

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer



DATE: Wednesday, June 29, 2022
TIME: 1:30 PM

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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address any agenda item after all Informational Items are presented. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **General Public Comment**
- III. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
 - No Items --
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Chief Sustainability Office/ Annenberg Foundation:** An Overview of the Mission and Progress of the LA County Food Equity Roundtable.
 - b. **Office of Child Protection/ Chief Information Office:** Data Integration to Improve Our System of Care.
 - c. **Department of Children and Family Services:** Request to Approve New Temporary Shelter Care Facility Services Contracts as a Result of a Request for Statement of Qualifications Solicitation.
- V. **Public Comment**
- VI. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting:
 - None--
- VII. **Adjournment**

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	6/22/2022		
BOARD MEETING DATE	7/12/2022		
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th		
DEPARTMENT(S)	Children and Family Services (DCFS)		
SUBJECT	Temporary Shelter Care Facilities New 3 year Contracts		
PROGRAM	Placement Support Division / Temporary Shelter Care Facilities		
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:		
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	To be begin 7/1/22.		
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$36,255,894	Funding source: \$36,255,894	Financed with 100% State Realignment Funding
	TERMS (if applicable): FY 22-23; FY23-24; FY 24-25 See Attachment I		
	The Department of Children and Family Services is requesting a 3 year contract with Wayfinder Family Services for 20 Beds; Optimist Homes for Youth for 16 Beds and Five Acres for 20 beds for a total of 56 temporary shelter beds.		
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	As a result of the <i>Lightbourne vs. Los Angeles County</i> settlement agreement, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) sought to contract with existing group homes to provide temporary shelter for children and youth awaiting suitable foster/relative care placement. The four group homes that became TSCs were Wayfinder Family Services (formerly Junior Blind of America), Hathaway-Sycamores (Sycamores), Five Acres, and David & Margaret (D&M). In early 2019, CDSS/CCL changed the licensing category to Temporary Shelter Care Facilities (TSCFs), and all four providers obtained their TSCF licenses. In November 2019, DCFS terminated its contract with D&M. In August 2020, DCFS contracted with Optimist Boys' Home and Ranch (Optimist) for a 10 bed TSCF to serve females aged 14 through 17. Sycamores also terminated their contract in December 2021. Five Acres contracted for TSCF for males aged 6-14 in December 2021. Dimondale Adolescent will be opening in the near future to cover for the closure of Sycamores.		
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:		
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Child Protection – Temporary Shelter Care Facilities (TSCF) are licensed programs providing up to 10-days or less of shelter care to foster children and youth who are facing replacement or are newly detained. They provide a safe and nurturing environment while they await placement. Services include but are not limited to supervision, mental health services, and behavioral interventions.		

SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Michael Ross, Division Chief ; 909-219-2284; rossm@dcs.lacounty.gov
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	

Explanation: Contracts are set up as operational costs funded by 100% 2011 State Realignment Funding.

	Facility Address	# of Beds	FY22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	Total
Wayfinder Family Services (Wayfinder)	5300 Angeles Vista Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043	20	\$5,347,890	\$5,505,090	\$5,657,240	\$16,510,220
Optimist Boys' Home and Ranch (Optimist)	4900 Serrania Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91364	16	\$2,802,764	\$2,898,716	\$2,999,571	\$8,701,051
Five Acres – The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County (Five Acres)	760 W. Mountain View St., Altadena, CA 91001	20	\$ 3,555,642	\$ 3,680,089	\$ 3,808,892	\$ 11,044,623
		56	\$11,706,296	\$12,083,895	\$12,465,703	\$36,255,894



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County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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July 12, 2022

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE NEW TEMPORARY SHELTER CARE FACILITY
SERVICES CONTRACTS AS A RESULT OF A
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS SOLICITATION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to execute Temporary Shelter Care Facility (TSCF) Services contracts effective July 1, 2022, or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2023, with options to extend two additional 12-month periods, through June 30, 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute contracts substantially similar to the attached TSCF Contract with Five Acres - The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County (Five Acres), Optimist Boys' Home and Ranch (Optimist) and Wayfinder Family Services (Wayfinder) for TSCF Services. The Maximum Contract Sum for the TSCF contracts will be as follows: Five Acres is \$11,044,623; Optimist is \$8,701,051; and Wayfinder is \$16,510,220, effective July 1, 2022, or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2025. The TSCF contracts will be financed using 100 percent 2011 State Realignment funds and sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Recommended Budget.

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2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute substantially similar contracts in the future with qualified TSCF licensed non-profit organizations that complete the on-going solicitation process; and through any Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) supplemental submission period or a negotiated contract solicitation process, throughout the term of the TSCF contract, provided that: (a) funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such contract(s); and (c) DCFS will notify the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing within 10 business days of executing such contract(s).
3. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute TSCF contract extension options and further extend the contracts upon the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) approval, provided that: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed; (b) funding is available; (c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such extension(s); and (d) DCFS will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days of executing such extension(s).
4. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee to execute amendments to the TSCF contracts in alignment with any changes to the TSCF program as approved by CDSS or to meet program needs, provided that: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed; (b) funding is available; (c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments; and (d) DCFS will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days of executing such amendments.
5. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the TSCF contracts in instances of acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments; and (b) DCFS will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days of executing such amendments.
6. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Amount exceeding 10 percent during the term of the Contract to accommodate increase or decrease in services provided that: (a) funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments; and (c) DCFS will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days of executing such amendments.

7. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS, or designee to terminate the above contracts for contractor's default, County's convenience, or Contractor initiates termination for convenience, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to termination of the agreement; and (b) DCFS will notify the Board and CEO in writing within 10 business days of terminating any contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the TSCF program is to provide temporary shelter care to children and youth under the care and supervision of DCFS who require temporary living quarters while they await a permanent placement, such as relative care, legal guardian, a foster home, or a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

The need for Temporary Shelter Care Services has increased over the years. Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) has called for a comprehensive approach to improving the experience and outcome for children in foster care. To continue compliance with State requirements under CCR, DCFS is requesting to continue contracting for TSCF Services.

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 Sum for the TSCF Contracts will be as follows: Five Acres is \$11,044,623; Optimist is \$8,701,051; and Wayfinder is \$16,510,220, effective July 1, 2022, or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2025. The TSCF Contracts will be financed using 100 percent 2011 State Realignment funds and sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In April 2015, the County and the CDSS Director, Will Lightbourne, entered into a stipulated judgment in the lawsuit Lightbourne v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC580223, which required the County to provide licensed 72-hour transitional shelter care facilities for the populations of children served by the Children's Welcome Center (CWC) and Youth Welcome Center (YWC) within an abbreviated timeframe. TSC contracts were executed allowing the County to comply with the terms set forth in the stipulated judgment.

Since the implementation of the TSC, the need for temporary shelter care services increased over the years. In addition, CCR called for a comprehensive approach to improving the experience and outcomes for children and youth in foster care, which includes procedure for the emergency placement of a child with a relative or non-related extended family member prior to resource family approval. Consequently, to continue compliance with the terms set forth and to meet State requirements under CCR, CDSS created a new licensing category called TSCF, which replaced the TSC license.

In December 2015, DCFS contracted with four existing group homes, that obtained TSC licenses to provide TSC services for 72-hours to specific populations and age groups of children and youth who are newly detained or have experienced a placement disruption.

In March 2016, the TSC facilities opened its doors with 68 beds for children/youth ages 0-17, and NMD females 18-20 years old. The four group homes that became TSCs were Wayfinder Family Services (formerly Junior Blind of America), Hathaway-Sycamores, Five Acres, and David & Margaret (D&M).

In November 2018, the Department requested Board delegated authority to extend the contracts through December 2021, with two optional one-year extension periods for a total of three years through December 2023. In early 2019, CDSS changed the TSC licensing category to TSCF, and all four providers obtained their TSCF licenses. On December 1, 2019, DCFS terminated its contract with D&M.

On June 2, 2022, in accordance with Board Policy No. 5.120, the Department notified the Board of its intent to request delegated authority to execute an amendment to increase the Maximum Annual Contract Amount for an amount greater than 10 percent.

CEO and County Counsel have reviewed the Board letter and the attached sample contract. The new contract has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 14, 2021, DCFS released an RFSQ solicitation for new TSCF Services Contracts to be effective July 1, 2022. DCFS notified vendors registered on the County's Webven and advertised the RFSQ in newspapers of general circulation. Additionally, an advertisement was posted on the County and DCFS websites. In response to the RFSQ, DCFS received Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from five vendors as follows: (1) Five Acres, (2) Hathaway Sycamores (dba The Sycamores), (3) Optimist, (4) Rancho San Antonio Boys Home Inc., and (5) Wayfinder.

On October 4, 2021, The Sycamores submitted a written request to withdraw their TSCF SOQ submission. On November 18, 2021, Rancho San Antonio Boys Home Inc. submitted a written request to withdraw their TSCF SOQ submission.

DCFS completed the review of the documents submitted by each prospective contractor. As a result, DCFS determined Five Acres, Optimist, and Wayfinder have met all minimum requirements outlined in the RFSQ and deemed to be responsible prospective contractors. On February 24, 2022, DCFS sent tentative selection of contract award letters to Five Acres for 20 beds, Optimist for 16 beds, and Wayfinder for 20 beds.

DCFS followed all applicable State and County procedures in conducting this solicitation.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The proposed contractors are the current TSCF Service providers with the DCFS. The contractors have performed sufficiently and have worked responsibly and timely with DCFS on the current contract deliverables.

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

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure uninterrupted temporary shelter care services to the children and youth placed under the County of Los Angeles' supervision.

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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,



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Interim Director

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Attachment

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