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January 13, 2026

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

Dear Supervisors:

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

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to amend the Funding Agreement (FA) Number SCG-6523, executed on June 5, 2023, for Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Services with Southern California Grantmakers (SCG).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute Amendment Number Five, substantially similar to Attachment A, to the FA SCG-6523, for FFPSA - Prevention and Promotion Services with SCG to increase the Agreement Amount by \$2,798,000, financed using 100 percent State funds. The Amendment is effective upon execution through June 30, 2027, with an option to extend effective July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to exercise the extension option to extend the Agreement effective July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, by Amendment or written notice provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute future Amendments or change notices to make changes to the Agreement term and conditions, if necessary to accommodate unanticipated changes in service needs, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained;

and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to further increase or decrease the Agreement amount by ten (10) percent, by Amendment or written notice, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained; and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days of execution.

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

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since September 1, 2025, the Families Stronger Together-Los Angeles Program, also known as Preventative Legal Services Hub and Warmline programs have proven successful. As of March 2025, 16 of the 301 referred youth (five percent) were removed from foster care. The Preventative Legal Services Hub and Warmline programs have helped to reduce the trauma of unnecessary child and family separation and helped reduce the disproportionate number of Black and Brown families in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 involved in the child welfare system.

The Amendment will allow the program to continue the preventive efforts in the Vermont Corridor Office and expand the program to the remaining three SPA 6 offices (Compton-Carson, Hawthorne, and Wateridge).

The increase in funding will also allow the continuity of the Community Cultural Broker Program's (CCBP) critical role in advancing the goals of the Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) by offering culturally responsive, community-driven support to prevent unnecessary child welfare involvement and promote family stability. The CCBP also helps bridge systemic gaps by connecting Black/African American families to tailored resources and services that address the root causes of disproportionality in the child welfare system.

In addition, the Amendment will meet the requirement of the federal legislation and affirm the County's commitment to racial equity and community-based prevention.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended services support the County's Strategic Plan North Star 1, Make Investments That Transform Lives; Focus Area Goal D, Support Vulnerable Populations: Address conditions which drive interactions with the County's child welfare, homeless rehousing, carceral, law enforcement and justice systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Agreement will be increased by \$2,798,000, financed using 100 percent State funds. The State funds will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 budget request and will be included in the Department's subsequent budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In August 2021, California elected to opt-in to the Federal FFPSA. Subsequently, California enacted Assembly Bill 153 (Chapter 86, Statutes of 2021), which established the FFPS Program and encouraged counties to consider a holistic view of the prevention of child maltreatment. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provided a three-year grant to support implementation of FFPS and required counties to develop a Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP). Los Angeles County received a State Block Grant (SBG) allocation of \$49 million, which had to be spent by June 30, 2024. In January 2024, CDSS announced the extension of the deadline for the SBG spend down to the end of FY 2028.

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

On September 24, 2024, the Board approved a Motion, directing the Director of DCFS to amend the Agreement, for the development and implementation of Preventive Legal Services Hub and Warmline to increase the provision of preventive services and increase the Agreement amount by \$1,070,000. The Amendment was executed on October 29, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

On December 17, 2024, the Board approved a Motion, directing the Director of DCFS to amend the Agreement, for the development and implementation of the Plans of Save Care for Pregnant and Parent People Struggling with Substance Use for the provision of prevention services and increased the Agreement amount by \$950,000. The Amendment was effective February 18, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

On October 14, 2025, the Board adopted a Board letter, to delegate authority to the Director of DCFS to increase the Agreement amount by \$1,900,000 effective upon execution through June 30, 2027, with the option to extend effective July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the current recommendations will allow DCFS to continue to provide FFPSA services to children and youth at imminent risk for entry into the child welfare system.

CONCLUSION

send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children

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and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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

BRANDON T. NICHOLS

Director

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Enclosures

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Five increases the Agreement amount by \$2,748,000 for the provision of the Families Stronger Together LA/Prevention Legal Services and \$50,000 for the provision of CCBP.

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

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

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

- 5d. The County agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR, for the term of this Agreement the amount of \$2,748,000 for the provision of Families Stronger Together LA/Prevention Legal Services and \$50,000 for the provision of the CCBP.

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

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By 
Brandon T. Nichols, DCFS Director

11/26/25
Date

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS

By _____
Christine Essel, Chief Executive Officer

Date

95-2831058
TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

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

By _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel