally recorded in the Cash Receipts Journal or Cash Disbursements Journal (or their equivalent records). Entries in the General



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Journal (or equivalent record) must be adequately documented and entered in chronological order with sufficient explanatory notations to support the transaction.

Example:

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Rent Expenditure	100	
Rent Payable		100

To record accrued rent to March 31, 20XX

2.2 Cash Receipts Journal

A Cash Receipts Journal (or equivalent records) must be maintained for recording and identifying all cash inflows and sources of income (e.g., COUNTY warrants, contributions, interest income), and should, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- Date
- Invoice, Reference and/or Receipt Number (if applicable)
- Amount of Cash or Income Received
- Names of Accounts Debited (e.g., Cash) and Credited (e.g., Income) for the following:
 - COUNTY payments
 - Contributions/Donations
 - Other Income (e.g., grants, sales of supplies/services, rental income, miscellaneous revenue, fees)
- Description to clearly specify the source of cash receipts

2.3 Cash Disbursements Journal

A Cash Disbursements Journal (or equivalent records) must be maintained for recording all cash outflows or disbursements (e.g., rent, utilities, maintenance) to manage and track outgoing funds, and should, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- Date
- Invoice, Reference, and/or Check Number (if applicable)
- Amount of Cash Disbursed
- Names of Accounts Debited or Credited
- Payment Method (e.g., cash, check, electronic transfer)
- Description to clearly specify the nature of the cost and the corresponding cost classification, if not included in the column heading.

Checks should not be written to employees (other than payroll, reimbursements for small incidental out-of-pocket costs, mileage reimbursements, travel reimbursements, and petty cash fund custodian checks).



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A ***Check Register*** may be substituted for the Cash Disbursements Journal (or equivalent records), but this is not recommended. If used, the Check Register (or equivalent records) must contain the same cost classifications and description information required when a Cash Disbursements Journal (or equivalent records) is used.

2.4 General Ledger

A General Ledger (or equivalent records) must be maintained with accounts for all assets, liabilities, fund balances/net assets, revenues, and expenditures to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and transparency of all financial transactions in accordance with GAAP. Separate accounts or cost centers must be maintained for the revenues (e.g., donations, grants, rental income, miscellaneous revenue) and expenditures of each of the CONTRACTOR'S programs and activities (both COUNTY and non-COUNTY).

2.5 Chart of Accounts

A Chart of Accounts (or equivalent records) must be maintained to organize and classify financial transactions accurately and consistently in accordance with GAAP:

- The COUNTY recommends that CONTRACTORS use the same expenditure account titles on the monthly invoice submitted to the COUNTY.
- If the CONTRACTOR uses account titles which differ from the account titles on the monthly invoice, each account title should clearly identify the nature of the transaction(s) posted to the account.
- CONTRACTOR must consistently post transactions that are of a similar nature to the same account. For example, all expenditures for travel can be posted to an account titled "travel," but must not be intermixed with other expenditure accounts.

2.6 Payroll Register

A Payroll Register (or equivalent records) must be maintained to manage payroll activities, detail the necessary payroll information, and ensure payroll transactions and payments are accurate. The Payroll Register (or equivalent records) should contain the following information for each employee:

- Name
- Position
- Unique code identifying each employee (e.g., employee number/ID)
- Salary or hourly wage
- Payment Record including:



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- Accrual Period
- Gross Pay
- Itemized Payroll Deductions
- Net Pay Amount
- Check/Payment Number

CONTRACTOR must ensure compliance with:

- All applicable federal and State requirements for withholding payroll taxes (e.g., FIT, FICA, FUTA, SIT, SIU), reporting, filing (e.g., 941, DE-7, W-2, W-4, 1099), and all applicable tax deposits.
- Internal Revenue Service and State guidelines to properly classify employees and independent contractors.

3.0 Information and Supporting Documentation Requirements

CONTRACTOR must retain the original source document for inspection by COUNTY. All revenues and expenditures charged to the COUNTY must be supported by original vouchers, invoices, receipts, or other documentation to clearly establish the nature and the reasonableness of the expenditure and its relevance to the COUNTY program, and evidence of actual payment (e.g., canceled checks, proof of electronic funds transfer). Internally generated documents (e.g., vouchers, request for check forms, requisitions), and bank and credit card account statements alone do not constitute supporting documentation for revenues and expenditures.

If the CONTRACTOR is unclear as to the appropriate documentation that must be maintained to support an expenditure, CONTRACTOR should consult with the COUNTY **before** the expenditure is charged to the COUNTY. Unsupported or inadequately supported expenditures will be disallowed upon audit. CONTRACTOR will be required to repay COUNTY for all disallowed costs.

Electronic documentation is permitted when the source documentation originated electronically (e.g., electronic bills and bank statements). To the extent the source for electronic documentation is an original hardcopy document (e.g., PDF scans of original vendor invoices), COUNTY at its sole discretion may accept photocopies (including scanned images) of supporting documentation in preference to the original documents subject to any limitations imposed by the applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies), and if the CONTRACTOR maintains adequate internal controls over their information technology systems and data (e.g., electronically stored information, records, or documentation) as required by the standards described in this Handbook (e.g., see [Sections A.3.5](#) and [B.7.0](#) through [B.7.3](#)) and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement). Failure to provide original hardcopy documents and/or maintain an adequate system of



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internal controls over electronic documentation to support expenditures charged to the COUNTY will result in inadequately supported expenditures and will be disallowed upon audit.

For the following categories of expenditures, adequate supporting documentation may include, but not be limited to:

Payroll

- Timecards and attendance records signed and dated by the employee and the employee's supervisor (in ink or electronically) certifying the accuracy and approval of the reported time.
- Time distribution records by program, accounting for total work time on a daily basis for each employee.
- Records showing actual expenditures for payroll, Social Security and unemployment insurance.
- State and federal quarterly tax returns, federal W-2 forms, federal W-4 forms, and any other records to support payroll tax payments.

Personnel Files

- Documentation supporting approved employee pay rates.
- Proof of employees having the required education, practical experience, and license(s)/certification(s) for their position.
- Criminal record clearances as required.

Contracted/Consultant Services

- Contracts detailing the nature and scope of services to be provided, and the method and rate of compensation (e.g., cost reimbursement, fixed fee, fee for service, rate per hour) for each service.
- Itemized invoices or other documentation detailing specific service(s) provided and rate(s) of compensation applied to support total amounts charged.
- Time and attendance records or other documentation detailing when services were provided.
- Travel vouchers detailing purpose, time, and location of travel reimbursed by CONTRACTOR.
- Purchase orders, itemized invoices, and proof of receipt of good/services for amount reimbursed by CONTRACTOR.
- Copies of all completed federal Form 1099s, establishing that all payments to contractors/consultants were reported timely to federal and State taxing agencies.



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Payments to Affiliated Organizations or Persons (i.e., Related Party/Less-Than-Arm's-Length Transactions)

- Financial records (e.g., general ledgers, payroll registers, labor distributions, invoices/receipts) of the affiliated or related organizations/persons
- Price and rate quotations for the same services/goods from an adequate number of independent and qualified sources
- Cost and price analysis
- Vendor selection analysis
- Other documentation to support payments to affiliated organizations or persons did not exceed the lesser of actual costs of the affiliated or related organizations/persons or the reasonable costs for services rendered or items purchased (see [Section C.1.2](#) for additional guidance)

Loans (including, but not limited to, loans to the CONTRACTOR from employees and/or related parties)

- Written loan agreement approved by the CONTRACTOR'S board of directors.
- Documentation showing that loaned funds were deposited into a CONTRACTOR bank account.
- Documentation showing that loan proceeds were actually used for COUNTY programs.

To the extent that the loan agreement provides for the payment of interest, the interest may not be an allowable expenditure under the Agreement. If the payment of interest is allowable, interest must not be accrued at a rate which exceeds the COUNTY Treasury Rate plus one percent.

Travel

- Travel policies (written) of the CONTRACTOR
- Travel expenditure vouchers
- For travel related to conferences, meetings, seminars, symposiums, workshops, and other similar events, CONTRACTOR must at a minimum, retain literature, such as agendas and handouts, or other documentation detailing the purpose of the event, as part of the CONTRACTOR'S documentation of the propriety of the travel expenditure
- Itemized receipts for all travel expenditures (e.g., lodging for approved out-of-town travel, airfare, car rentals, meals, ground transportation, parking).

Note: Reimbursement for actual receipts or per diem rates for lodging and meal expenditures must not exceed the COUNTY'S maximum reimbursement rate for employees. CONTRACTOR should obtain the COUNTY'S maximum reimbursement rate for each fiscal year from the COUNTY before travel expenditures are charged.



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Vehicle Expenditures

- Invoices/receipts for repairs, maintenance, fuel, etc.
- Vehicle registration card
- Vehicle title
- Insurance policy
- Purchase or financing agreement
- Vehicle lease or rental agreement
- For vehicles owned/leased by the CONTRACTOR and personal vehicles that are primarily used for business purposes, a vehicle mileage log (or equivalent record) must be maintained establishing the extent to which the vehicles are used for business versus non-business purposes. The mileage log (or equivalent record) must identify:
 - Trip dates
 - Origin and destination addresses of the trip
 - Purpose of the trip and how it relates to the Agreement services
 - Beginning and ending odometer readings and the resulting mileage for all trips (including non-business trips) to account for 100% use of the vehicle
- For personal vehicles that are not primarily used for business purposes, documentation to support reimbursements to employees for mileage and parking must include:
 - Date and time of travel
 - Origin and destination addresses of the trip and the resulting mileage
 - Purpose of the trip and how it relates to the Agreement services
 - Rates claimed (**Note:** Reimbursement rates for mileage must not exceed applicable federal guidelines.)
 - Itemized receipts for reimbursed parking and toll charges

All supporting documentation must include sufficient information to identify the vehicle the expenditures are related to, which should include, but not be limited to, vehicle make and model, vehicle license number, and vehicle identification number.

CONTRACTOR must only charge the COUNTY for vehicle expenditures (e.g., gasoline, repairs/maintenance, insurance, depreciation) to provide COUNTY Agreement services. CONTRACTOR must pro-rate vehicle expenditures based on vehicle usage to exclude the portion of expenditures related to non-COUNTY and non-business use (i.e., non-COUNTY program services, personal use, employee transportation to and from work).

Operating Expenditures (e.g., utilities, office supplies, equipment rentals)

- Bona fide contracts or lease agreements, if applicable
- Invoices and receipts detailing the cost and items purchased
- Documentation acknowledging the receipt of purchased goods and services (e.g., itemized delivery confirmations, stock received reports, packing slips, or



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other documentation) signed by the employee(s) who verified the good/services were approved and received

Outside Meals

- Itemized receipts and/or invoices for all meals
- Documentation detailing the nature and business purpose of each meal
- Documentation identifying the participants of each meal

3.1 Filing

All relevant supporting documentation for reported revenues and program expenditures must be filed in a systematic and consistent manner. It is recommended that supporting documents be filed as follows:

- Checks/Payments – Numerically
- Invoices – Vendor name and date
- Vouchers – Numerically
- Receipts – Chronologically
- Timecards – Pay period and alphabetically

3.2 Referencing

Accounting transactions posted to the CONTRACTOR'S books must be appropriately cross-referenced to supporting documentation. When applicable, it is recommended that expenditure transactions on the CONTRACTOR'S books be cross-referenced to the supporting documentation as follows:

- Invoices – Vendor name and date
- Checks – Number
- Vouchers – Number

Supporting documentation for non-payroll expenditures (i.e., operating expenditures) should be cross-referenced to the evidence of actual payment (e.g., corresponding check issued for payment, bank statement). If multiple invoices are paid with one check or transaction, all related invoices should be cross-referenced to the evidence of actual payment.

3.3 Security Over Documentation

Adequate care must be exercised to safeguard the financial records, including accounting records and supporting documentation. Any destruction or theft of the CONTRACTOR'S financial records must be immediately reported to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR must report, to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, any act(s), which may reasonably constitute a crime and appear to have resulted in the destruction, damage, or alteration of any record subject to the



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provisions of this Handbook. CONTRACTOR must make their report to the local law enforcement agency within twenty-four hours of becoming aware of the acts which resulted in the destruction, damage, or alteration of the record.

A copy of the resulting crime/incident report must be retained by the CONTRACTOR for the same period of time the underlying records that were destroyed/damaged were required to be retained (see [Section A.3.4](#)), and must be retained for a longer period in the case of unresolved litigation or audit.

3.4 Retention

All financial records, including accounting records (e.g., journals, ledgers) and supporting documentation, must be retained for a minimum of three years after the termination of the CONTRACTOR'S Agreement or the date of submission of the final invoice, billing, or expenditure report, unless a longer retention period is prescribed by the Agreement or applicable laws and regulations, in which case the CONTRACTOR must comply with the longer retention period and all other retention requirements set forth in the Agreement or the applicable laws and regulations.

3.5 Protection of Electronically Stored Information

CONTRACTOR must employ sufficient security measures to safeguard all COUNTY non-public information (e.g., confidential information including, but not limited to, the names and addresses of individuals, Social Security numbers, credit card information) that is electronically stored and used. CONTRACTOR is also responsible for the security of any COUNTY non-public information that is transmitted, exchanged, or shared with other authorized individuals and/or organizations including, but not limited to, third-party vendors/providers, subcontractors, contractors/consultants, or other external parties.

Information security and privacy safeguards (e.g., policies, access restrictions, employee background checks, training programs, cyber liability insurance, encryption) and standards must be developed, implemented, and maintained in accordance with applicable standards described in this Handbook (e.g., see [Sections B.7.0](#) through [B.7.3](#)), the [COUNTY Board of Supervisors \(Board\) Policy 5.200](#), and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement, applicable sections of the [Board Policy Manual](#)).

4.0 Donations and Other Sources of Revenue

For CONTRACTORS that use donations and/or other sources of revenue (e.g., grants, sales of supplies/services, rental income, miscellaneous revenue, fees) to pay for expenditures related to a COUNTY service, the CONTRACTOR must maintain accounting and other financial records that clearly identify the specific expenditures that were paid for with the other source(s) of revenue. Restricted donations and other sources of revenue, earmarked specifically for the



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COUNTY program, must be utilized on allowable COUNTY Agreement expenditures. Similarly, income from investments (e.g., interest, dividends), where the source of the amount invested is COUNTY program funds, must be deemed restricted revenue that must be utilized on allowable COUNTY program expenditures, or returned to the COUNTY as specified under the COUNTY Agreement.

5.0 Audits

For routine audits and inspections, CONTRACTOR will make available to COUNTY representatives, upon request, during working hours, during the duration of the COUNTY Agreement and for a period of three years thereafter (unless a longer period is specified under the Agreement, or by applicable laws and regulations), all of its books and records, including, but not limited to, those which relate to its operation of each project or business activity, which is funded in whole or part with governmental monies, whether or not such monies are received through the COUNTY. All such books and records must be made available upon request at a location within or near Los Angeles County.

In general, audits will normally be performed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. However, COUNTY retains the right to inspect and conduct investigations of CONTRACTOR'S program/fiscal operations and compliance with the COUNTY Agreement at any time, without prior notice to CONTRACTOR seven days a week, when the COUNTY has information which it, in its sole discretion, justifies such an unannounced visit, inspection, audit or investigation.

6.0 Single Audit Requirements

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) "[Audit Requirements](#)" requires organizations that expend the applicable threshold (e.g., \$750,000 (prior to October 1, 2024), \$1,000,000) or more in federal awards during their fiscal year (including pass-through awards) to have a single audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards for that year. Additional details regarding single audit requirements are included in [Uniform Guidance](#).

A copy of any single audit report must be filed with the COUNTY upon request or within the timeframes prescribed by the COUNTY Agreement, or any extended timeframes granted by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

7.0 Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management Requirements

Title 2 United States Code of Federal Regulations "[Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management](#)" requires organizations receiving federal funds to have a "Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)" and register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), unless exempted by federal statute. CONTRACTOR



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must maintain documentation to demonstrate they have a current and active UEI and registration in SAM.gov, if applicable. Additional details regarding UEI requirements are included in the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations \(eCFR\)](#) and [SAM.gov](#).

B. INTERNAL CONTROLS

1.0 Internal Controls Overview

Internal controls are processes designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the CONTRACTOR'S objectives relating to operations, reporting, and compliance, and should safeguard the CONTRACTOR'S assets from misappropriations and misuse. Each CONTRACTOR must prepare necessary written procedures establishing internal controls for its personnel's use. The CONTRACTOR must instruct all personnel in these procedures and continuously monitor operations to ensure compliance with their own policies and procedures, and any other applicable funding source requirements (e.g., [Uniform Guidance](#)).

2.0 Cash and Revenues

Cash or cash equivalents (e.g., checks, money orders, other liquid assets such as prepaid/EBT/gift cards) and revenue must be adequately monitored to ensure they are properly accounted for, safeguarded, and accurately reported.

2.1 Separate Fund or Cost Center

All COUNTY Agreement revenues must be maintained in a bank account. If revenues from other sources are maintained in the same bank account, revenues for each source must be clearly identifiable in the accounting records through the use of cost centers or separate accounts.

2.2 Manual Deposits

When cash or cash equivalents are received by mail, two employees should be assigned to open the mail and list all collections received on a receipts/check remittance log.

All COUNTY checks should be restrictively endorsed upon receipt.

Cash and cash equivalents received should be recorded on pre-numbered receipts and the receipts/check remittance log should be reconciled to the amount being deposited.

Voided receipts must be retained and the sequence of receipts issued/voided must be periodically accounted for.



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Cash and cash equivalents totaling \$500 or more must be deposited within one day of receipt, or as soon as reasonably possible. Collections of less than \$500 may be held and must be secured and deposited weekly or when the total reaches \$500, whichever occurs first. If CONTRACTOR can establish that a larger limit is warranted, CONTRACTOR may request authorization from COUNTY to increase the limit to an amount greater than \$500.

Deposit slips should be retained in an organized manner, and must contain sufficient reference information for comparison to the Cash Receipts Journal (or equivalent records) and individual receipts, if applicable. A recommended best practice is to retain a photocopy of the deposit slip and the COUNTY warrants reflected on each deposit slip, or record the individual warrant numbers on the deposit slip.

2.3 Separation of Duties Over Deposits and Cash

Employees' duties must be separated to ensure that one individual does not control all key aspects (e.g., receiving, receipting, depositing, disbursing, reconciling, recording) of a transaction. For example, an employee who does not handle cash or cash equivalents should record all receipts in the CONTRACTOR'S accounting records.

2.4 Bank Reconciliations

Bank statements should be received and reconciled by someone with no cash handling or check writing/preparation responsibilities. The person reconciling the bank account(s) should receive the bank statement(s) directly from the bank.

Monthly bank reconciliations should be prepared and reviewed by management for appropriateness and accuracy within 30 days of the bank statement date. The bank reconciliations should be signed and dated by both the preparer and the reviewer. See [Exhibit A](#) for a suggested bank reconciliation format.

Reconciling items should be reviewed, researched, and resolved immediately. If an item cannot be resolved within the next bank statement period, the CONTRACTOR should monitor the reconciling item to ensure the reconciling item is resolved timely.

2.5 Bonding

All officers, employees, and contractors who handle cash or have access to the CONTRACTOR'S funds (e.g., prepare checks) must be bonded.

3.0 Disbursements

All disbursements (other than those made for petty cash purchases), must be made using a CONTRACTOR check, electronic funds transfer, or debit/credit card.



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Blank check stock must be secured and accounted for to preclude unauthorized use.

Checks must NOT be payable to "cash" or signed in advance. Similarly, electronic debits to "cash" or withdrawals of cash must not be made. Checks written to employees for reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs must be supported by receipts and invoices.

Voided checks must be marked void. If paper checks are used, the signature block must be cut out. Voided checks must be maintained with the canceled checks.

Returned or undelivered checks must be canceled regularly, but no less frequent than monthly.

Unclaimed checks must be canceled periodically, but no less frequent than every six months.

All supporting documentation should reference the payment made for the expenditure (e.g., check number, transaction number for an electronic funds transfer, credit card payment) and marked "paid" or otherwise canceled to prevent duplicate payments or reuse.

Disbursements without adequate supporting documentation and/or without adequate controls over electronic documentation (See [Section A.3.0](#) regarding the use of electronic documentation) will be disallowed upon audit.

A second signature is also recommended on all checks over \$500, unless otherwise specified in the COUNTY Agreement.

3.1 Approvals and Separation of Duties Over Disbursements

Employees responsible for approving cash disbursements and/or signing checks should examine all supporting documentation at the time the checks are approved and signed.

All disbursements, excluding petty cash purchases, should be approved by persons independent of check preparation and bookkeeping activities.

In instances where the payee is also a signor on the check, the disbursement must be reviewed and approved by a higher-level employee or board member who must also sign the check. If the bookkeeper signs checks, a second signature must be required on the checks, regardless of limits specified in the COUNTY Agreement.

3.2 Credit Cards

Credit cards issued in the CONTRACTOR'S name must be adequately safeguarded and usage monitored to ensure that only authorized and necessary



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items are purchased.

Credit card purchases should be pre-approved by CONTRACTOR management to ensure that they are reasonable and necessary.

The use of an employee's personal credit card on behalf of the CONTRACTOR for authorized and necessary items must be limited to purchases where established purchasing and disbursement practices are not suitable.

All credit card disbursements must be supported by original invoices, store receipts, or other external authenticating documents indicating each item purchased, the employee making the purchase, and the justification for the purchase. ***Credit card statements alone are not sufficient support for credit card purchases.*** See [Section A.3.0](#) regarding the use of electronic documentation.

Employee duties must be separated so that the same person cannot approve purchases, reconcile credit card statements, approve reconciliations, or approve payments. Cardholders should not perform any of these duties.

Monthly credit card statements should be reconciled to the source documentation for the expenditure and reviewed by management in a timely manner for appropriateness and accuracy. Any discrepancies must be reviewed, researched, and resolved immediately. The credit card reconciliations should be signed and dated by the reconciler and reviewer.

3.3 Petty Cash

Petty cash must NOT be used as a substitute for normal purchasing and disbursement practices (i.e., payment by check).

A CONTRACTOR may establish a petty cash fund up to \$500 to pay for **small** incidental expenditures incurred (e.g., postage due, parking meters, small purchases of office supplies), and may establish multiple petty cash funds when appropriate (i.e., petty cash fund for each location where services are rendered). CONTRACTOR must obtain written approval from the COUNTY to establish a single petty cash fund greater than \$500. Applicable policies and procedures must be established to ensure accountability and restrict the usage of petty cash to the intended purpose of the fund.

Petty cash disbursements must be supported by original invoices, store receipts, or other external authenticating documents indicating each item purchased and the employee making the purchase. If external supporting documentation is not obtainable for minor disbursements (under \$10), such as parking meters, fees, etc., then some written documentation should be maintained and approved by a supervisory employee not associated with the transaction. See [Section A.3.0](#) regarding the use of electronic documentation.



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The petty cash fund should be maintained on an imprest (fixed) basis. A check should be drawn to set up the fund and to periodically replenish the fund up to the imprest amount. Receipts, vouchers, etc., supporting each fund replenishment should be cross referenced to the reimbursement check.

A petty cash log (or equivalent record) must be maintained for each petty cash fund to track the usage and replenishment of petty cash. Petty cash logs should be reviewed monthly by a higher-level employee not having responsibilities over the respective petty cash fund to ensure petty cash funds are being used for their intended purposes. See [Exhibit B](#) for a suggested petty cash log format.

There should be a separate petty cash fund custodian assigned for each petty cash fund established. The petty cash fund custodian should:

- Not have any other cash handling responsibilities (e.g., sign checks).
- Be responsible for maintaining and disbursing the petty cash funds and requesting replenishment of the fund up to its imprest amount, when necessary.
- Reconcile the petty cash fund amount to the cash-on-hand, receipts/invoices for which replenishment has not yet been requested, and replenishment requests in process, but not yet received, each day the petty cash fund is used.

Petty cash must be secured at all times in a locked safe, file cabinet, or cash drawer. Access to the petty cash fund should be limited to the petty cash fund custodian and one other employee in case of absence or emergency.

Surprise cash counts of each petty cash fund should be conducted periodically, but no less than quarterly, to ensure the petty cash fund is being maintained as required. The cash counts should be conducted by a higher-level employee not having cash handling responsibilities over the specific fund being counted. Documentation should be maintained to support each cash count conducted and should be signed and dated by the employee conducting the cash count.

3.4 Other Liquid Assets

Liquid assets must NOT be used as a substitute for normal purchasing and disbursement practices (e.g., payment by check).

CONTRACTOR must centrally monitor any liquid assets that can easily be converted to personal use (e.g., bus tokens/passes, prepaid/EBT/gift cards, tickets, vouchers). Applicable policies and procedures must be established to ensure accountability and restrict the usage of liquid assets to their intended purposes.

The distribution and usage of liquid assets must be supported by a log and/or external authenticating documents. The documents must clearly identify each item distributed/used, amounts issued, the date of distribution/usage, and the name and signature of the recipient/user. If the liquid assets (e.g., gift cards, prepaid cards)



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are used to pay for other expenditures, additional documentation must be maintained to support the expenditures as required by [Section A.3.0](#). See [Exhibit C](#) for a suggested liquid assets log format.

Logs and/or other external authenticating documents should be reviewed monthly by a higher-level employee not having responsibilities over the respective liquid asset to ensure liquid assets are being used for their intended purposes.

A custodian should be assigned to monitor liquid assets, and should:

- Not have any other cash handling responsibilities (e.g., sign checks).
- Be responsible for maintaining and distributing the liquid assets and requesting replenishment when necessary.
- Reconcile the log to the liquid assets-on-hand and the documentation supporting the distribution and usage of the liquid assets to-date, each day liquid assets are distributed and used.

Liquid assets must be safely secured at all times (e.g., in a locked safe, file cabinet, or drawer). Access to liquid assets should be limited to the custodian and one other employee in case of absence or emergency.

Surprise counts of each liquid asset should be conducted periodically, but no less than quarterly, to ensure liquid assets are being maintained as required. The counts should be conducted by a higher-level employee not having responsibilities over the liquid asset being counted. Documentation should be maintained to support each count conducted and should be signed and dated by the employee conducting the count.

4.0 Payroll and Personnel Records

Adequate payroll and personnel records must be maintained to support payroll transactions. Payroll and/or personnel records should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Employee's authorized salary rate
- Employee information sheet (e.g., employee contact information, emergency contact information)
- Resume and/or application
- Proof of qualifications for the position, if required (e.g., job description, notarized copy or original diploma, academic transcripts, license(s))
- Hiring and termination (if applicable) documents
- Employment history and performance evaluations
- Criminal record clearance (if required)
- Citizenship Status
- Benefit balances (e.g., paid time off, sick time, vacation)
- Health Clearances (if required)



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In addition, personnel records should also include disclosures of any relationships with other CONTRACTOR employees or associates.

4.1 Timecards

Timecards or time reports must be prepared for each employee each pay period. If an employee works on multiple COUNTY/non-COUNTY programs and/or activities, the total hours charged to each of the programs and/or activities must be based on actual conditions (e.g., total hours worked each day by program and the total hours charged to each of the CONTRACTOR'S programs, time studies, full-time equivalents).

Time or budget estimates (i.e., estimates determined before the services are performed) alone do not qualify as support for payroll expenditures and will be disallowed upon audit. Time or budget estimates may be used for interim accounting purposes, unless prohibited by the COUNTY Agreement or applicable funding source(s), provided that the system for establishing the estimates produces reasonable approximations of the activity actually performed. Significant changes in work activity must be identified and adjusted in the financial records in a timely manner. The CONTRACTOR'S system of internal controls must include processes to review after-the-fact interim charges made using time or budget estimates, and be adequately documented. All necessary adjustments must be made such that the final amount charged to the COUNTY is accurate, allowable, appropriately allocated, and based on actual conditions.

All timecards and time reports must be signed and dated by the employee and the employee's supervisor (in ink or electronically) to certify the accuracy and approval of the reported time.

To the extent the CONTRACTOR utilizes electronic timecards and time reports, the CONTRACTOR'S electronic time reporting system must be designed to comply with the internal control standards described in this Handbook (e.g., see [Sections A.3.5](#) and [B.7.0](#) through [B.7.3](#)), and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement), and support the reporting of accurate and reliable financial information.

4.2 Benefit Balances

Employee benefit balances (e.g., paid time off, sick time, vacation) should be maintained on at least a monthly basis. Benefit balances must be increased when benefit hours are earned and decreased as hours are used.

4.3 Incentive Compensation

Incentive compensation paid to employees should be reasonable, based on a measurable performance metric (e.g., cost reduction, efficient performance, suggestion awards, safety awards), and in accordance with the CONTRACTOR'S



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established policy or agreement with employees. The CONTRACTOR must maintain documentation to support any incentive compensation payments to employees.

Any bonuses, gifts, or other payments provided to employees that are solely intended to improve employee morale will be disallowed upon audit, unless expressly allowed by the COUNTY Agreement and/or the applicable funding source(s).

4.4 Limitations on Positions and Salaries

The CONTRACTOR should not pay any salaries higher than those authorized in the COUNTY Agreement or by the applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies).

Payroll expenditures for employees working on more than one agreement, program, or activity must be equitably allocated in accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#) and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement). If an employee serves in the same or dual capacities under more than one agreement or program, time charged to the agreements or programs taken as a whole may not exceed 100% of the employee's actual time worked.

Salaried employees should be paid a salary that corresponds with the employee's work schedule. For example, a half-time salaried employee performing the same or similar work should be paid proportionately less than a full-time salaried employee.

4.5 Retroactive Payroll Adjustments and Payments

The CONTRACTOR must not charge the COUNTY for any retroactive adjustments to an employee's authorized hourly/salary rate or benefits that result in additional compensation to an individual or group of employees without written approval from the COUNTY.

Retroactive payments to employees to correct underpayment errors may be charged to the COUNTY provided that adequate documentation is maintained to support an employee was underpaid in a prior pay period and the retroactive payment is necessary.

4.6 Separation of Duties Over Payroll and Personnel

Payroll checks should be distributed by persons not involved in timekeeping (e.g., preparing/recording, approving, processing, and reporting of payroll transactions), or reconciling bank accounts.



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All employee hires and terminations, or pay rate changes, must be approved in writing by authorized persons independent of payroll responsibilities.

4.7 Security Over Payroll and Personnel Records

Adequate security must be maintained over payroll and personnel records with access restricted to authorized individuals. Any automated payroll and personnel records which contain confidential information, such as, but not limited to, employee addresses and medical information, must be adequately safeguarded using the information security and privacy standards discussed in Section A.3.6 to prevent unauthorized access and use.

5.0 Procurement

Written policies and procedures must be established to ensure goods and services are procured in a manner providing full and open competition and in accordance with the requirements of [Uniform Guidance](#) and any other applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies). The written policies and procedures must also cover conflicts of interest where the CONTRACTOR and/or its directors, officers, or key employees are unable (or appear to be unable) to be impartial in conducting a procurement action.

CONTRACTOR must maintain sufficient records to support the history of procurement. At a minimum, the records should detail the rationale for the procurement method, the selection of the contract type (e.g., cost reimbursement, fixed-price), reasoning/justification for contractor or vendor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price/rate.

The procurement of any goods and/or services with an aggregate value that exceeds the lesser of \$5,000 or the amount required by the CONTRACTOR'S policy must be approved by the CONTRACTOR'S board of directors.

Failure to procure goods and services as required and maintain adequate documentation to support expenditures charged to the COUNTY may result in inadequately supported expenditures and may be disallowed upon audit.

5.1 Methods of Procurement

[Uniform Guidance](#) describes the following methods for procuring goods and services:

- Informal Procurement
- Formal Procurement
- Noncompetitive Procurement



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Informal Procurement

When the aggregate value of the goods and/or services being procured is less than \$10,000, the CONTRACTOR must ensure the price is reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history, and/or other relevant information.

Where the aggregate value of the goods and/or services being procured is between \$10,000 and \$249,999, the CONTRACTOR must ensure the price is reasonable by obtaining price or rate quotations from an adequate number of qualified sources. CONTRACTOR should consider obtaining price or rate quotations from at least three qualified sources.

Formal Procurement

When the aggregate value of the goods and/or services being procured is \$250,000 or more, the CONTRACTOR must ensure the price is reasonable by formally and publicly advertising and soliciting sealed bids or competitive proposals from an adequate number of qualified sources.

Sealed bids are generally solicited for firm-fixed price contracts (lump sum or unit price). The contract should be awarded to a responsible bidder whose bid conforms with all material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids and is the lowest price.

Competitive proposals are generally solicited when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids and can be used for either cost reimbursement or fixed price type contracts. The contract should be awarded to the offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the CONTRACTOR and should be based on price and other relevant factors.

Noncompetitive Procurement

Noncompetitive procurements should only be used when the aggregate value of the goods or services is less than \$10,000, the goods or services can only be obtained from a single source, there is an immediate need for the goods or services and delays from publicizing a competitive solicitation are not permitted, or a competitive solicitation was conducted and competition was determined to be inadequate.

The CONTRACTOR must obtain written approval from the COUNTY and/or the applicable funding source(s) prior to using a noncompetitive procurement that does not meet one of the conditions described above.

6.0 Capital and Non-Capital Assets

Controls over capital and non-capital assets are necessary to safeguard investments, establish responsibility for the custody of each asset, provide



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necessary data for financial reporting, and provide required information and documentation for depreciation, insurance, audit, and other purposes.

6.1 Capital Assets

Capital assets are tangible or intangible assets of significant value having a useful life that extends beyond the current year and include land, buildings and improvements, equipment, and intellectual property (including software). All applicable assets with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more must be capitalized in accordance with GAAP.

Acquisition cost means the net invoice unit price of an item, including shipping costs and sales taxes, the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it was acquired. Acquisition costs for software include those development costs capitalized in accordance with GAAP.

Capital asset purchases must be approved by the CONTRACTOR'S board of directors or their authorized representative.

Capital assets should not be ordered or purchased and charged to the COUNTY during the last three months of the term of the Agreement, unless the acquisition is pre-approved by the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR'S Agreement with the COUNTY is renewed or extended.

6.2 Acquisition

CONTRACTOR must submit a purchase versus lease analysis to COUNTY and obtain written authorization before making a capital asset purchase where the acquisition cost is \$25,000 or more, and all, or a portion of the cost of the capital asset will be charged to the COUNTY Agreement. If the cost of the capital asset will be charged to multiple COUNTY Agreements, the CONTRACTOR only needs to obtain written authorization from the COUNTY department(s) where the CONTRACTOR anticipates expenditures charged will exceed the lesser of 10% of the acquisition cost of the capital asset or \$5,000, unless more restrictive and/or stringent requirements over acquisitions are required by the COUNTY Agreement and/or the applicable funding source(s).

6.3 Non-Capital Asset Equipment

Non-capital asset equipment is defined as equipment containing COUNTY non-public information, or equipment with a unit cost of more than \$250 but less than \$5,000, a useful life over one year, and can generally be easily carried or moved; especially by hand (e.g., personal computers, scanners, other portable assets).



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6.4 Asset Identification and Inventory

All capital assets and non-capital asset equipment (assets) purchased in full, or in part, with COUNTY Agreement funds are to be used for the benefit of the COUNTY Agreement and should be appropriately tagged.

CONTRACTOR must maintain an accurate, complete, and current listing of assets. The listing should include the item description, serial number, date of purchase, acquisition cost, source(s) of funding, location, and the specific employee(s) the asset is assigned to or controlled by, when applicable. Unassigned assets must also be identified on the listing.

An inventory of all assets must be conducted at least once every two years to ensure that all assets are accounted for, used, maintained in proper working order, and needed. Documentation must be maintained to support the inventory conducted, and any depreciation charges in accordance with [Uniform Guidance](#).

6.5 Security Over Assets

Physical security must be adequately maintained over all assets to prevent the misuse, theft, or destruction of COUNTY property and non-public information. To the extent necessary, physical security controls over assets should include the use of badges/identification cards, locks, security cables, and/or assorted barriers to prevent physical tampering, damage, theft, or unauthorized physical access.

6.6 Asset Management

The CONTRACTOR must assume responsibility and accountability for the maintenance of all assets purchased, leased, or rented with COUNTY Agreement funds, or any other assets containing COUNTY non-public information.

The CONTRACTOR must maintain documentation to support all cases of theft, loss, damage, or destruction of assets purchased with COUNTY Agreement funds or containing COUNTY non-public information. The documentation should, at a minimum, contain item identification, recorded value, facts relating to loss, and, where appropriate, a copy of the law enforcement report. In cases where the loss resulted from suspected criminal activity (e.g., theft, vandalism, arson), the incident must be reported to the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location of the suspected crime.

The supporting documentation, including a copy of any related crime/incident reports, must be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a period of time under which the underlying records were destroyed or damaged were required to be retained and must be retained for a longer period in the case of unresolved litigation or audit.



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The CONTRACTOR must promptly report in writing to the COUNTY, and provide copies of all relevant supporting documentation described above, all cases of theft, loss, damage, or destruction of:

- Any capital assets purchased with COUNTY Agreement funds.
- Any non-capital asset equipment purchased with COUNTY Agreement funds with an acquisition cost or aggregate costs of \$950 or more.
- Any capital or non-capital assets that electronically stored, used, and/or transmitted COUNTY non-public information.

CONTRACTOR must safely and securely dispose of or return to the COUNTY all capital and non-capital assets in accordance with the Agreement.

7.0 Information Technology

Information technology (IT) controls are necessary to protect the security, integrity, and availability of COUNTY non-public information, Protected Health Information (PHI), IT resources (e.g., systems and networks, accounting management software/applications, electronic time reporting systems), and data (e.g., electronically stored information, records, or documentation).

7.1 Information Technology Controls

It is the CONTRACTOR'S sole obligation to design and implement appropriate and reasonable IT controls to, at a minimum:

- Secure and protect its IT resources and data against internal/external threats and risks.
- Help ensure the accuracy and integrity of CONTRACTOR'S electronic records and data is not compromised.
- Ensure adequate safety mechanisms (e.g., unique log-on identifications, computer access codes, account codes, passwords, multi-factor authentication tokens, transaction approval/authorization controls) are in place to limit user (e.g., employees, subcontractors, contractors/consultants) access privileges to protect COUNTY non-public information, PHI, IT resources, and data related to the COUNTY Agreement from unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration or destruction.
 - Users must only receive access to non-public information that is necessary to perform their assigned job duties, and must not be given an access authorization level that is higher than needed.



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- CONTRACTOR must review, and update, if necessary, user access rights/permissions at least annually, or when a user's job assignment and/or responsibilities change, to ensure access capabilities are consistent with the user's job duties. In addition, guest user access and inactive users, including terminated employees, contractors/consultants, and other unnecessary access should be reviewed and removed or disabled timely.
- Ensure adequate and ongoing IT and cyber security awareness training is provided to applicable CONTRACTOR employees.
- Capture sufficient audit trail information to identify the individual user(s) who performed key components (e.g., entry, approval) of critical or high risk (e.g., disbursement, payroll) transactions.
- Ensure all data/transactions entered into an information system are processed completely and accurately, duplicate transactions are prevented and/or detected timely, inputs and modifications to data are authorized, and all data is protected from improper or unauthorized deletion and alteration. For example, procedures for reviewing and approving source documents for reasonableness and proper authorization prior to entering information should be established, when applicable.
- Ensure any output (e.g., paper printouts, digital information, electronic records) containing non-public information or regulated data and transactions is adequately protected and clear individual accountability is maintained, when applicable.

7.2 Information Technology Security Management

CONTRACTOR must establish and implement IT policies and procedures that align with the applicable IT standards described in this Handbook, [COUNTY Board Policy 5.200](#), and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement, applicable sections of the [Board Policy Manual](#)). A good IT policy should address, at a minimum, such issues as:

- Security management
- Security awareness training
- Security and privacy violations/breaches, incident reporting, and response protocols
- Cyber security (e.g., encryption, malware/ransomware protection, vulnerability testing and monitoring)
- Separation of duties
- User access (including remote access) to system(s) data
- Authorization of transactions
- Exception/error resolution
- Back-up recovery and restart protocols (e.g., disaster recovery and business



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contingency planning)

- Change controls (e.g., for maintenance, enhancements, or modifications to application systems, networks, and software), if applicable

CONTRACTOR must also ensure their IT policies are periodically reviewed and updated/modified when changes are necessary (e.g., to implement new systems or changes in procedures, adopt new security protocols, address new risks or circumstances).

To the extent CONTRACTOR exchanges or shares information with other authorized external parties (e.g., third-party vendors/providers, subcontractors, contractors/consultants), CONTRACTOR must also establish policies and procedures to ensure the security, reliability, and integrity of such information.

Any applicable security incidents (e.g., loss of COUNTY non-public information, breach of confidentiality, non-permitted use or disclosure of PHI) must be reported in accordance with the standards described in this Handbook, and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement).

7.3 Separation of Duties Over Systems

CONTRACTOR must ensure sufficient checks and balances exist, and adequate separation of duties are maintained over IT systems to help minimize the risk of fraudulent activity and user error, and ensure transactions (e.g., accounting, payroll, time reporting, disbursements) are properly initiated, approved, processed, reported, and reconciled.

Work should be divided among two or more employees so that one employee does not have control over multiple key aspects of an IT system, and the functions performed by one employee may be checked by functions performed by other employees. For example, employees who have access to add or change vendor information (e.g., vendor and contact names, addresses, phone numbers) must not have access to process invoices.

8.0 Electronic Signatures

Electronic signatures (e-Signatures) may be used to represent an individual's acknowledgment, acceptance, or approval of an agreement, transaction, report, record, or form, unless otherwise prohibited by the COUNTY Agreement and/or applicable funding source(s). Various types of e-Signatures exist. The most secure forms of e-Signatures will provide a digital audit trail that confirms when a document was signed, provides assurance that the individual claiming to be the signor is the signor through effective authentication methods (e.g., unique log-on identifications, account codes, passwords), and can safeguard documents from being altered after they have been signed. When determining which type of e-Signature to use, CONTRACTOR should consider the associated risks and level of assurance needed for the signature or document, and any other applicable



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federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement).

9.0 Subcontracts

CONTRACTOR must not subcontract services without the prior written consent of the COUNTY. Payments for subcontracted services without the prior written consent of the COUNTY may be disallowed upon audit.

CONTRACTOR must provide the COUNTY with copies of all executed subcontracts and must be responsible for the performance of their subcontractors. CONTRACTOR may submit an electronic copy of executed subcontracts in preference to a hardcopy, unless original signed subcontracts are required by the COUNTY Agreement or the applicable funding source(s).

9.1 Subcontractor Monitoring

CONTRACTOR must monitor the activities of their subcontractors as necessary, but no less than annually, to ensure governmental monies are used for their intended purposes, compliance with applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements, and performance goals are achieved. For example, the monitoring must include, but not be limited to:

- Performing reviews of the subcontractor's fiscal and program operations (e.g., verifying expenditures charged to the subaward are adequately supported, allowable, and appropriately allocated; verifying internal controls are maintained as required; and verifying subcontracted services are meeting required performance standards).
- Performing reviews of required financial and performance reports.
- Verifying all subcontractors are audited as required.
- Following-up and ensuring appropriate corrective action is taken on all deficiencies pertaining to the subcontract.

C. COST PRINCIPLES

1.0 Purpose of Program Funds

It is the intent of the COUNTY to provide funds for the purpose of the CONTRACTOR to provide the services required by the Agreement. CONTRACTOR must use these funds on actual expenditures in an economical and efficient manner, and ensure they are reasonable, proper, and necessary costs of providing services and allowable in accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#), and any other applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies) requirements.

**1.1 Limitations and Requirements for Program Expenditures**

CONTRACTOR must comply with all limitations and requirements for COUNTY Program expenditures in the Agreement, the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#), and/or any other applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies). If a CONTRACTOR is unsure of the allowability of any particular type of expenditure, the CONTRACTOR should request advance written approval from the COUNTY and/or applicable funding source(s) prior to incurring the expenditure.

1.2 Limitations on Payments to Affiliated Organizations or Persons (i.e., Related Party/Less-Than-Arm's-Length Transactions)

For purposes of the COUNTY Agreement, COUNTY must be solely responsible for determining affiliation unless otherwise allowed and approved by federal, State, or COUNTY agencies. Organizations or persons will be considered affiliated when one party is able to control or substantially influence the actions of the other. Affiliation includes, but is not limited to, a relationship between the CONTRACTOR and:

- An organization related through legal organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, parent company, subsidiary organization, association).
- An organization under common control through its common officers, directors, or members.
- A director, trustee, officer, or key employee, or an individual related by blood, marriage, or affinity, either directly or through corporations, trusts, or similar arrangements in which they hold a controlling interest.

Prior to making payments to affiliated organizations or persons (i.e., related party/less-than-arm's-length transactions), CONTRACTOR must complete and submit to the COUNTY a disclosure statement identifying the nature of the relationship with the affiliated or related organizations/persons.

CONTRACTOR must not make payments to affiliated organizations or persons for program expenditures (e.g., salaries, services, rent) that exceed the lesser of actual costs of the affiliated or related organizations/persons or the reasonable costs for services rendered and/or items purchased. A reasonable cost is the price that would be paid by one party to another when the parties are dealing at arm's length (fair market price).

Payments to affiliated organizations or persons will be disallowed upon audit to the extent the payments exceed the lesser of actual costs of the affiliated or related organizations/persons or the reasonable costs (fair market value) for services rendered or items purchased.



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1.3 Unallowable Expenditures

[Uniform Guidance](#) addresses the allowability of a variety of costs. For all costs, there are certain restrictions and limitations; however, the following are examples of costs that are generally unallowable, unless expressly allowed by the COUNTY Agreement and/or the applicable funding source(s):

- Bad debts
- Bonuses, gifts, and other expenditures solely intended to improve employee morale
- Contingency provisions
- Contributions and donations
- Entertainment, social activities, and other similar expenditures (unless there is a programmatic purpose)
- Fines and penalties (e.g., Non-sufficient Funds Check Fees, Traffic Citation Fees)
- Fundraising activities
- Interest
- Losses on other awards

1.4 Depreciation

Unless otherwise approved by the COUNTY, compensation for the use of buildings, capital improvements, equipment, and software projects may be made through depreciation in accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#):

- The computation of depreciation is based on the acquisition cost of the asset(s).
- The computation should exclude the cost of:
 - Land
 - Buildings and equipment donated by governmental agencies
 - Buildings and equipment contributed by the CONTRACTOR to satisfy funding matching requirements
 - Any asset acquired solely for the performance of a non-Federal award.
- For depreciation, an appropriate useful life must be established for the asset(s), which considers factors such as the type of construction, nature of the asset used, susceptibility to technological obsolescence or technological developments in the particular area, historical data, and the renewal and replacement policies followed for the assets involved, etc.
- [Appendix B to IRS Publication 946](#), "How to Depreciate Property," contains guidelines for establishing an asset's useful life.



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1.5 Rental Costs of Buildings and Equipment

Rental costs are allowable to the extent that the rates are reasonable considering rental costs of comparable property, market conditions in the area, condition of the property being leased, etc.

- Under a “sale and leaseback” arrangement, rental costs would be allowable up to the amount that would be allowed if the CONTRACTOR had continued to own the property. This amount generally includes expenditures such as depreciation, maintenance, taxes, and insurance.
- Under a “less-than-arms-length” lease, costs are only allowable up to the amount that would be allowable had title to the property vested in the CONTRACTOR. This amount generally includes expenditures such as depreciation, maintenance, taxes, and insurance.

1.6 Budget Limitation

Expenditures must not exceed the maximum limits in the COUNTY Agreement budget.

1.7 Expenditures Incurred Outside the Agreement Period

Expenditures charged against program funds may not be incurred prior to the effective date of the COUNTY Agreement or subsequent to the COUNTY Agreement termination, or expiration date. Similarly, current period expenditures related to events or activities that occurred prior to the effective date of the COUNTY Agreement may not be allowable. For example, legal costs incurred prosecuting or defending a lawsuit stemming from events which occurred during a period not covered by a valid COUNTY Agreement between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY are not allowable.

1.8 Unallowable Activities

COUNTY program funds, materials, property, or services must not be used for investments where there is a risk of loss or for the performance of any political activity, the election of any candidate, or the defeat of any candidate for public office.

1.9 Unspent Program Funds

CONTRACTOR must return any unspent program funds to the COUNTY, unless otherwise permitted by the COUNTY Agreement. In addition, the COUNTY will determine the disposition of unspent program funds upon termination of the COUNTY Agreement.



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2.0 Allocable Expenditures

For CONTRACTORS that operate programs or provide services in addition to the services required under the COUNTY Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must allocate expenditures to all benefiting programs, activities (including unallowable activities, such as fundraising and investment activities), and funding sources using an equitable basis.

In accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#), CONTRACTORS must define their allocable expenditures as either direct or indirect costs (as defined below) and allocate each cost using the basis most appropriate and feasible. ***Actual conditions must be taken into account when selecting the method and/or base to be used to allocate expenditures to ensure expenditures are allocated equitably to each benefiting program, activity, and funding source.***

The CONTRACTOR must maintain documentation for allocated expenditures (e.g., timecards, time studies, calculation of full-time equivalents, square footage measurements).

Under no circumstances can allocated expenditures be charged to an extent greater than 100% of actual expenditures or the same expenditure be charged both directly and indirectly.

2.1 Direct Costs

Unless otherwise set forth in the COUNTY Agreement, or required by the applicable funding source(s), direct costs are defined as those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective (e.g., a particular program, service, or other direct activity of an organization). Examples of direct costs include salaries and benefits of employees working on the program, supplies and other items purchased specifically for the program, costs related to space used by employees working on the program.

For all employees, other than general and administrative, the hours spent on each program (activity) should be recorded on the employees' timecards and the payroll expenditures should be treated as direct charges and distributed on the basis of the actual recorded hours spent on each program or using another equitable basis based on actual conditions.

Shared costs (i.e., costs that benefit more than one program or activity) that can be distributed in reasonable proportion to the benefits received may also be direct costs.

Examples of bases for allocating shared costs as direct costs:

- Number of direct hours spent on each program



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- Full-time equivalents for each program
- Square footage occupied by each program
- Other relevant and equitable methods of allocation

2.2 Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are those costs that have been incurred for common or shared purposes and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective. Examples of indirect costs include the salaries and benefits of executive officers and administrative personnel (e.g., accounting, human resources, information technology), depreciation and use allowances for administrative buildings, and other costs related to the general administration of the organization. Only expenditures that are allowable in accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#) and any other applicable funding source(s) (i.e., federal, State, and COUNTY agencies) can be included as indirect costs and allocated to the COUNTY program(s).

Examples of bases for allocating indirect costs:

- Total direct salaries and wages.
- Total direct costs, excluding unallowable costs that do not represent an activity of the CONTRACTOR (e.g., fines, penalties, bad debts), capital expenditures, and other distorting items such as significant one-time expenditures, or subcontractor payments.
- Modified total direct costs, including all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the applicable threshold (e.g., \$25,000 (prior to October 1, 2024), \$50,000) of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). It excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of the applicable threshold (e.g., \$25,000 (prior to October 1, 2024), \$50,000) as required by [Uniform Guidance](#).

2.3 Acceptable Indirect Cost Allocation Methods

[Uniform Guidance](#) describes the following allowable methods for allocating and charging indirect costs:

- Simplified allocation method
- Direct allocation method
- Multiple allocation base method
- Negotiated indirect cost rate
- De minimis rate



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CONTRACTOR must ensure the indirect cost allocation methodology chosen is clearly described in their Cost Allocation Plan and is used consistently to allocate indirect costs. See [Exhibit D](#) for examples of how to allocate indirect costs using these methods.

Simplified Allocation Method

This method can be used when an organization's major functions benefit from its indirect costs to approximately the same degree. Using this method, all allocable costs are considered indirect costs and an indirect cost rate is determined by dividing total allowable indirect costs by an equitable distribution base (see [Exhibit D.1](#) for example).

Direct Allocation Method

This method can also be used when an organization's major functions benefit from its indirect costs to approximately the same degree. Using this method, all costs except general administration and general expenditures are treated as direct costs. Shared costs, such as depreciation, facility and equipment rentals, facilities maintenance, telephone, and other similar expenditures, are prorated individually to each direct activity on a basis appropriate for that type of cost.

The remaining costs, which consist exclusively of general administration and general expenditures, are then allocated using the simplified allocation method previously discussed (see [Exhibit D.2](#) for example).

Multiple Base Allocation Method

This method can be used when an organization's major functions benefit from its indirect costs in varying degrees. Using this method, indirect costs are grouped to permit allocation of each grouping on the basis of the benefits provided to the major functions. Each grouping is then allocated individually using the basis most appropriate for the grouping being allocated (see [Exhibit D.3](#) for example).

Negotiated Indirect Cost Rates

CONTRACTORS have the option of negotiating an indirect cost rate or rates for use on all their federal programs. The CONTRACTOR must submit a cost allocation plan to the federal agency with the largest dollar value of federal awards funded to the organization. The approved indirect cost rate is then applied to the total approved direct cost base (see [Exhibit D.4](#) for example).

If CONTRACTOR has a federally approved indirect cost rate, CONTRACTOR must submit a copy of the approval letter to COUNTY upon request.



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De Minimis Rate

A CONTRACTOR that does not have a current negotiated (including provisional) federally approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge indirect costs based on the applicable de minimis rate (e.g., 10% (prior to October 1, 2024), up to 15%) of modified total direct costs. If elected, this rate may be used indefinitely, but must be used consistently to charge indirect costs to all programs and activities (see [Exhibit D.5](#) for example).

2.4 Indirect Cost Limitations

CONTRACTOR must ensure indirect costs charged to the COUNTY program(s) are within any maximum limitations established by statutory requirements. Any amounts charged in excess of maximum limitations will be disallowed upon audit unless otherwise allowed and approved by the applicable federal, State, or COUNTY agency.

2.5 Cost Allocation Plan

CONTRACTOR must maintain an annual Agency-wide Cost Allocation Plan (Plan), and submit the Plan to the County if required by the COUNTY Agreement, and/or when requested by the COUNTY. The Cost Allocation Plan must be prepared in accordance with the applicable sections of [Uniform Guidance](#), and any other applicable federal, State, and COUNTY requirements (e.g., COUNTY Agreement, COUNTY instructions) and include the following information:

- CONTRACTOR's general accounting policies:
 - Fiscal year
 - Method for allocating indirect costs (e.g., simplified, direct, multiple, negotiated rate, de minimis rate)
 - Indirect cost rate allocation base (e.g., direct salaries and wages, direct costs).
- Identify the CONTRACTOR'S direct, shared, and indirect costs (by category) and describe the cost allocation methodology for each category.
- Signature of CONTRACTOR management certifying the accuracy of the plan.

3.0 Overpayments

If upon audit, or at any time during the Agreement year, it is determined that cost reports or invoices submitted to the COUNTY which were used as a basis for payments to the CONTRACTOR were inaccurate, the COUNTY may determine the total overpayment and require the CONTRACTOR to repay the COUNTY. The COUNTY may withhold payments from CONTRACTOR'S future payments unless otherwise prohibited by federal and/or State regulations.



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D. GOVERNANCE

1.0 Governance Overview

Large numbers of nonprofit corporations, organized for public benefit, receive public funds through contracts with the COUNTY. Many COUNTY service contracts support key public initiatives, including protecting children, providing health care, fostering employment, and reducing the effects of mental impairments and substance abuse.

Nonprofit organizations doing business with the COUNTY must conduct their work in a manner consistent with their charitable mission and the public purposes embodied in the COUNTY Agreement. This demands that nonprofit agency governing boards be conscious of their fiduciary responsibilities in providing proper oversight and direction, and making decisions.

1.1 Board of Directors' Requirements

Nonprofit agencies doing business with the COUNTY must have a governing board of at least three (3) directors in accordance with State law (e.g., [Sections 12331](#) and [5227](#) of [California Corporations Code](#)). At no time should more than 49% of the persons serving on the board of directors (board or directors) be "interested persons." An "interested person" includes:

- Any person currently being compensated by the CONTRACTOR for services rendered within the previous 12 months, whether as a full-or part -time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise.
- Any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in law, daughter-in-law, mother-in law, or father-in law of any such person (e.g., directors, CONTRACTOR or subcontractor employees).

The majority of the directors should not have a direct or indirect material financial interest in the organization, or any other relationship that could create a conflict of interest on the part of the director(s). A financial interest may exist for reasons of business, investment, or family relationship. "Financial interest" means an actual or potential ownership, investment, or compensation arrangement in or with any entity or individual with which the organization has, or is negotiating, a transaction or arrangement.

Directors, officers, and employees of nonprofit corporations with which the COUNTY contracts must not:

- Permit or benefit from self-dealing transactions (unless permitted by law), or unreasonable compensation.
- Misuse or dissipate scarce public resources.



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Additional details regarding governance and directors' requirements are included in State Law (e.g., [California Corporations Code](#), [Section 12586 of California Government Code](#)).

1.2 Board of Directors' Fiduciary Responsibilities

All members of a nonprofit organization's governing board must perform their duties in good faith and in a manner they believe to be in the best interests of the CONTRACTOR and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. Although directors may delegate management of CONTRACTOR operations, activities, and affairs, to officers, employees, management companies, or committees, the directors are ultimately responsible for the direction and oversight of the organization. Directors' fiduciary responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Monitoring the organization's fiscal and programmatic performance.
- Overseeing the organization's risk management, control processes, usage of funds, and protection of the organization's assets.
- Ensuring the organization's compliance with applicable federal, State, and COUNTY regulations.
- Making, reviewing, and/or approving decisions that are in the best interest of the organization (not in the best interest of any individual or other organization). For example, the board should review and approve all significant transactions (e.g., less-than-arm's length transactions, purchases of capital assets, loans, incentive compensation to the organization's management and employees).
- Recognizing and disclosing conflicts of interest.

1.3 Oversight Mechanisms

An organization's governing board must provide for its governance by:

- Adopting and disclosing the organization's governance standards, including director qualifications, responsibilities, and compensation. The standards may provide for "just and reasonable" compensation and benefits consistent with the compensation amount or guidelines established in the organization's contract(s) with the COUNTY. Compensation and benefits of directors, officers, and employees should be comparable to agencies of similar size and function (see [Section B.4.4](#), "Limitations on Positions and Salaries"). No employee may receive compensation or benefits for more than one organization job. For example, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) cannot receive compensation or benefits for the job of CEO and another job such as program manager, etc.



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- Adopting and disclosing a code of business conduct and ethics for directors, officers, and employees, and promptly disclosing to the County any waivers (e.g., authorized exemptions, exceptions) of the code affecting organization directors, officers, or employees.
- Reviewing, no less than annually, the CONTRACTOR'S compliance with COUNTY Agreement terms and conditions/provisions (e.g., insurance, internal controls, federal and State reporting, payment requirements for payroll withholding) and report any applicable deviations to the COUNTY .

An organization's governance guidelines and code of ethics must:

- Provide for an annual process to distribute to and obtain from directors, officers and employees written acknowledgments of their adherence to the CONTRACTOR'S governing standards.
- Incorporate a mechanism for disclosing and addressing possible conflicts of interest.
- Provide appropriate record-keeping, particularly of transactions and arrangements required to be reviewed by the governing board and where significant organization resources are expended by or for officers, directors and employees.

1.4 **Board Meetings**

A CONTRACTOR'S board must meet periodically to ensure the directors' fiduciary responsibilities (see [Section D.1.2](#)) are carried out as required. It is recommended a CONTRACTOR'S board meet at least four times a year. Board members may participate in meetings using conference telephone or electronic communication. Additional details are included in State Law (e.g., [Section 5211 of California Corporations Code](#)).

Board meeting minutes must be written (or in any form capable of being converted into clearly legible tangible form), maintained for each meeting, and certified by the board secretary (or an assistant secretary/alternate) in accordance with State Law (e.g., [Sections 5215](#) and [6320](#) of [California Corporations Code](#)). In addition, the meeting minutes should include:

- The names of the board members who are present and absent.
- The date and time the meeting begins and ends.
- A summary of all discussions, deliberations, and actions taken by the board.
- The names of board members making and seconding motions, and a breakdown of the votes on the motions.
- A summary of future action items/steps and who is responsible for them.



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1.5 Audit Committee

The board must establish an audit committee when applicable in accordance and compliance with the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 ([SB 1262 Chapter 919](#)) and State law (e.g., [Section 12586 of California Government Code](#)).

Annual Audit Duties

The Audit Committee:

- Is responsible for making recommendations to the board on the hiring and firing of the CONTRACTOR'S independent auditor to perform annual audits.
- Must confer with the CONTRACTOR'S independent auditor to satisfy audit committee members that the financial affairs of the CONTRACTOR are in order, review each audit and decide whether to accept it, and ensure that the COUNTY receives a copy of the annual audit report and all other audits, reviews, and other third-party reports.

Additional Audit Committee Duties

The audit committee must:

- Establish procedures for receiving and addressing complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, and auditing matters.
- Monitor and take steps to ensure proper management response to major performance or fiscal deficits, such as any material weaknesses and/or significant deficiencies identified during an audit.
- Pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by the auditor. Non-audit services are defined as any professional services provided other than those provided in connection with an audit or review of the financial statements of the CONTRACTOR. The following is a list of non-audit services for which the independent auditor cannot perform unless the firm follows the independence standard in the Yellow Book issued by the U.S. Comptroller General:
 - ✓ Bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the audit client
 - ✓ Financial information systems design and implementation
 - ✓ Internal audit outsourcing services
 - ✓ Management functions or human resources
 - ✓ Investment adviser or investment banking services
 - ✓ Legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit



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E. REPORTING FRAUD/MISCONDUCT

CONTRACTORS are required to report suspected fraud, waste, or misuse of public monies, as well as misconduct involving COUNTY personnel to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline (Hotline). CONTRACTORS are also required to report suspected fraud committed by their employees and subcontractors when that fraud affects their Agreement with the COUNTY. Reportable conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Requests for bribes/kickbacks/gratuities.
- Favoritism/nepotism in the awarding of COUNTY Agreements, or selection of vendors.
- Embezzlement, theft, or misuse of any COUNTY funds, resources, time, equipment, or information.
- CONTRACTOR or vendor improprieties (e.g., inappropriate or unethical actions/behaviors such as unfair business practices, disregard for laws, abuse of power, corruption, etc.)

Reportable conditions must be reported to the Hotline upon their discovery by CONTRACTOR. Failure to report the types of fraud/misconduct discussed above may be grounds for contract termination.

The reporting party may remain anonymous. Reports can be made via telephone, mail, e-mail, or online to:

Online: <https://fraud.lacounty.gov/>
E-mail: fraud@auditor.lacounty.gov
Call: (213) 89-FRAUD or (213) 893-7283
Toll Free: (800) 544-6861
Fax: (213) 947-5809
U.S. Mail: County of Los Angeles
Department of Auditor-Controller
Office of County Investigations
500 West Temple Street, Suite 514
Los Angeles, CA 90012

F. RESOURCES

As noted in the introduction of this Handbook, the accounting, financial reporting, and internal control standards described in this Handbook are compiled from various federal, State, and COUNTY regulations and guidelines. The sources cited in this Handbook include, but are not limited to, those listed below. CONTRACTORS can refer to these sources for additional information and guidance on the federal, State, and COUNTY regulations and guidelines applicable to their organization (since some regulations and guidelines may not apply to every CONTRACTOR).

- Electronic Code of Federal Regulations - www.ecfr.gov
 - Uniform Guidance - <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>
- Internal Revenue Service - www.irs.gov



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- United States Department of Labor - www.dol.gov
 - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/hipaa>
- The System for Award Management (SAM.gov) - <https://sam.gov>
- The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/COMPS-1883/pdf/COMPS-1883.pdf>
- Financial Accounting Standards Board - <https://fasb.org>
 - Accounting Standards Codification (including Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) - <https://asc.fasb.org>
- State of California
 - Laws (including Corporations, Government, Labor, Civil, and Welfare and Institutions Codes) - www.leginfo.ca.gov
 - Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General - www.oag.ca.gov
 - Guide for Charities - <https://oag.ca.gov/charities/guide-live>
 - Franchise Tax Board - www.ftb.ca.gov
 - Secretary of the State - www.sos.ca.gov
- COUNTY Board Policy Manual - https://library.municode.com/ca/la_county_bos/codes/board_policy
- The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) - www.coso.org
 - COSO sponsoring organizations:
 - The American Accounting Association - www.aaahq.org
 - The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants - www.aicpa.org
 - The Government Finance Officers Association - <https://www.gfoa.org>
 - The Financial Executives International - www.financialexecutives.org
 - The Institute of Internal Auditors - www.theiia.org
 - The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business - www.imanet.org
 - COSO's Guidance on Internal Control Integrated Framework - <https://www.coso.org/guidance-on-ic>

G. HANDBOOK ADMINISTRATION AND INQUIRIES

This Handbook is intended to be a continual work in progress. Changes are made by Auditor-Controller staff on an ongoing basis. As conditions and the accumulation of changes warrant, the online version that is available to COUNTY departments and CONTRACTORS is replaced with the latest version.

COUNTY departments and CONTRACTORS may make inquiries regarding the standards and guidance described in this Handbook by completing the inquiry form linked below. All inquiry forms will be submitted to the Auditor Controller's Countywide Contract Monitoring Division. When submitting an inquiry form, please provide as much information as possible to assist in ensuring all inquiries are properly addressed.

Inquiry Form: <https://forms.office.com/q/HNDS8DL8VX>

Bank Reconciliation Example

Agency Name
Bank and Account #
For the Month Ended June 30, 202X

Balance Per Bank Statement			\$ 35,000.00
Add:	Deposit(s) in Transit		\$ 4,000.00
	Bank Service Charge (erroneously posted -- to be reversed next month)		\$ 20.00 [1]
Less:	Outstanding Checks		
	#100	\$ 1,000.00	
	#101	\$ 500.00	
	#102	\$ 500.00	\$ (2,000.00)
	Bank Posting Error (to be reversed next month)		\$ (120.00) [1]
Adjusted Bank Balance			<u>\$ 36,900.00</u>
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Balance Per Book			\$ 36,950.00
Less:	Bank Charges	\$ 40.00	
	Post Error	\$ 10.00	\$ (50.00) [1]
Adjusted Book Balance			<u>\$ 36,900.00</u>

Prepared by: _____ Date _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

[1] Reconciling items.

Liquid Assets Log Example

Liquid Asset Disbursement/Usage Log

Type: Gift Cards to ABC, Inc. Grocery Store

January 202X

Data Issued	Liquid Asset No.	Purpose/ Description	Quantity	Amount	Authorized by	Recipient	Recipient Signature
Beginning Liquid Assets on Hand			25	\$ 500			
1/1/202X	XX-XXXX-X1	Gift card for client	1	\$ 20	John Smith	Jane Doe	<i>Jane Doe</i>
1/10/202X	XX-XXXX-X2	Gift card for client	1	\$ 20	John Smith	Robert Jones	<i>Robert Jones</i>
1/25/202X	XX-XXXX-X3	Gift card for client	2	\$ 40	John Smith	Jane Doe	<i>Jane Doe</i>
1/26/202X	XX-XXXX-X4	Gift card for client	1	\$ 20	John Smith	Robert Jones	<i>Robert Jones</i>
Total Disbursed/Used			5	\$ 100			
Ending Liquid Assets on Hand			20	\$ 400			

Liquid Asset Custodian Signature

Date _____

Liquid Asset Log Reviewer Signature

Date _____

Indirect Cost Allocation Methods Examples

D.1 - Simplified Allocation Method Example

ABC, Inc. operates two programs, uses direct salaries as their distribution base for indirect costs, and reported the following costs:

Agency-wide Indirect Costs	\$250,000
Program A Direct Salaries	\$100,000
Program B Direct Salaries	\$900,000

Step 1: Classify all costs as either direct or indirect (as indicated above).

Step 2: Calculate the indirect cost rate by dividing the total indirect costs by total direct salaries.

Indirect Costs	\$250,000	
Total Direct Salaries	\$1,000,000	= \$100,000 + \$900,000
Indirect Cost Rate	25%	= $\frac{\$250,000}{\$1,000,000}$

Step 3: Allocate indirect costs to each program by multiplying the indirect cost rate by the direct salaries for each respective program.

Indirect Costs Allocated to Program A	\$25,000	= \$100,000 x 25%
Indirect Costs Allocated to Program B	\$225,000	= \$900,000 x 25%

D.2 - Direct Allocation Method Example

ABC, Inc. operates two programs and conducts fundraising activities. The Agency uses square footage as their distribution base for shared facility rent and maintenance costs and direct costs as their distribution base for indirect costs. ABC, Inc. reported the following costs:

General Administration and General Expenses (Indirect Costs)	\$250,000
Shared Costs: Facility Rent and Maintenance	\$150,000
Program A Direct Costs	\$100,000
Program B Direct Costs	\$850,000
Fundraising Direct Costs	\$50,000

Step 1: Separate costs into three basic categories:

- General Administration and General Expenses (Indirect Costs)
- Direct Programs and Activities
- Fundraising

Step 2: Calculate the percentage of square footage occupied by each program and activity. ABC, Inc.'s facilities have a total of 4,000 square feet and the Agency determined Program A occupies 2,800 square feet, Program B occupies 1,000 square feet, and fundraising activities occupies 200 square feet, respectively.

Program A Square Footage	2,800	70%
Program B Square Footage	1,000	25%
Fundraising Square Footage	200	5%
Total Square Footage	4,000	100%

Step 3: Allocate the shared facility rent and maintenance costs based on the percentage of square footage used by each program and activity.

Shared Costs: Facility Rent and Maintenance	\$150,000	
Shared Costs Allocable to Program A	\$105,000	= \$150,000 x 70%
Shared Costs Allocable to Program B	\$37,500	= \$150,000 x 25%
Shared Costs Allocable to Fundraising	\$7,500	= \$150,000 x 5%

Step 4: Calculate the total direct costs for each program and activity by adding the direct costs to the shared costs allocated to each respective program.

Program A Direct Costs	\$100,000
+ Program A Shared Costs	\$105,000
Total Program A Direct Costs	\$205,000
Program B Direct Costs	\$850,000
+ Program B Shared Costs	\$37,500
Total Program B Direct Costs	\$887,500
Fundraising Direct Costs	\$50,000
+ Fundraising Shared Costs	\$7,500
Total Fundraising Direct Costs	\$57,500

Step 5: Calculate the indirect cost rate by dividing the total indirect costs by total direct costs.

Total Indirect Costs	\$250,000	
Total Direct Costs	\$1,150,000	= \$205,000 + \$887,500 + \$57,500
Indirect Cost Rate	21.74%	= $\frac{\$250,000}{\$1,150,000}$

Step 6: Allocate indirect costs to each program and activity by multiplying the indirect cost rate by the total direct costs for each respective program and activity.

Indirect Costs Allocable to Program A	\$44,565	= \$205,000 x 21.74%
Indirect Costs Allocable to Program B	\$192,935	= \$887,500 x 21.74%
Indirect Costs Allocable to Fundraising	\$12,500	= \$57,500 x 21.74%

D.3 - Multiple Allocation Base Method Example

ABC, Inc. operates two programs and conducts fundraising activities. The Agency uses square footage as their distribution base for indirect facilities costs and modified total costs⁽¹⁾ as their distribution base for indirect administration costs. ABC, Inc. reported the following costs:

- (1) *Modified total costs (MTC) are the modified total direct costs (MTDC) plus allocated indirect costs. MTDC includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$50,000 (effective October 1, 2024) of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). It excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000 (effective October 1, 2024).*

Indirect Depreciation	\$100,000
Indirect Interest	\$150,000
Indirect Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$550,000
Indirect General Administration	\$700,000
Indirect General Expenses	\$500,000
Program A Modified Total Direct Costs	\$7,250,000
Program B Modified Total Direct Costs	\$1,500,000
Fundraising Modified Total Direct Costs	\$250,000

Step 1: Establish separate indirect cost groupings based on the benefits provided to the programs and activities. The cost groupings are classified within two broad categories, "Facilities" and "Administration", and should include the following indirect cost pools:

Facilities

- Depreciation
- Interest
- Operation and Maintenance Expenses

Administration

- General Administration and General Expenses

Indirect Facilities Costs

Indirect Depreciation	\$100,000
Indirect Interest	\$150,000
Indirect Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$550,000
Total Indirect Facilities Costs	\$800,000

Indirect Administration Costs

Indirect General Administration	\$700,000
Indirect General Expenses	\$500,000
Total Indirect Administration Costs	\$1,200,000

Step 2: Calculate the percentage of square footage occupied by each program and activity. ABC, Inc.'s facilities have a total of 10,000 square feet and the Agency determined Program A occupies 5,000 square feet, Program B occupies 2,000 square feet, fundraising activities occupies 500 square feet, and administration occupies 2,500 square feet, respectively.

Program A Square Footage	5,000	50%
Program B Square Footage	2,000	20%
Fundraising Square Footage	500	5%
Administration Square Footage	2,500	25%
Total Square Footage	10,000	100%

Step 3: Allocate "Facilities" costs to all benefiting programs and activities based on the percentage of square footage used by each program and activity.

Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Program A	\$400,000	= \$800,000 x 50%
Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Program B	\$160,000	= \$800,000 x 20%
Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Fundraising	\$40,000	= \$800,000 x 5%
Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Administration	\$200,000	= \$800,000 x 25%

Step 4: Calculate the modified total costs for each program and activity to allocate indirect administration costs by adding the MTDC to the allocated indirect costs calculated above.

Program A - MTDC	\$7,250,000
+ Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Program A	\$400,000
Program A - MTC	\$7,650,000
Program B - MTDC	\$1,500,000
+ Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Program B	\$160,000
Program B - MTC	\$1,660,000
Fundraising - MTDC	\$250,000
+ Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Fundraising	\$40,000
Fundraising - MTC	\$290,000
Program A - MTC	\$7,650,000
Program B - MTC	\$1,660,000
Fundraising - MTC	\$290,000
Total MTC	\$9,600,000
Program A - MTC	\$7,650,000
Program B - MTC	\$1,660,000
Fundraising - MTC	\$290,000
Total MTC	\$9,600,000

Step 5: Calculate the total indirect administration costs.

Indirect Administration Costs	\$1,200,000
+ Indirect Facilities Costs Allocated to Administration	\$200,000
Total Indirect Administration Costs	\$1,400,000

Step 6: Calculate the indirect cost rate by dividing the total administration costs by the total modified costs.

Total Administration Costs	\$1,400,000
÷ Total MTC	\$9,600,000
Indirect Cost Rate	14.58%

Step 7: Allocate "Administration" costs to all benefiting programs and activities based on modified total costs.

Indirect Administration Costs Allocated to Program A	\$1,115,625	= \$7,650,000 x 14.58%
Indirect Administration Costs Allocated to Program B	\$242,083	= \$1,660,000 x 14.58%
Indirect Administration Costs Allocated to Fundraising	\$42,292	= \$290,000 x 14.58%

D.4 - Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Example

ABC, Inc. operates two programs and has a negotiated indirect cost rate. The negotiated indirect cost rate agreement indicates the Agency's indirect cost rate is 15% and the distribution base is total direct costs excluding capital expenditures and equipment. ABC, Inc. reported the following costs:

	Program A	Program B
Salaries	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,250,000
Benefits	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 400,000
Capital Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Equipment	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000
Travel	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000
Materials and Supplies	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000
Total Direct Costs	\$ 3,260,000	\$ 1,925,000

Step 1: Calculate the direct costs distribution base for each program as required by the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement.

	Program A	Program B
Salaries	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,250,000
Benefits	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 400,000
Travel	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000
Materials and Supplies	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000
Direct Costs Base ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,710,000

⁽¹⁾ Direct cost base does not include capital expenditures and equipment.

Step 2: Calculate the indirect costs charged to each program by multiplying the direct costs base for each respective program by the negotiated indirect cost rate.

	Program A	Program B
Direct Cost Base	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,710,000
x Indirect Cost Rate	15%	15%
Indirect Costs Charged	\$ 480,000	\$ 256,500

D.5 - De Minimis Rate Example

ABC, Inc. operates two programs and reported the following direct costs:

	Program A	Program B
Salaries	\$ 750,000	\$ 100,000
Benefits	\$ 250,000	\$ 20,000
Equipment	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,500
Travel	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,000
Materials and Supplies	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,000
Rent	\$ 60,000	\$ 12,000
Total Direct Costs	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 148,500

Step 1: Calculate the modified total direct costs (MTDC)⁽¹⁾ for each program.

⁽¹⁾ MTDC includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$50,000 (effective October 1, 2024) of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). It excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000 (effective October 1, 2024).

	Program A	Program B
Salaries	\$ 750,000	\$ 100,000
Benefits	\$ 250,000	\$ 20,000
Travel	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,000
Materials and Supplies	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,000
MTDC⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 131,000

⁽¹⁾ MTDC does not include the costs of equipment and rent.

Step 2: Calculate the indirect costs charged to each program by multiplying the MTDC for each respective program by the 15% de minimis rate (effective October 1, 2024)

	Program A	Program B
MTDC	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 131,000
x De Minimis Rate	15%	15%
Indirect Costs Charged	\$ 159,000	\$ 19,650



Contribution and Agent Declaration Form

This form must be completed separately by all bidders/proposers, including all prime contractors and subcontractors, and by all applicants for licenses, permits, and other entitlements for use issued by the County of Los Angeles ("County").

Pursuant to the Levine Act (Government Code section 84308), a member of the Board of Supervisors, other elected County officials (the Sheriff, Assessor, and the District Attorney), and other County employees and/or officers ("County Officers") are disqualified and not able to participate in a proceeding involving contracts, franchises, licenses, permits and other entitlements for use if the County Officer received more than \$250 in contributions in the past 12 months from the bidder, proposer or applicant, any paid agent of the bidder, proposer, or applicant, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in the proceeding.

State law requires you to disclose information about contributions made by you, your company, and lobbyists and agents paid to represent you. Failure to complete the form in its entirety may result in significant delays in the processing of your application and potential disqualification from the procurement or application process.

You must fully answer the applicable questions below. You ("Declarant"), or your company, if applicable, including all entities identified below (collectively, "Declarant Company") must also answer the questions below. The term "employee(s)" shall be defined as employees, officers, partners, owners, or directors of Declarant Company.

An affirmative response to any questions will not automatically cause the disqualification of your bid/proposal, or the denial of your application for a license, permit or other entitlement. However, failure to answer questions completely, in good faith, or providing materially false answers may subject a bidder/proposer to disqualification from the procurement.

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Complete each section below. State "none" if applicable.

A. COMPANY OR APPLICANT INFORMATION

1) Declarant Company or Applicant Name:

Alma Family Services

a) If applicable, identify all subcontractors that have been or will be named in your bid or proposal:

N/A

b) If applicable, variations and acronyms of Declarant Company's name used within the past 12 months:

N/A

c) Identify all entities or individuals who have the authority to make decisions for you or Declarant Company about making contributions to a County Officer, regardless of whether you or Declarant Company have actually made a contribution:

N/A

[IF A COMPANY, ANSWER QUESTIONS 2 - 3]

2) Identify only the Parent(s), Subsidiaries and Related Business Entities that Declarant Company has controlled or directed, or been controlled or directed by. "Controlled or directed" means shared ownership, 50% or greater ownership, or shared management and control between the entities.

a) Parent(s):

N/A

b) Subsidiaries:

N/A

c) Related Business Entities:

N/A

3) If Declarant Company is a closed corporation (non-public, with under 35 shareholders), identify the majority shareholder.



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- 4) Identify all entities (proprietorships, firms, partnerships, joint ventures, syndicates, business trusts, companies, corporations, limited liability companies, associations, committees, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert) whose contributions you or Declarant Company have the authority to direct or control.

N/A

- 5) Identify any individuals such as employees, agents, attorneys, law firms, lobbyists, and lobbying firms who are or who will act on behalf of you or Declarant Company and who will receive compensation to communicate with a County Officer regarding the award or approval of **this** contract or project, license, permit, or other entitlement for use.

*(Do **not** list individuals and/or firms who, as part of their profession, either (1) submit to the County drawings or submissions of an architectural, engineering, or similar nature, **or** (2) provide purely technical data or analysis, **and** who will not have any other type of communication with a County agency, employee, or officer.)*

N/A

- 6) If you or Declarant Company are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, identify the compensated officers of your organization and the compensated members of your board.

N/A

B. CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1) Have you or the Declarant Company solicited or directed your employee(s) or agent(s) to make contributions, whether through fundraising events, communications, or any other means, to a County Officer in the past 12 months? If so, provide details of each occurrence, including the date.

Date (contribution solicited, or directed)	Recipient Name (elected official)	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

*Please attach an additional page, if necessary.



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- 2) Disclose all contributions made by you or any of the entities and individuals identified in Section A to a County officer in the past 12 months.

Date (contribution made)	Name (of the contributor)	Recipient Name (elected official)	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Please attach an additional page, if necessary.

C. DECLARATION

By signing this Contribution and Agent Declaration form, you (Declarant), or you and the Declarant Company, if applicable, attest that you have read the entirety of the Contribution Declaration and the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. (Only complete the one section that applies.)

There are 0 additional pages attached to this Contribution Declaration Form.

COMPANY BIDDERS OR APPLICANTS

I, Maria de Lourdes Caracoza (Authorized Representative), on behalf of Alma Family Serv (Declarant Company), at which I am employed as President/CEO (Title), attest that after having made or caused to be made a reasonably diligent investigation regarding the Declarant Company, the foregoing responses, and the explanation on the attached page(s), if any, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I understand that failure to answer the questions in good faith or providing materially false answers may subject Declarant Company to consequences, including disqualification of its bid/proposal or delays in the processing of the requested contract, license, permit, or other entitlement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FUTURE AGENTS AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS:

By signing this Contribution and Agent Declaration form, you also agree that, if Declarant Company hires an agent, such as, but not limited to, an attorney or lobbyist during the course of these proceedings and will compensate them for communicating with the County about this contract, project, permit, license, or other entitlement for use, you agree to inform the County of the identity of the agent or lobbyist and the date of their hire. You also agree to disclose to the County any future contributions made to members of the County Board of Supervisors, another elected County officer (the Sheriff, Assessor, and the District Attorney), or any other County officer or employee by the Declarant Company, or, if applicable, any of the Declarant Company's proposed subcontractors, agents, lobbyists, and employees who have communicated or will communicate with the County about this contract, license, permit, or other entitlement after



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the date of signing this disclosure form, and within 12 months following the approval, renewal, or extension of the requested contract, license, permit, or entitlement for use.

Maria de Lourdes
Caracoza

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Lourdes Caracoza
Date: 2025.07.01 16:27:40 -07'00'

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Signature

Date

INDIVIDUAL BIDDERS OR APPLICANTS

I, Maria de Lourdes Caracoza, declare that the foregoing responses and the explanation on the attached sheet(s), if any, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I understand that failure to answer the questions in good faith or providing materially false answers may subject me to consequences, including disqualification of my bid/proposal or delays in the processing of the requested license, permit, or other entitlement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FUTURE AGENTS AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Caracoza

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Signature

Date

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: _____

- ☐ New Sole Source Contract
- ☐ Sole Source Amendment to Existing Contract
- Date Existing Contract First Approved: _____

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one bona fide source (monopoly) for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available. A monopoly is an <i>“Exclusive control of the supply of any service in a given market. If more than one source in a given market exists, a monopoly does not exist.”</i>
	➤ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➤ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➤ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➤ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➤ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
	➤ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.). In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

Chief Executive Office

Date

Sole Source Justification

Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children (Alma Family Services)

Contract Term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027

1. What is being requested?

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) seeks delegated authority to extend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services for Contract Number 10-039-01, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.

2. Why is the product needed – how will it be used?

Alma Family Services developed a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention program that serves children with special and unique needs. For the purposes of this program, special and unique needs include: a developmental delay or disability; mental health diagnosis; learning disability; receiving special education services; or displaying behavioral challenges. The program goals are to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs. The population to be served includes children and youth who are at risk of being, or have been, abused or neglected, and the program seeks to prevent re-victimization. Alma Family Services also works toward building and strengthening the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff, school districts, county agencies and community service providers.

National research shows that children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children (4 to 10 times more often). In addition, these children are often inadequately educated and supported to seek alternatives to abusive situations. It is also known that there is often an underreporting of abuse, neglect and victimization for children and adolescents with special and unique needs. Through this program, Alma Family Services is providing important and necessary services to this underserved and highly at-risk group of children.

3. Is this brand of product the only one that meets the user's requirements?

Yes. In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect's (ICAN's) multi-disciplinary selection process.

ICAN reviewed and evaluated the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to

vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach a consensus regarding recommending approval for funding. The ICAN Policy Committee approved funding for this specialized program. Specialized programs are currently funded in all five (5) supervisorial districts. ICAN works with DCFS Program staff to monitor the effectiveness of the services provided and it has been determined that this program fills a vital need in the County and the services should be expanded and continued.

4. Have other products or vendor been considered?

Yes. Alma Family Services was selected as a vendor by a special Ad Hoc Group formed by ICAN comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding.

The extension of the current contract with Alma Family Services will provide sufficient time for DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process.

5. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Not applicable to this contract.

6. Is this product proprietary or available from other dealers?

No. This is not a proprietary product or available from other vendors. Alma Family Services was selected as a vendor by a special Ad Hoc Group formed by ICAN comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding.

7. Reasonableness of price. Does County obtain a percentage discount or special discount not available to the private sector.

No. The County does not get a percentage discount or special discount. The Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children Contract has no fiscal impact on the County, as it is funded through Assembly Bill 2994, County Children's Trust Fund dollars, which stem from birth certificate surcharge fees.

8. What is the dollar value of the existing equipment?

Not applicable, as this contract is not for any equipment or hardware.