

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address agenda item. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

- I. Call to Order
- II. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **First5LA:** Quarterly Update.
 - b. **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS):** Request to Approve a Contract with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for Training and Staff Development and Master of Social Work Internship Program Services.
 - c. **DCFS:** Request to Approve an Amendment to Extend the Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) Services Contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).
 - d. **DCFS:** Request to Approve Amendments to 21 Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependent Services Contracts.
 - e. **DCFS:** Request for Approval and Delegated Authority to Execute Emergency Temporary Shelter Care Facility Contracts.
- III. **Informational Items:**
 - a. **Military and Veterans' Affairs:** Request to Enter into an Affiliation Agreement with the Regional Chamber of Commerce- San Gabriel Valley for the Military Banner Program.

- b. **Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS):** Request for Delegated Authority to Amend and Extend the New Freedom: Taxicab Services Program Subaward with Administrative Services Co-op.
- c. **WDACS:** Approval to Award and Execute Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Noncompetitive (Sole Source) Subaward Amendments for Family Caregiver Support Program and for Elderly Nutrition Program for Community-Based Subrecipients.

IV. Items continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

FIRST 5 LA POLICY AGENDA



The First 5 LA Policy Agenda guides policy efforts at the local, state and federal advocacy. Supporting achievement of the adopted 2020-2028 Strategic Plan's Results for Children and Families, Long-Term Systems Outcomes and Results Indicators, the agenda is grounded in First 5 LA's unique experiences and expertise, rooted in learnings from local investments, and informed by community- and family-voice. Foundational to the agenda is an understanding that children ages prenatal to 5-years old represent a special population, because the brain develops more rapidly during the earliest years of life than at any other time. Concurrently, the impacts of structural racism powerfully disrupt optimal development and health, as well as broader family stability. As such, all priorities within the Policy Agenda will:

- **Work to close race-based disparities in health, well-being and opportunity;**
- **Utilize the best available data and advocate for the availability of full and complete data; and**
- **Promote a holistic system of supports that is language- and culturally- appropriate.**



First 5 LA, in partnership with others, helps to strengthen families, communities, and systems of services and supports so all children in Los Angeles County enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life. To achieve this, First 5 LA advances the following community-informed priority areas:

Promote a comprehensive system of family supports to advance positive outcomes for the whole child and whole family.



- Build systems that strategically layer effective evidence-based, innovative and community-responsive resources of family strengthening supports, prioritizing home visiting and early intervention services.
- Promote and protect family supports to ensure families with young children and pregnant women are economically secure.
- Improve capacity and coordination across early identification, early intervention and family strengthening systems.

Improve systems to promote the optimal development of children through early identification and supports that are family-responsive.



- Ensure children receive early and periodic validated developmental and behavioral screenings, and coordination to appropriate interventions
- Strengthen child and family serving systems to prevent, anticipate, and respond appropriately to adverse experiences, trauma, and toxic stress.
- Incentivize preventative care to close maternal and pediatric health disparities through disaggregated data.

Expand access to affordable, quality early care and education.



- Increase public investment in early care and education systems prioritizing mixed delivery and family choice.
- Align an equitable and responsive early care and education quality support structure.
- Increase compensation and funded professional supports for the early care and education workforce.

Ensure communities have the resources and environment to optimize their child's development.



- Increase opportunities for community voices to shape resources, services and other critical issues affecting young children and families.
- Promote local flexibility in policies and systems that directly impact families and neighborhoods.
- Elevate and utilize disaggregated population level and integrated service data for effective system delivery and improvement.

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First 5: Holistic, Equity-Focused Approach to Supporting Children and Families Evident in Governor's 2021-22 Budget Proposal

ALAMEDA, CA (January 8, 2021) - Governor Newsom's budget plan demonstrates a clear commitment to addressing the holistic and pressing needs of young children and families, by supporting them on multiple fronts during the pandemic, as well as building toward a robust early childhood system in the long term, said First 5 Association of California, First 5 California, and First 5 LA today in response to the release of the governor's proposed 2021-22 budget.

"Children learn best and flourish most when their holistic needs are being met," said Melissa Stafford Jones, executive director of First 5 Association of California. "By prioritizing immediate economic relief to families with low income, housing support, food assistance, child care stability and access, and health care, this budget clearly reflects an awareness of what children need to thrive, in the immediate and long term. We look forward to working on the details with the administration and the legislature, both this year and beyond."

"In the most challenging of times, Governor Newsom continues to put children and families' well-being first," said Camille Maben, First 5 California Executive Director. "This budget proposal provides a framework for economic recovery rooted in the needs of our essential workers and their families. By investing in our families through critical investments in child care, earned income tax credits, expanded preventative services, healthcare, and housing, in conjunction with innovative proposals to improve child development and early literacy through reading and book distribution, California is meeting the moment we are in while continuing to look ahead to the future and our future generations."

The governor's clear priority for shoring up holistic family support systems, with an equity-based approach that focuses on families most in need, is evident in the following proposals:

- \$2.4 billion for the Golden State Stimulus to provide economic relief to 3.9 million taxpayers with low income, as early as this February, with additional payments for those who file taxes with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs), including undocumented workers—which will reach an

estimated 250,000 children alone. The additional \$600 per family from this stimulus, combined with the existing California Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit, will provide significant financial relief to working families who need it most.

- \$300 million in additional funding to increase the availability of early intervention services for young children with disabilities and delays
- \$50 million for professional development to prepare teachers for early childhood programs, and \$200 million to expand kindergarten and transitional kindergarten facilities. In addition, the budget proposes \$250 million in one-time incentive funds for school districts to expand transitional kindergarten for all four-year-olds.
- A one-year continuation of Proposition 56 supplemental payments (which were set to sunset this year) to improve care for Medi-Cal payments, including for developmental screenings for young children, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screening and provider training, until July 1, 2022
- \$55 million to support child care providers and families as a result of the pandemic
- A total of \$44.3 million to the state's cannabis fund to expand child care access for an estimated 4,500 children
- Proposals to spend nearly \$300 million of the federal child care funding that California recently received aimed at stabilizing the child care field and meeting immediate needs
- \$1.1 billion, with a commitment to further investment, to relaunch CalAIM, which aims to enhance and improve Medi-Cal services through an emphasis on Whole Person Care and on care coordination across systems of care—an approach that is also critical for young children and their families
- \$5 million to provide books to children from families with low income, to improve child development and literacy
- Multiple investments in emergency food, housing and renter assistance, and workforce development, that act as wraparound services for many families with young children

“California families continue to face many challenges, accessible and affordable child care and health care being two of the most significant. In order to rebuild our economy, we must invest in quality early learning and family strengthening systems and supports so our families can return to work when it is safe to do so. The Governor's proposed budget recognizes these urgent needs and systemic inequities facing families and communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for his leadership to meet this moment and strengthen the foundation for building a robust early child development system that ensures all children have a strong start,” said Kim Belshé, First 5 LA executive director.

“Every day in our work, we see that families, especially families of low income, are struggling mightily—from poverty, hunger, unemployment, racism, stress, and more,” said Kim Goll, president of the First 5 Association board and executive director of

First 5 Orange County. “This budget aptly prioritizes children, families, and those who care for them, recognizing that they are central to California’s recovery and healing from the pandemic, recession, and historic injustice.”

Together, the First 5 network looks forward to partnering with the governor and legislature on additional details of the 2021-22 budget, and prioritizing the use of and need for additional federal funds in order to meet the greatest needs of our children and families.

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About First 5 Association

First 5 Association of California is the voice of the 58 First 5 county commissions, which were created by voters in 1998 to ensure our young children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Together, First 5 touches the lives of more than one million kids, families, and caregivers each year, and strengthens our state by giving kids the best start in life. Learn more at www.first5association.org.

About First 5 California

First 5 California was established in 1998 when voters passed Proposition 10, which taxes tobacco products to fund services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families. First 5 California programs and resources are designed to educate and support teachers, parents, and caregivers in the critical role they play during a child's first five years--to help California kids receive the best possible start in life and thrive. For more information, please visit www.cafc.ca.gov.

About First 5 LA

As the state's largest funder of early childhood, First 5 LA works to strengthen systems, parents and communities so that children are ready to succeed in school and life. An independent public agency, First 5 LA's goal is to support the safe and healthy development of young children so that by 2028, all children in L.A. County will enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life. Learn more at www.first5la.org.

Memo

To: First 5 LA Leadership Team

From: Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy

Date: May 17, 2021

Subject: **2021-2022 GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE BUDGET OVERVIEW**

On May 14, 2021, Governor Newsom unveiled his May Revision to the state budget. Dubbed the “California Comeback Plan,” the governor’s proposal features total spending of \$267.8 billion, a more than \$40 billion increase from his January budget proposal, and would build the state’s reserves by \$24.4 billion. Overall, the May Revise spends heavily on COVID-19 relief and recovery, featuring mix of one-time and on-going investments in the state’s human capital and human infrastructure, critical to strengthening California’s society and economy going forward. Strengthening such infrastructure, including First 5 LA priority systems of early learning and health among others, will help California emerge from the pandemic stronger, more equitable and better able to help children and families thrive. The proposed spending in this budget revise is largely unprecedented and unlikely to occur again soon, particularly due both to the infusion of one-time federal funding, and the prediction of state budget deficits starting by fiscal year 2024. As a result, after more than a year of significant challenge and hardship, California has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build more effective systems, invest in families, and support the state’s youngest children.

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, state officials predicted a devastating and long-lasting recession, forecasting a \$54 billion budget deficit for the coming fiscal year. Now, 14-months after the initial COVID-inspired economic shutdown and in a major reversal from the most dire forecasts, the 2021 May Revise features a record state budget surplus of \$75.7 billion, resulting primarily from the stock market’s strengthen and greater than expected income tax revenues from high-income earners. Additionally, California received \$27 billion in federal resources through the American Rescue Plan, leaving the state with approximately \$100 billion in previously unexpected revenue.

State law requires that a portion of any surplus goes directly to various state reserve accounts, as well as the K-12 education system. Policymakers, as well as voters through ballot initiatives, implemented these requirements following California’s experience during and after the Great Recession of 2008-2009, when revenues declined rapidly and the state had little to fall back on when crafting its annual budgets, leading to deep cuts in services and programs. With record intake this year, the May Revise would build state reserves by \$24.4 billion, including \$15.9 billion for the Rainy Day Fund and \$450 million for the Safety Net Reserve, among other accounts. Following these mandatory transfers, Governor Newsom has proposed to spend much of the remaining windfall revenue on COVID-19 response and recovery, including direct, immediate relief for families; and longer-term investments in the state’s human infrastructure:

- **Immediate relief for families:** The May Revise would provide immediate financial relief to families through direct stimulus payments. California has already provided millions of low-income residents with financial assistance through the Golden State Stimulus (GSS) program. Now, at a cost of nearly \$12 billion, Governor Newsom wants to send \$600 checks to households earning up to \$75,000/year that did not receive a payment through the GSS program earlier this year. The revise would also provide an additional \$500 to families with young children, as well as \$500 to anyone who utilizes an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). ITIN filers, often undocumented residents, can receive both the ITIN stimulus and child-related payment, so they would be eligible to receive a total of \$1,000 through these two proposals, in addition to \$600 through the GSS. This offers some redress and much needed support to California's undocumented families, who federal lawmakers specifically barred from receiving stimulus checks through COVID relief legislation, including the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act and American Rescue Plan. However, this state aid, as much as \$1,600 in total for eligible undocumented families, would still not equal the \$3,200 in direct stimulus most American citizens received through previous federal efforts.
- **Early Learning infrastructure:** The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly amplified the importance of critical child care infrastructure and services, demonstrating the need to ensure essential frontline workers can have their children in safe and healthy environments while they serve our communities. COVID has devastated the field and driven early learning providers out of business, leaving many children and families without access. However, even prior to the pandemic, California's child care system struggled to meet the needs of families. For the state to get back to work, families must have access to affordable, available and high-quality early care and education (ECE) resources, and providers must receive fair compensation for their work. In response to the pandemic's effects on the ECE field, and to build a more equitable and accessible system of high-quality early learning services for the future, the governor's May Revise proposes to significantly invest in subsidized child care seats, expand transitional kindergarten to all 4-year-olds and waive family fees for eligible families, among other early learning related items.
- **Health Systems infrastructure:** California is facing an on-going health crisis related to COVID-19, and even as transmission of the virus slows, the pandemic has exposed the need for significant investment in the wrap around supportive services and systems that strengthen families. In this lute, the May Revise proposes spending on both short- and long-term health infrastructure needs in the state. More specifically, over \$1 billion would finance direct COVID-19 response costs, including testing, laboratory operations, vaccinations, medical surge capacities and contact tracing efforts. With an eye toward bolstering public health into the future, the budget would also fund structural reforms in the Medi-Cal system; provide additional developmental services for young children; promote the economy security of families; and permanently enact certain health care flexibilities that would otherwise end following conclusion of the Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

Finally, the May Revise lays out a plan for spending the nearly \$27 billion in federal American Rescue Plan funds that California will receive in two tranches over the next year. This includes:

- \$4.9 billion to support the state's public health infrastructure, public hospitals, health systems and residential care facilities, as well as to address the emotional and behavioral health impacts of quarantining and distance learning requirements.
- \$13.7 billion to address the pandemic's negative economic impacts, pay water and utility bills, address housing shortages and homelessness, provide grants to small businesses, promote tourism and stimulate job growth. This proposal also includes \$2 billion to create \$500 college savings accounts for low-income first graders, seeking to address equity gaps in education and increase opportunities for higher education.
- \$7.3 billion to maintain water and sewage systems, and also promote broadband access and affordability.
- \$1.1 billion to build up the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and replenish the state's unemployment compensation system, after unprecedented demand on the system throughout the pandemic.

Overall, as California begins to move beyond the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, policymakers must ensure the state's path forward includes universally targeted and on-going supports for families, particularly in the most impacted communities of color. People of color have not only experienced higher rates of infection, hospitalization and death from the virus itself, but also disproportionately faced the economic disruptions, housing insecurities and mental health concerns that the pandemic has caused. First 5 LA will continue to focus our advocacy on ensuring policymakers robustly support the essential infrastructure necessary to strengthen the Whole Child and Whole Family.

Key highlights of the Governor's 2021-2022 May Revise Budget Proposal related to First 5 LA's priorities include:

Children have high quality early care and education experiences before kindergarten.

The governor's May Revise budget proposal includes:

- Establishing universal **transitional kindergarten** (TK) by 2024-2025: Aligned with the goals of the Master Plan for Early Learning, the governor has proposed to create a "14th grade" of public education by allocating \$250 million in one-time Proposition 98 funds for planning and implementation grants for local educational agencies, as well as \$380 million to reduce staff ratios by providing one additional certificated or classified staff person in each transitional kindergarten classroom. The governor's January budget proposed \$250 million for incentive funds for school districts to expand TK, but the revise now gears funding toward implementations grants. In total, the governor anticipates spending approximately \$900 million General Fund in 2022-23 to begin this phase-in approach to universal TK, growing to \$2.7 billion in 2024-2025.
- \$10 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Education to update the **Preschool Learning Foundations** guide, the recommended learning standards for preschool and TK, reflecting the most recent research on early childhood development and providing comprehensive resources for pre-kindergarten teachers.
- \$579 million in total one-time federal **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)** funds. Over the last year, federal funds have supported families

and providers through the pandemic. CCRSA funds will continue to provide those supports including:

- Continuing to waive fees for eligible families and hold providers harmless through June 30, 2022.
- \$25 million to expand the California Child Care Initiative Project and target areas such as child care deserts.
- Providing grant one-time stipends (between \$3,500-\$6,000) to licensed providers based on licensing capacity.
- Providing a third round of per-child stipends for subsidized child care and preschool providers.
- Supporting providers that have closed due to the pandemic by providing 16 non-operational days through June 2022 for providers accepting vouchers.

CCRSA one-time funds also include \$10.6 million for early childhood mental health consultations through expansion of the California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation, aimed at supporting programs and providers seeking to address learning and development of young children.

- \$83 million ongoing to fund 6,500 new **child care spaces**. The \$83 million reflects updated Proposition 64 cannabis tax revenues, which is an increase from \$215 million outlined in the Governor's January budget. The May Revise also plans to add an additional 100,000 subsidized child care spaces.
- \$20 million for a multi-year effort to strengthen existing **quality improvement** supports and systems focused on addressing inequities. Part of this effort will include a stakeholder engagement process coordinated by the California Department of Social Services, in order to inform policy-setting and program design.
- Several items supporting the **transition to California Department of Social Services (DSS)** of child care programs: Effective July 1, 2021, all child care programs, except the California State Preschool Program (CSPP), will transfer from California Department of Education (CDE) to DSS. To facilitate this transfer, the May Revise proposal includes:
 - A shift of \$31.7 million (\$0.9 million General Fund) and 185.7 positions from the DCE to DSS to administer early learning, child care, and nutrition programs.
 - \$3 billion (\$1.5 billion general funds) to support the shifting of programs.
 - \$4.8 million to support development of a child care data system, including necessary planning and initial implementation.
 - \$6 million to modernize payment options for child care contractors to be able to be reimbursed via direct deposit.
- \$250 million in one-time federal American Rescue Plan funds, to be spent through September 30, 2024, to provide infrastructure grants for **child care facilities**. To serve families who need but lack access to child care, the funds will focus on acquisition, construction, development, and renovation of facilities, prioritizing current child care deserts.
- \$10 million in one-time federal American Rescue Plan funds for **Resource and Referral agencies** who have supported child care providers and have served as intermediaries to develop new child care facilities and capacity, as well as to streamline and improve data collection processes.

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The governor's May Revise budget proposal includes:

- \$200 million in total funds (\$100 million General Fund) ongoing to provide **dyadic care services through Medi-Cal**. This new benefit would provide integrated physical and behavioral health screening and services to the whole family, and as a model, has been shown to increase access to preventive care and rates of immunizations for children; improve the coordination of care and maternal mental health; and strengthen child social-emotional health and safety.
- \$550 million ongoing to permanently eliminate previously proposed suspension of **Proposition 56 supplemental payment** increases. The governor's January budget proposed only to delay the suspension of Proposition 56 programs by 12-months after the final 2020 state budget called for most Proposition 56 programs to sunset effective July 1, 2021. Proposition 56 funding supports incentive payments for conducting development screens and screenings for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), for example.
- \$12.4 million one-time General Fund to support seven demonstration projects focused on advancing research on and developing scalable approaches for **treating and preventing ACEs**, including efforts to strengthen workforce training, and broaden the network of clinicians and providers equipped to treat and prevent toxic stress.
- \$122.4 million one-time General Fund in 2021-2022, for disbursement over three years, to implement **Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)** preventative services for youth and families at-risk of entering the foster care system. This represents a significant increase from the \$61.1 million (\$42.7 million General Fund) the governor proposed in January for these purposes.
- \$3.7 million one-time (\$2.5 million General Fund) to support efforts toward establishing a **Regional Center performance improvement program**, including fiscal incentives to meet specified benchmarks.
- Allowing Medi-Cal reimbursement for **audio-only telehealth visits**, at 65 percent of the Medi-Cal rate for the service rendered in fee-for-services. Receiving this reimbursement would be contingent on being able to provide in-person services to each Medi-Cal enrollee served by audio-only telehealth as well. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) allowed for payment parity between audio-only and virtual telehealth visits, but the administration is now recommending that end. The ability to utilize telehealth has been critical during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing families to receive necessary care while limiting physical interactions between patient and provider. However, there remain important services that pediatricians cannot provide virtually, such as components of certain developmental screens and childhood vaccinations, etc. As such, policies that grow a hybrid system, allowing for enhanced utilization of telehealth while ensuring families always have access to in-person care, are crucial.

Families optimize their child's development.

The governor's May Revise budget proposal includes:

- \$90.5 million (45.3 million General Fund) in 2021-2022 and \$362.2 million (\$181.1 million General Fund) annually between 2022-2023 and 2027-2028 to **extend Medi-Cal eligibility for post-partum individuals from 60 days to 12-months**. Continuous health care coverage is essential for avoiding disruptions in care, particularly as one-third of all maternal deaths occur one week to one year after a pregnancy ends, and one in seven women experience symptoms of postpartum depression in the year after giving birth. The

ability to provide additional post-partum benefits became allowable through the American Rescue Plan.

- \$35 million General Fund over five years to fund a **Universal Basic Income pilot**, administered at the city or county level and requiring a local-match commitment. The program would look particularly to direct benefits to low-income Californians. The First 5 LA 2021 Policy Agenda includes family economic security as a new priority, and First 5 LA has regularly advocated that pregnant and postpartum women on Medi-Cal receive basic income supports.
- \$403,000 (\$152,000 General Fund) in 2021-2022 and \$4.4 million (\$1.7 million General Fund) annually to add **Doula services** as a covered benefit in the Medi-Cal program, effective January 1, 2022. \$16.3 million (\$6.2 million General Fund) and \$201 million (\$76 million General Fund) annually by 2026-2027 to add **Community Health Workers** to the class of health workers who are able to provide benefits and services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries effective January 1, 2022. These providers are important to making language- and culturally-appropriate care available to families served by Medi-Cal, and First 5 LA advocacy has regularly promoted the need for greater family access to them.
- \$1.2 million in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds to improve coordination between Regional Centers and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to support **transitions between IDEA Part C and Part B programs**. Funds would also support convening a stakeholder workgroup to address data sharing and disseminate best practices. Children up to the age of 3-years-old receive early intervention services at Regional Centers through IDEA Part C, and following their third birthdays, transition to preschool special education services through IDEA Part B. However, children can often fall through the cracks during the hand off between Regional Center and LEA: Regional Centers may fail to notify the receiving school district at least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday that a transition is impending, and the state's bifurcated service delivery system can also lead to communication barriers and coordination difficulties between the two lead entities. First 5 LA advocacy has elevated these concerns to the relevant agencies and departments, and called for greater guidance and funding to facilitate successful transitions.
- \$1.6 billion total funds (\$673 million General Fund) in 2021-2022 and \$1.5 billion total (\$746.6 million General Fund) in 2022-2023 to implement **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)** reforms. First 5 LA will continue to advocate that DHCS better incorporate the needs of children and families into CalAIM. This includes making children ages prenatal to 5-years-old, as well as pregnant and postpartum women, a target population for Enhanced Care Management through CalAIM, and adding home visitation as a required In-Lieu of Services benefit.
- \$142.9 million in 2021-2022 to fund a 5.3-percent increase in the **maximum level of CalWORKs cash grants**. This builds upon the governor's January budget proposal to increase maximum grants by 1.5-percent at a cost of \$50.1 million. As such, the revise's proposal would more strongly support family economic security, a new First 5 LA policy priority in the 2021 Policy Agenda. Economic stability and empowerment are important components within the Whole Child and Whole Family framework as well.

Priorities aligned with First 5 LA's long-term systems outcomes, LA County regional priorities, and Best Start Community Change agendas.

The governor's May Revise budget proposal includes:

- \$280 million total for school nutrition programs and infrastructure, in response to food insecurities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. \$30 million General Fund would fund the **Farm to School** program, which helps expand healthy food access in schools, and \$100 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to provide **school kitchen infrastructure upgrades and training** for school cafeteria staff. Finally, \$150 million ongoing Proposition 98 to encourage school districts to participate in one of the **federal universal meal provisions**.
- \$105.2 million General Fund, or an increase of \$100 million from the January budget proposal, to continue a **Rapid Response Program** at the California Department of Developmental Services. This supports community-based and non-profit organizations addressing emergent needs of California immigrants. Additionally, \$25 million in General Fund and Proposition 98 funding for Undocumented Unaccompanied Minors (UUM) through the **Opportunities for Youth** pilot project, legal services, state operations for the programs, and the **California Newcomer Education and Well-Being program**.
- \$6.8 billion to address a broader portfolio of housing supports to help end homelessness in California, including \$2.75 billion over a period of two years for additional acquisition and rehabilitation of facilities through **Project Homekey**. Of that, \$1 billion would intend to families experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. An additional \$5.2 billion in federal funds would to support **rental and utility assistance**. Homelessness and housing affordability continue to be a critical priority for the local communities that First 5 LA partners with, and greater state and federal resources will help ensure that county and city leaders have the resources necessary to promote housing stability, especially for homeless or housing insecure families.
- \$322.4 million to continue **residential environmental cleanup** in response to the Exide Battery factory contamination. To date, the state has provided over \$251 million for residential and other associated costs related to Exide, and addressing environmental hazards is a priority of several Best Start Communities.

The May Revise is the second step in the state's budgetary process, and it reflects updated revenue and policy forecasts that have emerged since the governor released his initial budget proposal in January. The Legislature, led by its budget committees and subcommittees, will now draft and finalize Trailer Bill Language (TBLs) that serve as the final step in negotiations between lawmakers and the administration. The Legislature must pass its budget bills by June 15th, which is also the same day California will end most pandemic related restrictions and move into a broader phase of economic reopening. Finally, the governor must sign the state's finalized 2021-2022 budget by June 30th. Both California and First 5 LA's new fiscal year begin on July 1st.

More than 60 percent of California residents are now partially or fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and new cases and hospitalizations remain low. Coupled with the Newsom Administration's plan to broadly reopen the state in mid-June, California appears to be entering a new and more hopeful phase of the pandemic. However, even with the direct public health threats of COVID-19 reduced, families will still face difficulties stemming from a year of significant trauma; heightened economic, housing and food insecurities; and social isolation during stay-at-home orders. As such, families throughout Los Angeles County and California, and especially families of color in the most impacted communities, will benefit from continued and robust supports that strengthen the Whole Child and Whole Family.

Now is the moment to bring down existing barriers to care, both because the need for supports is and will remain high, and because California has the budgetary flexibility and federal investments necessary to meaningfully bolster and accelerate improvement in our family supporting systems. Policy and systems changes necessary to strengthen Los Angeles County families have never been more urgent, and the May Revise demonstrates an understanding of the imperative of supporting families during these challenging times and beyond. However, as the pandemic slows in California and many more sectors of the economy reopen, the state could have even more revenue to spend by June, when the governor must sign a finalized budget. As such, First 5 LA's Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy, in partnership with California Strategies, our state advocates in Sacramento; the statewide network of First 5s, as well as the First 5 Association and First 5 CA; grantees; community leaders through Best Start; and other advocacy partners, will continue working to influence the state budget throughout the remaining steps of its development.

Memo

To: Kim Belshé, Executive Director

From: Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy

Date: May 27, 2021

CC: Peter Barth, Chief of Staff

Subject: **American Rescue Plan**

On March 11, 2021, H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), was signed into law by President Biden. As a \$1.9 trillion economic recovery spending plan, ARP provides additional relief in response to COVID-19 focusing on aid to state and local governments, hard-hit neighborhoods and businesses. In addition to COVID relief, ARP also includes unprecedented increases to anti-poverty measures, such as the Child Tax Credit. ARP's key provisions aligned with First 5 LA's strategic priorities include:

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- \$39B in child care relief funding. Funds include \$15B in emergency funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and \$24B for the child care stabilization fund
 - CA is estimated to receive \$3.9B
- \$1B for Head Start

Children receive early developmental supports and services, and are safe from abuse, neglect, and other trauma.

- Increased Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding including modifications to coverage under Medicaid for pregnant and postpartum women.
- \$7.66B for community health centers and community care clinics to fund COVID- expenses including vaccine distribution, testing, and workforce expansion.
 - CA is estimated to receive \$1B

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- \$150B to support Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program- funds include \$40 million in ARP awards to 56 current MIECHV recipients to address COVID related needs.
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefit expansion. This includes \$490M to increase cash vouchers until September 2021.
- 15% monthly increase for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Estimated \$117M per month for people in CA who rely on CalFresh
- Expanded Child Tax Credit increasing the per-child credit to up to \$3,600 for children under the age of six. ARP also provides \$1,400 in direct payments for those making under \$75,000 per year and households making under \$150,000 per year.
- Extends the availability of paid sick and paid family leave tax credits.

Priorities aligned with First 5 LA’s long-term systems outcomes, LA County regional priorities, and Best Start Community Change agendas.

- Significant investment for homeowners, renters, and homeless Individuals. Funds includes \$25B for emergency rental assistance, \$10B to help homeowners, and \$5B for homelessness programs

ARP funds also prioritizes significant state and local (counties, cities and tribal governments) aid to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and address its economic effects. California is expected to receive \$26.3B and Los Angeles County \$1.95B. As the county strategizes on how to allocate and distribute ARP funds to best address the effects of COVID-19 and strengthen the county’s family-serving system, the following areas should be prioritized:

- 1) **County infrastructure to support children and their families, including child care** Since the start of the pandemic, LA County has witnessed the dire need to prioritize the systems and services that have supported children and families through the pandemic. ARP funding provides LA County a good opportunity to focus on how to best align County supports for working families. ARP funding can ensure LA County has an array of robust, county and partner driven, community-based resources for families to improve access to vital essential items such as housing, food, health & mental-health care, and child care.
- 2) **Physical, mental, and behavioral health supports**
COVID-19 has dramatically exacerbated the needs of children and families as well as further elevated the racial, economic and health disparities of families, particularly those in low-income communities of color. Prolonged community stress is an Adverse Childhood Experience, which has a negative impact on health outcomes later in life. Connecting families and children, to the medical and mental health providers (in-person and virtually) will be critical to their future well-being.
- 3) **Alignment with municipal ARP priorities**
ARP funding provides LA County and its 88 cities an opportunity to address the identified critical needs caused by the pandemic. Aligning how to best address those needs would be essential to creating critical, visible, long-term positive community changes to provide on-going to supports to families and children.

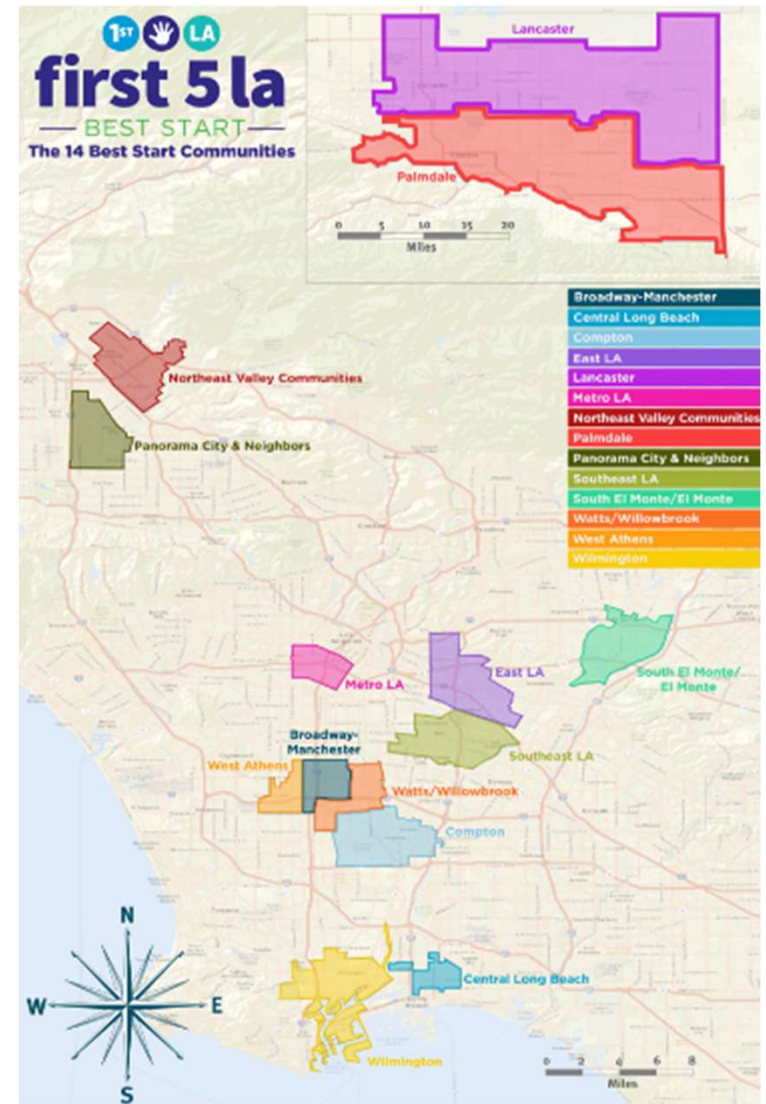
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Region 1 – The Complexities of Power Building *Región 1 - Las complejidades de construcción de poder*

- Deepening relationships with parent/resident to ground the work in authentic partnerships.

Profundizar las relaciones con padres/residentes para fundamentar el trabajo en asociaciones auténticas.

- Grounding in data that reflects the lived experience of parents and residents.

Fundamentar con datos que reflejen la experiencia de vida de los padres y residentes.

- Challenging mental models

Desafiar los modelos mentales

- Leveraging CARES Act funds that provided support to over 3,800 families; Over \$1 million in funding.

Aprovechar los fondos de la Ley CARES que proporcionaron apoyo a más de 3800 familias; más de \$1 millón en financiamiento.

- Support from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop a Community Bill of Human Rights.

Apoyo de la Fundación Robert Wood Johnson para desarrollar un proyecto de Ley Comunitaria de Derechos Humanos.



- Moving towards a regional network structure.
Desplazarse hacia una estructura de red regional.
- Developing SMARTI goals and a commitment to JEDI.
Desarrollar metas SMARTI y un compromiso con JEDI.
- Engaging over 500 residents to vote on community issues to prioritize in 2021 in “South LA Decides.”
Obtener la participación de más de 500 residentes para votar en problemas comunitarios que se priorizarán en 2021 en “El sur de LA decide”.
- Developing digital solutions “Onward.”
Desarrollar soluciones digitales “Hacia adelante”.



Region 3 – “Practice at the small scale sets the patterns for the whole system.*”
Región 3 - “Practicar en los conjuntos pequeños establece los patrones para todo el sistema.”

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- Cultivating a pipeline of parent leaders and amplifying community power.
Cultivar un conducto de padres líderes y amplificar el poder de la comunidad.
- Finding the connection of working with the whole family within the larger community.
Encontrar la conexión de trabajar con toda la familia dentro de la comunidad más grande.
- Leveraging \$2.5 million in COVID-19 relief funds.
Aprovechar \$2.5 millones en fondos de asistencia para COVID-19.
- Engaging more than 400 parents trained in catalyzing systems change.
Hacer participar a más de 400 padres capacitados en catalizar el cambio de sistemas.



**adrienne maree brown*

- The Participatory Budgeting model as an instrumental systems change tool.

El modelo de Presupuesto Participativo como una herramienta de cambio en sistemas instrumentales.

- Creating spaces for parents/residents to network and strengthen leadership skills to address regional issues.

Crear espacios para padres/residentes para formar redes y fortalecer las habilidades de liderazgo para enfrentar problemas regionales.

- Responding to COVID-19: Leveraging \$3.6, serving more than 1500 families through Best Start Farmers Market Efforts and over 900 supported with baby supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Responder a COVID-19: Aprovechar \$3.6 millones, brindar servicio a más de 1500 familias a través de los Esfuerzos de Mercado de Granjeros Best Start y más de 900 apoyados con suministros para bebés y Equipos de Protección Personal (PPE).



Region 5 – "Nothing Happens to the AV without the AV" *Región 5 – "Nada pasa al AV sin el AV"*

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- Strengthening networks, focus on child abuse prevention and resource mobilization, and better understanding how racist systems impact families and young children.
Fortalecer redes, enfocarse en la prevención del abuso infantil y movilizar recursos, y una mejor comprensión de cómo impactan los sistemas racistas a las familias y a los niños pequeños.
- Antelope Valley Resource Infusion -- philanthropy and systems prioritizing and orienting to community driven decision making.
Infusión de recursos a Antelope Valley – filantropía y sistemas priorizando y orientando la toma de decisiones impulsada por la comunidad.
- Responding to COVID-19: Parents leading an expansion of Preschool Without Walls and collaborating with regional partners to leverage resources to more than 500 families per week.
Responder a COVID-19: Padres dirigiendo una expansión de Preescolar sin muros y colaborando con socios regionales para aprovechar recursos para más de 500 familias por semana.



- Parent & Resident Centered Systems Change
Cambio de sistemas centrado en padres/madres y residentes
- Cultivating Inclusion and Belonging in Best Start
Cultivar la inclusión y la pertenencia en Best Start
- Collective Action
Acción colectiva



Parent/Resident Centered Systems Change

Cambio de sistemas centrado en los padres/residentes

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- Strengthening leadership pathways
Fortalecer los caminos al liderazgo
- Increase of leadership opportunities
Mejorar las oportunidades de liderazgo
- Innovation and promising changes developing from parent/resident and systems collaboration
Desarrollo de innovación y cambios prometedores a partir de la colaboración de padres/residentes y los sistemas



Cultivating Inclusion and Belonging in Best Start

Cultivar la inclusión y la pertenencia en Best Start

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- Meeting needs, inviting into action - COVID-19 Response
Cumplir con las necesidades, invitar a tomar acción - Respuesta al COVID-19
- Creating new practices of inclusion and participation
Crear nuevas prácticas de inclusión y participación
- Critical conversations around forms of oppression
Conversaciones críticas sobre formas de opresión
- DEIAA - Accountability to African-American population
Compromiso y inclusión al bienestar de la población afro-americana
- Coalition building & network building
Construcción de coaliciones y construcción de redes



We are creating the conditions for collective action that can be seen through small wins that build momentum for broader systems change.

Estamos creando las condiciones para una acción colectiva que pueda ser vista mediante pequeños triunfos que generen el ímpetu para un cambio de sistemas más amplio.

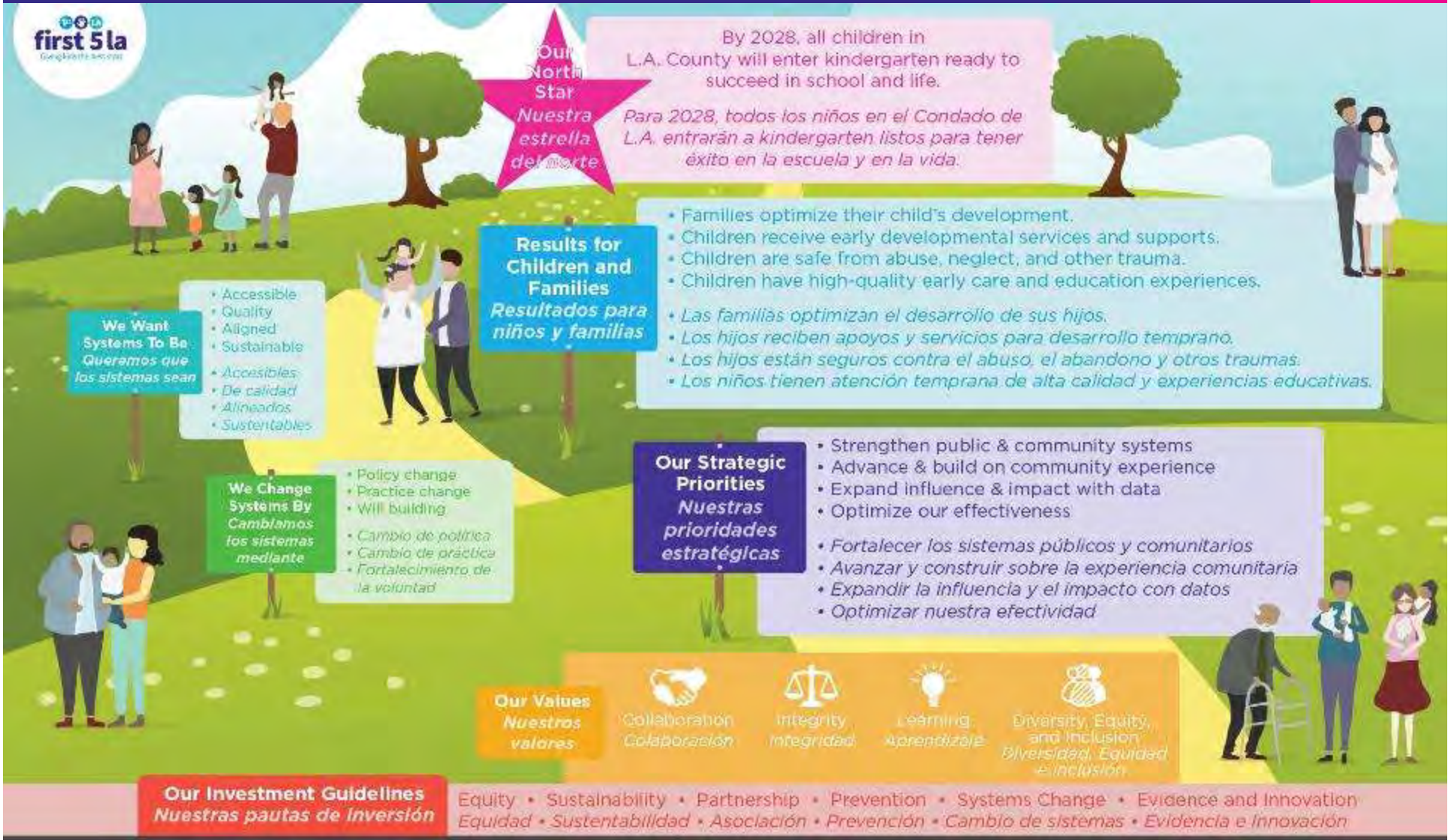
Small wins: / Pequeños triunfos:

- Increasing flexibility of F5LA and Best Start to adapt to changing circumstances
Aumentar la flexibilidad de F5LA y Best Start para adaptarse a las circunstancias cambiantes
- Increasing interest and practice on behalf of public and community systems to be more parent/resident centered
Aumentar el interés y práctica en nombre de los sistemas públicos y comunitarios para estar más centrados en los padres/residentes
- Collaboration across public and community systems to find solutions together
Colaboración entre sistemas público y comunitario para encontrar soluciones juntos
- Increasing commitment across Best Start geographies to achieve population level results for children and families
Aumentar el compromiso en todas las geografías de Best Start para lograr resultados a nivel población para los niños y las familias

Systems change is about “shifting the conditions that hold a problem in place.” It means working in partnership with parents and leaders at the state, county, and local level to change the conditions that affect child development and family well-being.

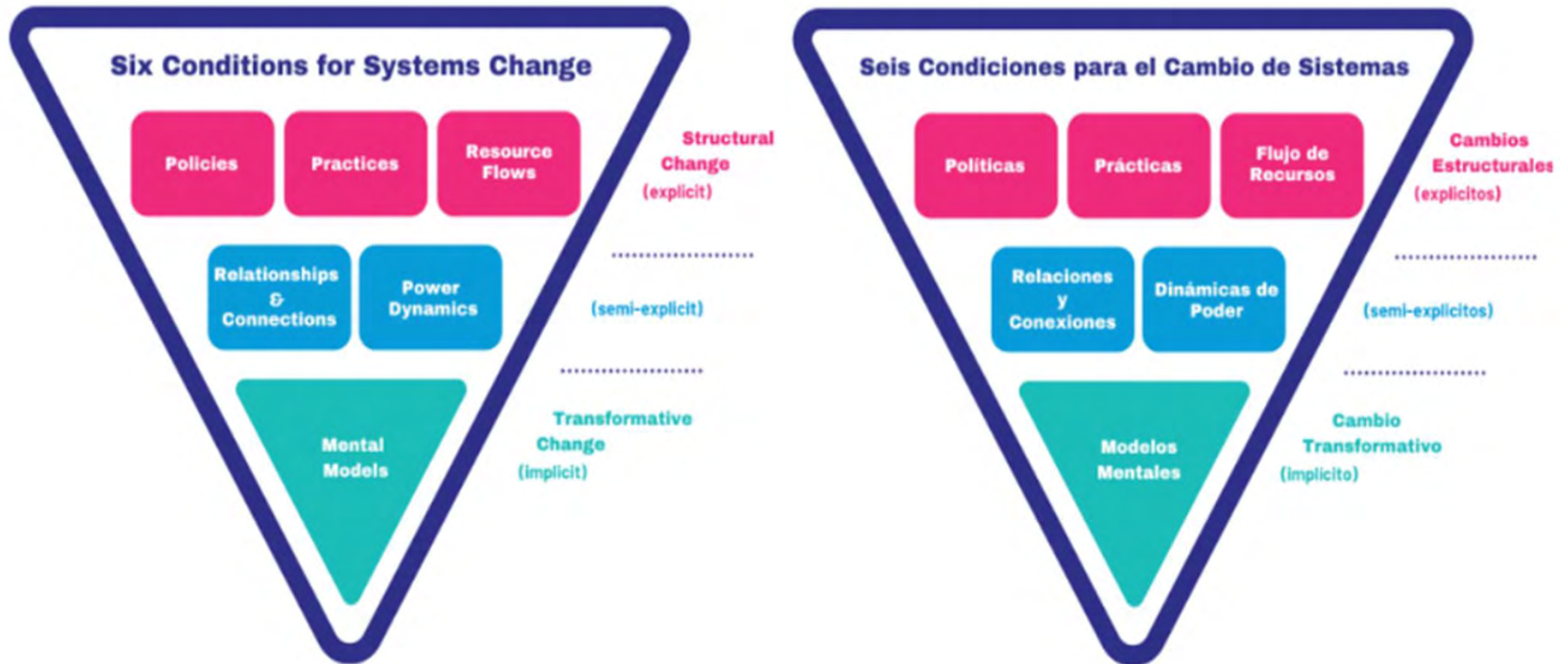
El cambio de sistemas trata de “cambiar las condiciones que mantienen a un problema en su lugar.” Significa trabajar en asociación con los padres y líderes a nivel del estado, del condado y de la localidad para cambiar las condiciones que afectan al desarrollo de los niños y el bienestar de la familia.

Kania, John, Kramer, Mark, and Senge, Peter. (2018). The Water of Systems Change.



Six Conditions for Systems Change

Seis condiciones para el cambio de sistemas



Strategic Priority 1

Strengthen Public and Community Systems

One example: Increasing coordination and partnership in Best Start regions, leveraged over \$7 million of public dollars in COVID19 response funds.

Looking forward: Increase internal coordination of F5LA investments and activity.

Fortalecer sistemas públicos y comunitarios

Un ejemplo: aumentar la coordinación y asociación en regiones Best Start, aprovechando más de \$7 millones de dólares del público en fondos de respuesta para COVID19.

Próximamente: aumentar la coordinación interna de las inversiones y la actividad de F5LA.



Strategic Priority 2

Advance and Build on Community Experience

One example: Strengthening pathways for leadership, practices of inclusion, leading to collective action.

Looking forward: Positioning parent/residents to shape and lead networks dedicated to systems change; Best Start Learning Agenda will help us establish proof of concept.

Avanzar y construir sobre la experiencia comunitaria

Un ejemplo: fortalecer los caminos de liderazgo, las prácticas de inclusión, dirigiéndonos hacia una acción colectiva.

Looking forward: colocar a los padres/residentes en una posición que les permita configurar y dirigir redes dedicadas al cambio de sistemas; la Agenda de aprendizaje Best Start nos ayudará a establecer la prueba del concepto.



Strategic Priority 3

Expand Influence and Impact with Data

One example: Data informing community priorities, as well as highlighting current context (partnership with APCA).

Looking forward: Learning Dialogues and a future cross-regional convening focus on exploring data from Impact Framework and APCA Data Narrative with stakeholders.

Expandir la influencia y tener impacto con datos

Un ejemplo: datos que fundamenten las prioridades comunitarias, y que destaquen el contexto actual (asociación con APCA).

Próximamente: aprender diálogos y una convocatoria futura entre regiones se enfocan en explorar datos de la Infraestructura de impacto y la Narrativa de datos APCA con las partes interesadas.



Strategic Priority 4

Optimize Our Effectiveness

One example: Learning and adapting quickly as a funding partner during COVID19 Pandemic.

Looking forward: Deepen our understanding as funder in systems change efforts through Best Start Learning Agenda.

Optimizar nuestra efectividad

Un ejemplo: aprender y adaptarnos rápidamente con un socio de financiamiento durante la pandemia de COVID19.

Próximamente: profundizar nuestra comprensión como financiador en los esfuerzos de cambio de sistemas mediante la Agenda de aprendizaje Best Start.



Field Building

Construcción de campo

Deeper engagement with funders, public systems and other partners to join us in achieving population level results through collaborative, parent centered systems change efforts.

Mayor participación con las fundaciones, sistemas públicos y otros socios para que nos acompañen a lograr resultados a nivel de la población a través de esfuerzos de cambio de sistemas colaborativos y centrados en los padres.



**Questions &
Reflections**

***Preguntas
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA) FOR
TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) request your Board's approval to execute a contract with the Regents of the University of California (UCLA) for the provision of services to administer and oversee the Training and Staff Development and Master of Social Work (MSW) Internship Program Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute a contract, substantially similar to Attachment A, with UCLA for the provision of staff training and development services, and an MSW Internship Program. The term of the contract will be effective July 1, 2021, or date of execution, through June 30, 2022. The County shall have the sole option to extend the Contract term for up to two additional one-year periods through June 30, 2024. The Maximum Contract Sum for the three-year term is \$30,653,609, funded by 75 percent (\$22,990,207) Federal funds, and 25 percent (\$7,663,402) 2011 State Realignment/net County cost (NCC). Sufficient funding is included in DCFS' Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Recommended Budget.

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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to extend the contract term by written notice for a period not to exceed six months beyond June 30, 2024, if such additional time is necessary to complete the negotiation or solicitation of a new contract. Approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to extending the contract term, and the Director of DCFS, or his designee, will notify the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) in writing within 10 business days after extension.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum up to 10 percent, if such an amendment is necessary to meet change in service demands and the necessary funding is available in the budget. Approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing such amendment, and the Director will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days after execution.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments to the contract for changes to the terms and conditions of the contract to meet program needs, provided that: (a) prior County Counsel approval is granted and (b) the Director of DCFS, or his designee, notifies the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days after execution of such amendments.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute Title IV-E stipend agreements with individual student trainees enrolled in Masters of Social Work degree programs. The cost of the education stipends is included in the Training and Staff Development contract with UCLA. The Title IV-E stipend agreements allow the student trainees to receive the education stipend on the condition that they agree to work for DCFS for at least one year upon earning their degree.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will allow UCLA to fulfill foundational training to newly hired Children's Social Workers (CSWs). This training model calls for a 52-week training program, featuring classroom instruction, increased field experience and the use of the latest technologies. The foundational training includes the use of simulation training. Each social worker is provided with the opportunity to participate in four simulation experiences during their foundational training. DCFS training simulations take place in university-based "simulation labs" which have dedicated spaces converted to resemble the interiors of small homes, from the front door to bedrooms. Simulations incorporate lessons learned from real DCFS cases and imitate real-life casework issues that CSWs experience during in-home visits; client and collateral interviews; safety and risk assessment; and the analysis of a family's progress towards achieving case plan goals.

The simulation training is specifically focused on promoting and developing critical thinking, decision-making, analysis and problem-solving skills.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal Number 1 - Make Investments That Transform Lives and the DCFS' strong commitment to youth well-being and education. Pursuant to the Countywide Strategic Plan Section I.1.4, the County is committed to improving educational outcomes of systems-involved youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Sum for the one-year term plus two additional one-year optional renewals of the Contract is \$30,653,609. The Maximum Sum of the initial term of the contract is \$10,016,210, the Maximum Sum of the first optional one-year term is \$10,216,534, and the Maximum Sum of the second optional one-year term is \$10,420,865. Funding for the contract is financed using 75 percent (\$22,990,207) Federal funds, and 25 percent (\$7,663,402) 2011 State Realignment/net County cost (NCC).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As of April 1, 2014, the Department began contracting with, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for its training and staff development needs. This current contract was executed on October 1, 2018 and is on second-option year and due to end on June 30, 2021, with an option to extend an additional six months through December 31, 2021. UCLA subcontracts with local universities and other qualified training partners to assist in providing training and staff development services to DCFS. Services from UCLA are facilitated through a Request for Services (RFS) process, whereby DCFS submits specific, detailed training requests for the design, development, delivery and evaluation of training.

The DCFS University supports staff development for the over 8,900 DCFS staff with two training centers, one located in downtown Los Angeles and a second one located in Norwalk. The center in downtown Los Angeles is funded through this contract and it's a 28,000 square feet state-of-the art facility that includes: seven large training rooms; four simulation labs (one outfitted with a viewing room); two computer labs; a studio for the development of e-learning and other web-based technologies; a library for archived material; a sizable conference room with videoconference capability; and a "huddle room" for smaller meetings.

The center in downtown Los Angeles supports the collaboration between DCFS and University trainers as a centralized location, and facilitates a coordinated partnership for the design, development and delivery of training for our DCFS staff.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department requested approval from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on May 17, 2016, for procurement of this contract by negotiation with a single entity and for a three-year contract term. CDSS approved the request on July 27, 2016. On May 5, 2017, DCFS notified the Board that DCFS intended to negotiate a contract with UCLA. DCFS will notify CDSS if the contract will exceed the approved three-year term.

CDSS regulation (MPP 23.650.14) allows the County to procure contracts by negotiation with public educational institutions.

DCFS will not move forward with this contract until County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved this contract as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

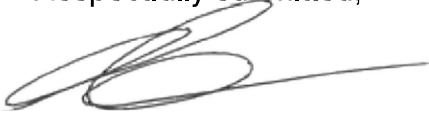
Approval of this contract will allow DCFS to continue to provide an array of training services that includes a training needs assessment to measure knowledge and skill in order to plan and deliver targeted workforce development services. It will also align workforce development services with the Department's Invest LA strategic framework and the Integrated Core Practice Model. It also continues to support the delivery of the Children's Social Worker and Supervising Children's Social Worker Academies, Structured Decision Making, Trauma, LGBTQ+, Child Interviewing, Identification of Physical and Sexual Abuse, Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths and other professional development trainings. Lastly, the Contract also serves to educate and prepare MSW students who participate in the internship program for employment at DCFS upon graduation. It includes awarding MSW students with a one-year stipend and subcontracting with six additional Universities for the same support and services.

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 to and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
June 15, 2021
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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT
TO EXTEND THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
(INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM) SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval of an amendment to extend the Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (TAY) (Independent Living Program) Services Contract #16-019-01 with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment substantially similar to Attachment A, to extend LAHSA's Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) Services Contract #16-019-01, for up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Maximum Annual Contract Sum, financed by 55 percent federal and 45 percent State funds, will remain at \$2,871,556.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum by no more than ten percent to accommodate an increase or decrease in units of service, provided that (a) sufficient funding is available; (b) prior County Counsel approval is obtained; and (c) the DCFS Director or his designee

notifies the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Board in writing within 10 working days of execution.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments to the contract for changes affecting the scope of work or to any of the terms or conditions included under this contract, including changes to the payment structure of the contract, provided that (a) such amendments are consistent with applicable federal, State, and County requirements; (b) prior approval of County Counsel is obtained; and (c) the DCFS Director, or his designee notifies the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Board in writing within 10 working days of execution.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to terminate LAHSA's Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) Services contract for contractor default or for convenience.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

LAHSA is the lead agency in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, which is the regional planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals in Los Angeles County.

On March 19, 2020, the Director of DCFS executed an amendment to the current LAHSA contract, to reduce its capacity from 225 to 169 beds. The number of beds allocated to mental health youth remained at 50. On July 1, 2020, the Director of DCFS used delegated authority, as adopted by the Board on June 16, 2020, to execute an amendment to extend the current LAHSA contract for an additional year. The current contract will expire on June 30, 2021. DCFS was in the process of scheduling contract negotiations at the onset of the pandemic restrictions.

The extension will allow services to continue while DCFS completes the contract negotiations or explores a different solicitation methodology for the services.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of Strategic Plan Goal I – Make Investments that Transform Lives, Strategy I.2 – Enhance our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, I.2.1 – Provide Subsidized Housing for Vulnerable Populations, I.2.4 – Support Job Readiness and Increase Employment Opportunities for Youth Served by the County, and I.2.9 – Support the Long Term Success of Transition Aged Youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Annual Contract Sum, financed using 55 percent federal and 45 percent State funding, will remain at \$2,871,556. Sufficient funding is included in DCFS' Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

LAHSA is the lead agency in Los Angeles coordinating federal, State, County and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons in the County and the City of Los Angeles.

The Independent Living Program or Transitional Housing for TAY is administered in accordance with the federal John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Act (Chafee Act). The Chafee Act authorizes DCFS and the Probation Department to provide independent living services, including housing, for former DCFS and Probation foster youth.

DCFS has requested approval from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to extend the contract for an additional year. The execution of the amendment to extend the contract is contingent upon the approval of CDSS.

County Counsel has approved the amendment and Board letter as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended action will allow the provision of services to continue until the new contract is executed.

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,



BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director

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AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
(INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM) SERVICES CONTRACT
CFDA # 93.674**

CONTRACT NUMBER 16-019-01

WITH

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
(INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM) SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY
CONTRACT NUMBER 16-019-01

This Amendment Number Three ("Amendment") to the Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) Services Contract Number 16-019-01 ("Contract") is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles ("COUNTY"), and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ("CONTRACTOR"), for administration of the Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) services on this 1st day of July, 2021.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to the Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) services contract; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has been providing Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (Independent Living Program) services for the County; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY wishes to extend these services for up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provision set forth in Part II: Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 7.0, Change Notices and Amendments, Subsection 7.4 of the Contract; and

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

1. Part I: Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 3.0, Term and Termination, Subsection 3.1.2 is added to read as follows:
 - 3.1.2 The term of this Contract is extended for up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, this contract will automatically terminate upon the execution of the new contract with LAHSA.
2. Part I: Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 4.0, Contract Sum, Subsection 4.5.2 is added to read as follows:
 - 4.5.2 The maximum amount payable under this Contract for the contract term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, shall not exceed \$2,871,556, hereinafter referred to as "Maximum Annual Contract Sum".
3. Exhibits, Exhibit B – Line Item Budget, Exhibit B-I, Line Item Budget is added as a part of Exhibit B.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
(INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM) SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY
CONTRACT NUMBER 16-019-01

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Three 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 Three to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. This Contract 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. 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 Contract.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
AUTHORITY (LAHSA)

By: _____

Bobby D. Cagle, Director
Department of Children and Family
Services

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
Rodrigo A. Castro-Silva, County Counsel

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel



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June 15, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS
TO 21 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS SERVICES CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department (Probation) request approval of amendments to 21 current Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD) services contracts listed in Attachment A, to extend the contract term by up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, and the Chief Probation Officer (CPO), or his designee, to execute amendments substantially similar to Attachment B, to 21 THPP-NMD contracts, to extend their term by up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The maximum cost of the one-year contract extension is \$27,281,916, financed using 21 percent Federal Title IV-E revenue, 32 percent State Realignment funds, and 47 percent net County cost.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, and the CPO, or his designee, to execute THPP-NMD contract amendments in the event there is a change in the THPP-NMD rate of reimbursement, or to increase/decrease by up to no more than 10% of the Maximum Contract Sum to accommodate an increase/decrease in the number of THPP-NMD participants to be served, provided (a) the contractor's THPP-NMD license capacity is not exceeded, (b) funding is

available, (c) approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments, and (d) the Director of DCFS, or his designee, will notify the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within ten business days after execution of the amendments.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, and the CPO, or his designee, to execute THPP-NMD contract amendments; and to incorporate additions or changes to the THPP-NMD Statement of Work, as mandated by Federal, State, County, or Municipal laws, regulations, or court orders, provided (a) funding is available, (b) approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments, and (c) the Director of DCFS, or his designee, will notify the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days after execution of the amendments.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, and the CPO, or his designee, to terminate THPP-NMD contracts in instances when a Contractor no longer has a California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) THP+FC/THPP-NMD facility license, or when the AFDC-FC Rate issued by CDSS has been terminated, provided (a) approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to the termination of the contract and (b) the Director of DCFS, or his designee, will notify the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days after contract termination.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, and the CPO, or his designee, to terminate THPP-NMD contracts for contractor default.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

DCFS released the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for THPP-NMD services on April 24, 2018. The Proposers' Conference was held on May 11, 2018. As part of the County's solicitation process, a Questions and Answers document detailing all questions asked at the conference must be published in an addendum to the RFSQ prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.

Based on questions and comments from stakeholders, revisions were made to the RFSQ and an addendum was released on December 13, 2019. Subsequently, a second Proposer's Conference was held on January 8, 2020. Prospective contractors and community stakeholders submitted written questions regarding the revisions. The questions and comments from community stakeholders required an extensive review and revision of the Statement of Work and contract. The second addendum to the RFSQ was released on April 23, 2021. There have been a few pandemic-related delays in our processes.

The deadline for submission of the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2021. The evaluation of the SOQs and the subsequent

approval process by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the selected contractors will not likely be completed by June 30, 2021, the expiration date of the existing THPP-NMD contract.

The requested extension of the current contract for up to one year will ensure that there is no gap in services as we complete the solicitation and contract approval processes, and the execution of the new contracts. The proposed term of the contract extension is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The recommended actions will enable the County to continue providing services designed to assist NMDs, ages 18 to 21, as they move from dependency to self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services. The County does not have the capacity to provide these services. The County must therefore rely on available community resources for transitional housing to ensure the safety and quality of care required by these youths. Without the approval of the recommended actions, many County youth may not make a successful transition to adulthood.

Implementation of Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of Strategic Plan Goal I – Make Investments that Transform Lives; Strategy I.2 – Enhance our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions; I.2.1 – Provide Subsidized Housing for Vulnerable Populations, I.2.4 – Support Job Readiness and Increase Employment Opportunities for Youth Served by the County, and I.2.9 – Support the Long Term Success of Transition Aged Youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The maximum cost for a one-year contract extension of the THPP-NMD contracts is \$27,281,916, financed using 21 percent Federal Title IV-E revenue, 32 percent State Realignment funds, and 47 percent net County cost. The maximum cost of the THPP-NMD contracts is included in DCFS' Fiscal Year 2021-22 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current THPP-NMD program is a foster care placement option for NMD ages 18 to 21, which provides them with safe housing and assistance in developing the skills needed for transitioning to independent living.

Effective January 1, 2018, as a stipulation of SB 612, the THP+FC was renamed Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents. It also revised the degree requirements for social work (case managers) staff, expanded room-sharing options for NMDs, allowed NMDs to co-lease units, and allowed host family homes certified by Foster Family Agencies (FFA) to be used in THPP-NMD if the provider is licensed for both programs, FFA and THPP-NMD.

The Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to these contracts. These services cannot be effectively performed by County employees because they require the development and utilization of resources that are not available in the County system.

CDSS approved DCFS' request to extend the THPP-NMD contract for up to one year on March 4, 2021.

County Counsel has approved the amendment and Board letter as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The amendment to the 21 THPP-NMD contracts will extend their term by up to one year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and will prevent any lapse in services while the solicitation for new contracts is being completed.

The contracts will not infringe upon the role of the County in relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no change in risk exposure to the County.

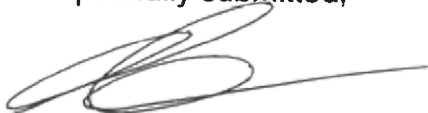
CONCLUSION

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:

1. Department of Children and Family Services,
Contracts Administration Division
Attn: Leticia Torres-Ibarra, Contracts Division Manager
425 Shatto Place, Room 400
Los Angeles, California 90020

2. Probation Department
Contracts & Grants Management Division
Attn: Latasha Howard
9150 E. Imperial Highway
Downey, California 90242

Respectfully submitted,



BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director



Adolfo Gonzales
Chief Probation Officer

BDC:KDR:
LTI:ri

Attachments

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

**CURRENT THPP-NMD CONTRACTS TO BE EXTENDED
BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA (SPA)**

#	CONTRACTOR NAME	CONTRACT NUMBER	SPA
1	Walden Family Services	13-001-02	1
2	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-41	1
3	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-04	2
4	Walden Family Services	13-001-05	2
5	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-06	3
6	David and Margaret Home	13-001-07	3
7	First Place for Youth	13-001-31	3
8	Walden Family Services	13-001-42	3
9	St. Anne's Maternity Home	13-001-09	4
10	First Place for Youth	13-001-10	4
11	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-12	5
12	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-14	6
13	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-15	6
14	First Place for Youth	13-001-17	6
15	Aspiranet	13-001-18	7
16	Olive Crest	13-001-20	7
17	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-43	7
18	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-21	8
19	Aspiranet	13-001-22	8
20	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-23	8
21	First Place for Youth	13-001-32	8



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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER CARE FACILITY CONTRACTS**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to execute an Emergency Temporary Shelter Care Facility (E-TSCF) contract with Penny Lane Centers due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Additionally, DCFS requests delegated authority to execute additional E-TSCF contracts as needed, to serve children and youth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1) Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to execute an E-TSCF contract substantially similar to the attached Contract (Attachment) with Penny Lane Centers. The contract term will be effective July 4, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with renegotiated extension periods as needed, by written notice.

2) Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to procure by negotiation as authorized by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), additional E-TSCF contracts as needed to serve children and youth contingent upon: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed, (b) the availability of funding, (c) approval of County Counsel is obtained prior to the execution of the contract, and (d) DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing within, ten business days of such contract.

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3) Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to amend the above contracts to meet program needs, provided: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed, (b) the availability of funding, (c) approval of County Counsel is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments, and (d) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days of such amendments.

4) Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Amount by no more than 10 percent per Contract period to accommodate increase or decrease in services contingent upon: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed, (b) the availability of funding, (c) approval of County Counsel is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments, and (d) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days of such amendments.

5) Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to terminate the above contracts for contractor's default, or for the County's convenience, contingent upon: (a) approval of County Counsel is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments, and (b) DCFS notifies the Board and CEO, in writing, within ten business days of termination of the contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of an E-TSCF is to ensure the Department has an emergency temporary resource available to be utilized as a placement alternative of last resort, to care exclusively for children, youth and non-minor dependents who have known exposure to, present symptoms of or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Due to the public emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, DCFS has an emergent need to utilize Temporary Shelter Care Facilities (E-TSCF).

Without E-TSCF contracts, DCFS will not have the capacity to provide emergency care, and supervision to children as well as protect the health, safety and welfare of children as a result of COVID-19.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Make Investments That Transform Lives: Strategy 2, Deliver comprehensive and seamless services to those seeking assistance from the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Amount for Penny Lane Centers is \$274,135. The E-TSCF contract(s) will be financed using 100 percent Federal funds. Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Government Code Section 26227 authorizes counties to contract for services. CDSS Manual Letter, Purchase of Service, section 23-650.11, allows counties to procure by negotiation, contracts without formal advertising when a public emergency exists and the urgency is such that time is not available for formal advertising. In addition, on March 31, 2020, the Board approved a motion authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all contracts and amendments and waiving the need to comply with the County's Sole Source Policy during the current COVID-19 emergency.

On August 26, 2020, CDSS released an All County Letter (ACL) on utilization of Temporary Shelter Care Facilities on an Emergency Basis (E-TSCF) for COVID-19 as a Placement of Last Resort. The ACL provides guidance to county child welfare agencies on the placement use of a TSCF licensed to operate an E-TSCF for the care of children who have known exposure to, present symptoms of or test positive for COVID-19.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DCFS will utilize the procurement by negotiation contracting process to secure E-TSCF contracts. This process will better enable the County to obtain the services in a timely manner to meet the need for emergency temporary placement of children who have known exposure to, present symptoms of or test positive for COVID-19.

The contracting process will be conducted in accordance with provisions outlined in CDSS' Manual Letter, Purchase of Service guidelines and the August 26, 2020 ACL.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The E-TSCF contractors will be monitored by DCFS' Bureau of Specialized Response Services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure temporary shelter care of children who have known exposure to, present symptoms of or test positive for COVID-19.

In addition, approval of the recommended action will contribute toward the Department's efforts to establish and provide care and supervision for the child during isolation or quarantine.

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 attachment to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director

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KDR:LTI:eo

Attachment

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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
 1816 S. Figueroa Street
 Los Angeles, California 90015



RUTH A. WONG
 DIRECTOR

June 15, 2021

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

Dear Supervisors:

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
 REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE
 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS
 (FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs of Los Angeles County (DMVA) is requesting approval to enter into an Affiliation Agreement (Agreement) with the Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley for the Military Banner Program (Program). The Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley (Chamber) will work jointly with DMVA to display military recognition banners to honor our active duty military residents in the unincorporated communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and Whittier. The Military Banner Program is a necessary component of DMVA in order to fulfill the Department’s mission; we serve those who serve.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1) Authorize the Director of DMVA or her designee, to execute the attached Affiliation Agreement with Chamber for the administration of the Military Banner Program. The affiliation Agreement will be for a term of one year with the county’s option to extend for up to four additional one-year terms.
- 2) Authorize DMVA to reimburse Chamber for costs incurred by Chamber during the preparation, display, and removal of the military recognition banners. The amount reimbursed to Chamber will not exceed \$42,500 per year.
- 3) Authorize the Director of DMVA or her designee, to execute amendments to the Affiliation Agreement with Chamber as necessary for the administration of the

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAKELAND	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY
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BELLFLOWER	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
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Military Banner Program and to extend the Affiliation Agreement if adequate funding is identified to continue the program for additional years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Chamber is a resource to hundreds of businesses to serve the San Gabriel Valley. The Chamber promotes, strengthens, and supports these business members for the benefit of the local economy and helps facilitate professional connections by providing networking opportunities that support long term business relationships. The Chamber has partnered with the Fourth supervisorial District Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn for the past thirteen (13) years to recognize local military personnel currently serving in active duty with the Military Banner Recognition Program.

This Affiliation Agreement will allow Chamber and DMVA to work together to continue displaying military recognition banners for local military service personnel who are on active duty. The display of banners would be under the direct supervision of DMVA staff.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended Agreement is consistent with Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goals in the area of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated annual costs for administrative service and coordination of the installation of approximately ninety (90) banners of Chamber is \$30,000.00 for fiscal year 2021-22. In addition, an estimated reimbursable amount of \$12,500 to Chamber will be allocated for the purchase and replacement of banners to be installed.

The cost will be 100% funded through the Fourth Supervisorial District office. There is no net county cost impact associated with the program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Affiliation Agreement will be effective upon execution by the Director of DMVA or her designee and Chamber. The initial agreement term shall be for a period of one year with the County option to extend for up to four additional one-year terms. Either party shall have the option of terminating this agreement upon giving the other party a thirty (30) day written notice of such termination.

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this Agreement would not have any significant impact on DMVA's operations; However, DMVA will provide oversight of program for efficacy, effectiveness and payment to display the military recognition banners in order to honor those who have served.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board to return two (2) approved copies of this adopted action to:

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs of Los Angeles County
Ruth Wong, Director
1816 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH A WONG
Director

RAW: RB

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller



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Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO AMEND AND EXTEND NEW
FREEDOM: TAXICAB SERVICES PROGRAM SUBAWARD WITH
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CO-OP**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

In coordination with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) administers free transportation services for eligible older adults and individuals with disabilities to expand their mobility options. Our New Freedom (NF) Taxicab Services Program (TSP) provides clients with taxicab rides and our NF Door Assistance Transportation Program (DATP) provides clients with door-to-door and door-through-door assistance. WDACS seeks delegated authority from your Board to extend and amend the NF Taxicab Services Program (TSP) Subaward with Administrative Services Co-op (ASC) for an additional fifteen (15) month period. WDACS also seeks delegated authority to transfer \$160,000 in unspent funds from the DATP Subaward with Ambiance Transportation, LLC to the NF TSP Subaward with ASC.

CONTACT INFORMATION

3175 West Sixth Street

Los Angeles, CA 90020

WDACS (888-211-0644)

APS hotline (1-877-477-3646)

info@wdacs.lacounty.gov

wdacs.lacounty.gov



IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Acting Director of WDACS, or designee, to extend and amend the existing NF TSP Subaward with ASC, and amendments issued thereunder, which is set to expire on June 30, 2021, for an additional fifteen (15) month period effective July 1, 2021 through September 22, 2022.
2. Authorize the Acting Director of WDACS, or designee, to execute amendments to the Subaward, as follows: 1) add new, relevant or updated federal, State and/or County Subaward terms; and 2) increase or decrease the Subaward amounts that may exceed 10% based on the availability of funds and/or based on Subrecipient's performance provided that: (a) the total allocation does not exceed available funding; and b) WDACS obtains County Counsel approval as to form of the amendment prior to any such amendment. WDACS shall provide written confirmation to the CEO within thirty (30) working days of executing such amendments.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of WDACS, or designee, to transfer \$160,000 in unspent funds from the DATP Subaward to the TSP Subaward, bringing the total maximum funding amount for the TSP subaward to \$994,320.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the NF programs is to reduce barriers to transportation services for older adults and eligible dependent adults, as well as to expand the mobility options for this vulnerable population, when public transit is insufficient, inaccessible, or unavailable to meet their needs. The recommended action, if approved, will enable WDACS to continue to contract with ASC to implement the NF TSP. This program has provided more than 17,500 rides since it launched in 2018. During the COVID-19 pandemic, while residents sheltered at home, we began providing "Critical Delivery Services" through this program, completing more than 35,000 deliveries of meals, emergency food boxes, and other vital necessities to over 5,000 County residents.

Additionally, we are requesting delegated authority to transfer \$160,000 from the NF DATP to the NF TSP. During the COVID-19 Stay at Home order, DATP had very low demand for services. This action will ensure that NF funding is maximized and spent for Client transportation services, prior to the end of the NF TSP Subaward period.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 1: Make Investments that Transform Lives, specifically, (1) Strategy I.2 - Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions and (2) Objective I.2.7: Plan for Age-Friendly Communities for Older Adults; as well as (3) Strategy II.3 - Make Environmental Sustainability Our Daily Reality; and (4) Objective II.3.5 Support a clean, flexible, and integrated multi-modal transportation system that improves mobility.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Program's success will continue to be measured based on the indicators established by WDACS. These measures include the timeliness of the dispatch of taxicab services, the number of one-way trips for NF TSP clients, and the cost-per-trip. Additionally, the County and the contractor will distribute Client Satisfaction Surveys to measure how the Program impacts the clients' quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. The NF TSP is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Authority (DOT FTA) NF Program and the funds are included in WDACS' Annual Budget. Of the current contracted amount of \$994,320 (including the \$160,000 from the DATP), only the unspent funds will be carried over to the extended term. Funding for the contractor is subject to the availability of funds each Fiscal Year, and the contractor's performance in meeting the goals and contract requirements of the NF TSP Program. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the federal NF funds is 20.521.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 3, 2015, WDACS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the LACMTA to address gaps in the existing transportation network for persons with disabilities and very frail elderly persons. LACMTA is the pass-through entity of the DOT FTA. On November 16, 2020, LACMTA extended this MOU through September 22, 2022.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On December 8, 2015, WDACS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure contractors for the NF TSP. The RFP was advertised in greater Los Angeles County newspapers, such as The Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Hoy, Long Beach Press Telegram, Antelope Valley Press, Daily Breeze and Los Angeles Sentinel. The RFP and all related documents were also posted and available on the WDACS and Internal Services Department (ISD) websites, including Webven, which additionally notified approximately five-hundred (500) registered vendors.

One agency, ASC, submitted a proposal. This contractor met all the RFP requirements and agreed to provide transportation services to all Clients referred by WDACS. ASC is in compliance with all Board and CEO insurance requirements. The contractor operates a green fleet taxicab program, which requires eighty percent (80%) of their vehicles to be hybrids. ASC has extensive experience in operating several Dial-A-Ride transportation services for elderly and disabled adults. ASC also operates the largest fleet of taxicabs in the Western United States, with approximately 1,260 vehicles serving Los Angeles County. LACMTA has reviewed and approved this program.

MONITORING

WDACS will ensure that the approved contractor will be monitored for contract compliance, and adherence to administrative, programmatic, and fiscal requirements, through the Department's Contract Compliance Division.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for the continued provision of services provided by ASC to frail, elderly, and disabled adults in need of free, same-day transportation services to enhance their quality of life.

CONCLUSION

Should you have any questions, you may contact me directly, or your staff may contact Kevin Anderson, Special Assistant, at (213) 738-2593 or kanderson@wdacs.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVAL TO AWARD AND EXECUTE
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 NONCOMPETITIVE (SOLE SOURCE)
SUBAWARD AMENDMENTS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVER
SUPPORT PROGRAM AND FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION
PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SUBRECIPIENTS**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT:

The County of Los Angeles Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) seeks approval and delegated authority to award and execute Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 noncompetitive (sole source) subaward amendments with existing Subrecipients for the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) and with six (6) community-based Subrecipients under the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP).

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the WDACS Acting Director, or designee, to award and execute FCSP sole source subaward amendments with the three (3) existing Subrecipients, in the combined annual amount of \$1,595,095 for the term effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with an option to extend the subaward for an additional six (6) months, as needed (see Attachment I).



2. Approve and authorize the WDACS Acting Director, or designee, to award and execute ENP sole source subaward amendments with the six (6) existing community-based ENP Subrecipients, in the combined amount of \$7,790,200 for the term effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 with an option to extend the subaward for six months as needed (see Attachment I).
3. Approve and authorize the WDACS Acting Director, or designee, to increase or decrease each Subrecipient's unit rates under the FCSP and ENP subaward amendments at the sole discretion of WDACS, subject to the availability of funding, Subrecipients' performance, Subrecipients' adherence to subaward terms and conditions, etc.
4. Approve and authorize the WDACS Acting Director, or designee, to execute amendments with these Subrecipients, which serve the best interests of the County of Los Angeles (County) during the subaward term as follows: 1) add new, relevant, or updated federal, State, and/or County subaward terms and conditions; and 2) increase or decrease the Subaward Sums (including but not limited to baseline funds, one-time only funds, supplemental monies, and/or other new funding sources), which may exceed ten percent (10%) of the Maximum Subaward Sum, in response to the availability of program funding and/or based on Subrecipients' performance, provided that: (a) the total allocation does not exceed the available funding; and (b) WDACS obtains County Counsel approval as to the form of the amendments prior to executing such amendments; and 3) accept and allocate new or additional funding for Aging Services programs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

WDACS has been designated by our funding source, the California Department of Aging (CDA or State), to operate as an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for all geographic areas of the County, except for the City of Los Angeles, which is served by the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging. WDACS receives funding from CDA to administer a variety of social services programs, including:

- FCSP: FCSP provides support services for unpaid caregivers who are caring for frail, elderly relatives and for grandparents providing care for grandchildren, great grandchildren, or other younger family members to minimize the negative emotional, physical, and financial consequences of unpaid family caregiving. WDACS contracts with three (3) providers to deliver FCSP services.
- ENP: Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, nutritious meals were served at congregate meal sites for mobile older adult clients (age 60 and above) and delivered to homebound clients, in addition to regular contact and safety checks provided for homebound clients. During the pandemic, WDACS significantly expanded meal services to clients and transitioned services to home-delivered meals. WDACS contracts with 11 cities and six (6) community-based organizations to deliver ENP services.

FCSP

The current FCSP Subawards expire on June 30, 2021 with no available option periods to extend. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WDACS seeks authorization to extend the FCSP Subawards on a sole source basis for one (1) year effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. WDACS will develop and release a new FCSP solicitation in FY 2021-2022 to ensure new subawards are in place. WDACS will exercise the option to extend the subawards for an additional six (6) months beyond June 30, 2022 should the Department require additional time to complete the new solicitation.

Failure to extend the FCSP Subaward term would terminate vital support to unpaid caregivers that help minimize the negative emotional, physical, and financial consequences of unpaid caregiving.

ENP

On March 6, 2020, WDACS released a competitive solicitation to procure ENP providers and award new contracts beginning July 1, 2020. However, WDACS cancelled the solicitation on March 19, 2020, with approval from CDA, because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, CDA issued guidance that waived procurement requirements for AAA programs due to the pandemic. This guidance currently remains in effect.

To maintain ENP services during the pandemic, on June 9, 2020, WDACS received approval under CEO Delegated Authority to award and execute ENP sole source subawards with the six (6) community-based subrecipients for the term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with an option to extend for six (6) additional months. WDACS will exercise its delegated authority to execute the extension through December 31, 2021.

To maintain ENP services while we complete a new competitive solicitation during FY 2021-2022, WDACS seeks authority to extend the community-based ENP Subaward term for another six (6) months through June 30, 2022 on a sole source basis. WDACS will exercise the option to extend the Subawards for an additional six (6) months beyond June 30, 2022 should the Department require additional time to complete the new solicitation.

Failure to extend the ENP Subaward amendment term would cease provision of nutritious meals to older adults residing in the County.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support the following Countywide Strategic Plan Strategies: Strategy I.1 (Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives) by promoting self-sufficiency and independence among older adults; Strategy I.2 (Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions) by ensuring the delivery of a broad-range of community-based services for older adults; and Strategy II.2 (Support the Wellness of Our Communities) by increasing services that promote the well-being of older adults.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

ENP and FCSP are financed using federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and State funds passed through CDA and County general funds.

The annual combined funding for the three (3) FCSP Subawards is \$1,595,095. Should the Department exercise its option to extend through December 31, 2022, the total 18-month FCSP funding is \$2,392,643.

The combined funding for the six (6) community-based ENP Subawards from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 is \$7,790,200. Including the previously Board approved term extension of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the total FY 2021-2022 funding is \$15,580,400, which includes approximately \$2,400,000 of Net County Cost that is already recognized in WDACS' budget as ongoing funding. Should the Department exercise its option to extend through December 31, 2022, the total 18-month ENP funding is \$23,370,600.

Should WDACS exercise all extension options for these Programs, the total estimated funding for all periods, including the ENP term of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, is \$25,763,243. Funding in the amount of \$17,175,495 for these Programs will be included in the WDACS FY 2021-2022 budget, and the remaining \$8,587,748 will be added to the FY 2022-2023 budget.

The federal portion of the funding is assigned a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) program number. The CFDA number, Federal grantor agency (United States Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS), and the corresponding Program(s) are identified as follows:

- 93.044 (Special Programs for the Aging – Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers) – HHS: ENP
- 93.045 (Special Programs for the Aging – Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services) – HHS: ENP
- 93.053 (Nutrition Services Incentive Program) – HHS: ENP
- 93.052 (National Family Caregiver Support Program – Title III, Part E) – HHS: FCSP

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 6, 2020, CDA issued Frequently Asked Questions #5 Guidance for Area Agencies on Aging for COVID-19 that waived procurement requirements for AAA Programs due to the pandemic. The guidance is based on the California Code of Regulations (CCR) 7360 that allows for non-competitive awards when a public emergency exists.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, CDA is allowing temporary suspension of Request for Proposals (RFP) for all AAA programs to maintain services until such time the emergency is lifted. WDACS would be compliant with the State's programmatic requirements in suspending its AAA RFPs, including ENP and FCSP.

The ENP subawards include both standard County terms and conditions in addition to Federal and State terms and conditions that are required for WDACS to administer ENP.

The 22 CCR 7360 (Noncompetitive Awards) authorizes WDACS to complete noncompetitive procurements. This will allow WDACS to continue FCSP and ENP Services while the Department conducts a competitive solicitation during FY 2021-2022 to procure new subrecipients. In accordance with your Board's Policy Manual, Chapter 5.100 (Sole Source Contracts), WDACS has completed the sole-source checklist and justification for each program that have been approved by the CEO and are included herein as Attachment II. The subrecipients identified in Attachment II comply with all Board and County requirements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

FCSP

Currently, there are three (3) FCSP Subrecipients. Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging Corporation was competitively procured in 2017, and your Board approved the award on December 12, 2017. The University of Southern California and WISE & Healthy Aging were competitively procured in 2018; your Board approved the awards on June 12, 2018.

Upon your Board's approval, WDACS will enter into noncompetitive subaward amendments with the three (3) FCSP Subrecipients, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and with six (6) community-based ENP Subrecipients, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with 22 CCR 7360 (Noncompetitive Awards). These sole source subaward amendments will not be renewed once the solicitation is complete and we have newly procured subawards.

ENP

The current six (6) community-based ENP Subrecipients (Human Services Association, Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging Corporation, Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Los Angeles, YWCA of San Gabriel Valley, and Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority) were competitively procured in FY 2016-2017 to provide ENP services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Your Board approved the awards on June 13, 2017. On June 9, 2020, WDACS received approval under CEO Delegated Authority to award and execute sole source subawards with these subrecipients for the term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with the option to extend for six (6) additional months.

Monitoring Requirement

Administrative, programmatic, and fiscal monitoring of FCSP and ENP subrecipients will be conducted on an annual basis to ensure subaward compliance by WDACS' Contract Compliance Division. Fiscal monitoring is conducted annually by an approved vendor procured through the Auditor-Controller's Master Agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for the continued provision of FCSP and ENP Services to clients throughout the County (excluding the City of Los Angeles). FCSP Services provide vital support to unpaid caregivers that helps minimize the negative emotional, physical, and financial consequences of unpaid family caregiving. ENP Services will enable WDACS to continue to provide meals to older adults. As such, it is in the County's best interest to execute these subaward amendments.

CONCLUSION

Upon your approval of the recommended actions, the WDACS Acting Director, or designee, will execute subaward amendments as noted herein. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly, or your staff may contact Mr. Kevin Anderson, Special Assistant, at kanderson@wdacs.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM - FCSP
FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION



SUBRECIPIENT	REGION	TOTAL 12 MONTHS
Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (SCVCOA)	Antelope Valley	79,727
	San Fernando	51,342
	Santa Clarita	103,990
	Subtotal of SCVCOA	235,059
University of Southern California (USC)	Central Los Angeles*	15,554
	Gateway Cities	553,512
	San Gabriel Valley	516,578
	Subtotal of USC	1,085,644
WISE and Healthy Aging (WISE)	South Bay	171,282
	Westside	103,110
	Subtotal of WISE	274,392
GRAND TOTAL		1,595,095

* The City of Los Angeles provides FCSP services for most of this region and portions of several other regions



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP)
FY 2021-22 OAA ENP FUNDING RECOMMENDATION



SUBRECIPIENT	REGION	FY 2021-22		
		6 Months (07/01/2021 - 12/31/2021)	6 Months (01/01/2022 - 6/30/2022)	12 Months Total
1 Human Services Association	Mid-Gateway	1,306,400	1,306,400	2,612,800
	West Gateway	1,721,900	1,721,900	3,443,800
2 Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles	Westside	325,000	325,000	650,000
3 Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging Corp,	Antelope Valley	818,800	818,800	1,637,600
	Santa Clarita Valley	578,250	578,250	1,156,500
4 Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority	East Gateway	571,750	571,750	1,143,500
5 Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Los Angeles	South Bay	385,550	385,550	771,100
6 YWCA of San Gabriel Valley	San Gabriel Valley	2,082,550	2,082,550	4,165,100
GRAND TOTAL		7,790,200	7,790,200	15,580,400

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 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.
	➤ Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.
	➤ 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 to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost 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
Family Caregiver Support Program and Elderly Nutrition Program

Date Existing Contract First Approved:

- FCSP: December 12, 2017 for Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging;
June 12, 2018 for USC and WISE & Health Living
- ENP: July 1, 2020

1. Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements

On April 6, 2020, the California Department of Aging (CDA) issued Frequently Asked Questions #5 Guidance for Area Agencies on Aging for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that waived procurement requirements for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance is based on the California Code of Regulations (CCR) 7360 that allows for non-competitive awards when a public emergency exists.

The guidance document addresses the waiver for nutrition services/meal providers, and CDA has since clarified that the CCR waiver is not specific to any one service and may be applied to other services. Due to the ongoing pandemic, CDA is allowing temporary suspension of Request for Proposals (RFP) for all AAA programs to maintain services until such time the emergency is lifted. WDACS would be compliant with the State's programmatic requirements in suspending its AAA RFPs, including the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) and Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP).

2. 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

FCSP

The current FCSP Subawards expire on June 30, 2021 with no available option periods. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WDACS seeks authorization to extend the FCSP Subawards on a sole source basis for one (1) year effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with option to extend for six (6) months. During this time, WDACS will develop and release a new FCSP solicitation in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to ensure that new subawards are in place by July 1, 2022.

Failure to extend the FCSP Subaward term would terminate vital support to unpaid caregivers that help minimize the negative emotional, physical, and financial consequences of unpaid caregiving.

ENP

WDACS intends to exercise its delegated authority to extend the current ENP subawards through December 31, 2021. There are no available option periods beyond that date. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WDACS seeks authorization to extend the ENP Subawards on a sole source basis for six (6) months effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 with option to extend for six (6) months to align with the County's fiscal year calendar. During this time, WDACS will develop and release a new ENP solicitation in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to ensure that new subawards are in place by July 1, 2022.

Failure to extend the ENP Subaward term would terminate essential nutritious meals to older adults residing in Los Angeles County.