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

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE YOUTH PERMANENCY PARTNERS CONTRACT (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval of an amendment to extend the Youth Permanency Partners (YPP) contract for six months, effective July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, to allow sufficient time to complete the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute an amendment, substantially similar to Attachment I, to extend the contract for six months, effective July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The cost to extend the contract for six months will not exceed \$100,000, financed using 100 percent State funds. Sufficient funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute contract amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum by no more than 10 percent when such change is necessary change is necessitated by additional services, provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution of such amendment.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the contract to incorporate changes as mandated by federal, State or Municipal laws, regulations, or court orders, provided that: a) prior County Counsel approval is granted and b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution of such amendment.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the contract to make changes to the scope of work or the terms and conditions to meet program needs, provided that: a) prior County Counsel approval is granted and b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution of such amendment.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the YPP contract in accordance with the termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained and b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after the termination of the contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will ensure the continued provision of YPP services to support older foster youth in Los Angeles County. The YPP program is designed to recruit, train, and support adult volunteers who serve as mentors to foster youth ages 9 through 17, with the goal of helping them achieve legal permanency or establish lifelong connections with caring adults.

Through this contract, the selected contractor will recruit and support YPPs, organize connection events, and facilitate meaningful relationships between youth and supportive adults to improve permanency outcomes and long-term well-being.

The YPP contract will expire on June 30, 2026. DCFS is currently completing an RFP solicitation for the YPP program. The amendment to extend is needed to prevent any lapse in service while the final steps of the RFP solicitation are completed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support North Star 1, Focus Area Goal D. Support Vulnerable Populations, Strategy III, Support the Long-Term Success of Transitional Aged Youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Sum for the six-month contract extension will not exceed \$100,000, financed using 100 percent State funds. Sufficient funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Currently, over 3,000 foster youth are in long-term foster care. Approximately 33 percent of foster youth are between the ages of 9 and 17. Each year approximately 1,000 youth exit care without a permanent family or connection. The YPP program assists DCFS in reducing the negative outcomes associated with youth exiting care without permanency, such as incarceration and homelessness. The YPP contractor facilitates orientations that present an overview of the program and how it works, explains what it means to be a YPP as well as providing details on the roles and responsibilities of a YPP, information about youth in foster care, and explains the application process for becoming a YPP. The contractor is responsible for organizing and facilitating 10 interactive Connection Events per contract year. They provide transportation for the youth to and from the Connection Events. Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, requires that the Board be notified if a department intends to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term pending solicitation of a replacement system and/or services. However, DCFS did not provide the required notification to the Board, as the original plan was to award contracts at an earlier date.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the YPP extension will ensure uninterrupted services, which allows DCFS to effectively recruit and support volunteer mentors to support older foster youth. Through this contract, DCFS is able to increase the number of prospective adoptive families and create lasting connections for older foster 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 the Board Letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



BRANDON T. NICHOLS

Director

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Enclosures

- c: Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Probation Officer
- County Counsel
- Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor



AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

CONTRACT NUMBER 24-0025

WITH

KIDSAVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

FOR

YOUTH PERMANENCY PARTNERS SERVICES

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YOUTH PERMANENCY PARTNERS
CONTRACT NUMBER 24-0025**

This Amendment Number One (“Amendment”) to the Youth Permanency Partners Contract (Contract) made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (“COUNTY”), and Kidsave International, Inc. (Contractor), on this ___ day of _____, 2026.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2024, and Contractor has been providing Youth Permanency Services to support older foster youth in achieving permanency and lifelong connections; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment is to extend the contract effective July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 8.1, Amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual consent herein contained, County and Contractor hereby agree to amend the Contract as follows:

1. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 4.0, Contract Sum, Subsection 4.1.1 is added to read as follows:

4.1.1 The term of the contract shall be extended for six months, beginning **July 1, 2026** through **December 31, 2026**, unless terminated earlier or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

2. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 5.0, Contract Sum, Subsection 5.1.1 is added to read as follows:

5.1.1 The Maximum Contract Sum for the contract period of July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 shall not exceed \$100,000.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT 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 One 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 One 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 warrant(s) under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the Contractor in or to this Contract. 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

KidSave International, Inc.

By: _____

By: _____

BRANDON T. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR
Department of Children and
Family Services

Name: _____

Title _____

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

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel