

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer



DATE: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
TIME: 1:30 PM

THIS MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY AS PERMITTED UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' JUNE 27, 2023, ORDER SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION OF BOARD POLICY 3.055 UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2023.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE CALL AS FOLLOWS:
Teleconference Call-In Number: (323) 776-6996/ Conference ID: 599 009 090#
[MS Teams Meeting Link](#) (Ctrl + click to follow link)

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. Consent Item(s) (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
-- No Items --
- III. Presentation/Discussion Items:
 - a. Department of Public Social Services: Medi-Cal Renewals Update.
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting:
-- No Items --
- VI. Notice of Closed Session
CS1- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Oscar Ventura, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number 20STCV17730.
Department of Children and Family Services
- VII. Adjournment

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	7/19/2023	
BOARD MEETING DATE	8/8/2023	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	
SUBJECT	The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to reallocate funds and increase the Maximum Annual Contract amount above delegated authority for six agencies to continue providing Family Preservation (FP) services in the Regional Service Areas where two contractors requested to sunset their FP contracts.	
PROGRAM	Family Preservation	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: The requested increase to the Maximum Annual Contract amount for six FP contracts exceeds the Director of DCFS' delegated authority. Board Policy 5.100, <i>Sole Source Contracts and Amendments</i> , establishes that funding increases to Board approved contracts are classified as sole source amendments when departments do not have delegated authority to increase the maximum amount.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	The funding increase is effective upon the amendment execution through June 30, 2024.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$1,756,585	Funding source: 11% Federal, 34% 2011 State Realignment, 55% net County cost
	TERMS (if applicable): Upon execution date through June 30, 2024, with an additional six-month option at the County's sole discretion.	
	Explanation: The reallocated amount requiring the Board's approval is \$1,756,585, effective upon the amendment execution date through June 30, 2024.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Reallocate funds and increase the Maximum Annual Contract amount above delegated authority for six agencies to continue providing Family Preservation (FP) services in the Regional Service Areas of Compton, Glendora, Santa Fe Springs and South County, where two contractors did not extend their FP contracts.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	On May 30, 2023, DCFS was notified by Star View Children and Family Services, Inc. that they would like to sunset their six FP contracts effective June 30, 2023, due to high staff turnover. In the prior year, SPIRITT Family Services also requested to sunset two of their four FP contracts effective June 30, 2022, due to: high staff turnover, amount of resources required to meet the contract requirements, fluctuating referrals, and internal cash flow challenges. As a result, DCFS will reallocate their annual funding among the remaining contractors providing services in the affected Regional Service Areas, for the current and subsequent contract terms.	

EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: The FP program encourages its contractors to address disproportionality when providing FP services. In addition, most if not all children and families receiving FP services are part of underserved communities.
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: FP services supports the Board priority of Child Protection because FP services are an integrated, comprehensive approach to strengthening and preserving families who are at risk of, or already experiencing problems in family functioning, with the goal of assuring that children are maintained in a safe and nurturing environment.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, (213) 371-6052 marina@dcfs.lacounty.gov



BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

County of Los Angeles DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

510 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90020
(213) 351-5602



Board of Supervisors
HILDA L. SOLIS
First District
HOLLY J. MITCHELL
Second District
LINDSEY P. HORVATH
Third District
JANICE HAHN
Fourth District
KATHRYN BARGER
Fifth District

August 8, 2023

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:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENTS TO
REALLOCATE FUNDS AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONTRACT
AMOUNT ABOVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR SIX FAMILY PRESERVATION
SERVICES CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to reallocate funds for six agencies to continue providing Family Preservation (FP) services in the Regional Service Areas where two contractors requested to sunset their FP contracts.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute FP amendments substantially similar to Attachment A, with the agencies and amounts indicated in Attachment B, to reallocate funds from two agencies that sunset their FP contracts. The contractors in the Regional Service Areas listed in Attachment B, will receive the reallocated funds from the expired contracts to serve the affected areas. The reallocation amount requiring the Board's approval is \$1,756,585, effective upon the amendment execution date through June 30, 2024. Funding is included in the Department's FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's subsequent budget requests.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to the FP contracts for the reallocation of funds among the FP

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

contracts, including unspent funds, to meet unanticipated demands; or to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract amount up to 10 percent when such a change is necessitated by additional and necessary services, provided that: a) funding is available, b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments, and c) DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days after execution.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to FP contractors willing to perform work left from an agency that chooses to sunset or terminate their contract by increasing the maximum annual contract amount not to exceed 75 percent. Such increase is to be reallocated among the remaining contracts providing services in the same regional service area for current and future extension periods, provided that: a) funding is available, b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to executing the amendments, and c) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing the amendments.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to the FP contracts for any mergers, acquisitions, or changes in ownership; for any revisions required by changes in local, State and Federal regulations; or for necessary changes to meet the needs of the County's FP program, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments, and b) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after execution.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate FP contracts for contractor default, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to such termination, and b) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The initial term of the FP contracts started September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, with two optional one-year periods from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The California Department of Social Services and the Board subsequently approved DCFS' request to extend the FP contracts effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with an additional one-year period and a six-month option in order to complete the solicitation currently in progress.

DCFS was notified by Star View Children and Family Services, Inc. that they would like to sunset their six FP contracts effective June 30, 2023, due to high staff turnover. In the prior fiscal year, SPIRITT Family Services also requested to sunset two of their four FP contracts effective June 30, 2022, due to the following: high staff turnover, amount of

resources required to meet the contract requirements, fluctuating referrals, and internal cash flow challenges. As a result, DCFS will reallocate their annual funding among the remaining contractors providing services in the affected Regional Service Areas for the current and subsequent contract terms.

FP is designed to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families and improve the quality of care and services they receive. FP services are an integrated, comprehensive approach to strengthening and preserving families who are at risk of or already experiencing problems in family functioning, with the goal of assuring that children are maintained in a safe and nurturing environment.

Implementation of Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Make Investments That Transform Lives, by aggressively addressing society's most complicated social, health and public safety challenges; Strategy I.1 – Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives: Implement evidence-based practices to increase residents' self-sufficiency, prevent long-term reliance on the County's social safety net and prevent involvement with the County's foster, juvenile justice and adult justice systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The reallocated amount requiring the Board's approval is \$1,756,585; the estimated aggregate Maximum Annual Contract amount for FP services is \$31,767,286, financed using 11 percent Federal funds, 34 percent 2011 State Realignment funds, and 55 percent net County cost; the funding is included in the Department's FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget. Please refer to Attachment B for detailed contract reallocation funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The FP program provides services, resources and support for DCFS and Probation families experiencing family functioning challenges, which may contribute to child abuse, neglect or exploitation.

On September 24, 2015, DCFS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the current FP contracts. A total of 131 Family Preservation proposals from 43 agencies were received. The proposals were evaluated using the Informed Averaging Methodology as required by Los Angeles County for RFP solicitations. As a result, a total of 61 contracts were awarded, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2017, with an effective date of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, and two optional one-year contract extensions through June 30, 2022.

On June 14, 2022, the Board granted a one-year extension from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with an additional one-year period and six-month option at the County's sole discretion, in order to complete the FP RFP released on August 9, 2022.

On November 1, 2022, the Board granted delegated authority to the DCFS Director to negotiate and execute amendments for contractors willing to perform work from an agency that chooses to sunset or terminate their contract, by increasing the Maximum Annual Contract amounts. The increase for six of the contracts receiving reallocated funding is over the Director of DCFS' delegated authority and therefore requires the Board's approval.

Board Policy 5.100, *Sole Source Contracts and Amendments*, establishes that funding increases to Board approved contracts are classified as sole source amendments when departments do not have delegated authority to increase the maximum amount. In compliance with Board Policy 5.120, *Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts*, DCFS notified the Board on June 30, 2023, of its intent to execute sole source amendments to increase the Maximum Annual Contract amount above delegated authority for six FP contracts.

Attachment A, Amendment, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Attachment C, Sole Source Checklist, has been approved by CEO.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The recommended actions will allow for continued FP services to be provided to children and families in the regional service areas where the two agencies requested to sunset their FP contracts.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,


BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
August 8, 2023
Page 5

BTN:CMM:KDR
LTI:AO:MB:ml

Attachments

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

FORM AMENDMENT



AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXXX

TO

FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Assistance Listing Number: 93.556

CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXX

WITH

XXXXX

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXXX
TO FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXX**

This Amendment Number XXXXX (“Amendment”) to the Family Preservation (FP) Program Contract, (“Contract”) adopted by the Board of Supervisors on 8/15/2017, is made and entered into by and between COUNTY of Los Angeles, (“COUNTY”), and XXX, (“CONTRACTOR”), providing services in the XXX Regional Services Area on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to the Contract adopted by the Board on August 15, 2017, and CONTRACTOR has been providing FP services to the COUNTY, effective September 1, 2017;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in **Section 8.0, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**, Sub-section 8.1 Amendments;

WHEREAS, this Amendment reallocates funding from sunset contracts in the above mentioned service area to provide additional units of service, effective upon the execution of Amendment through June 30, 2024;

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

1. **Section 5.0, CONTRACT SUM**, Sub-section 5.2 is amended to read as follows:

5.2 The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for the initial 10 months of the Contract term is XXXX. The maximum annual Contract amount for each fiscal year thereafter is as follows:

For Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019	XXXX
For Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020	XXXX
For Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021	XXXX
For Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022	XXXX
For Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023	XXXX
For Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024	XXXX

2. **Exhibit C-1, Supplemental Budget** for July XX, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as attached hereto, is made part of Exhibit C, Program Budget.

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXXX
TO FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXX**

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXXX
TO FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXX**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number XXXXX 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 XXXXX to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. The person(s) signing on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrants under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the CONTRACTOR in this Contract.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

XXX

Name of Agency

By: _____
Brandon T. Nichols, Director
Department of Children and Family Services

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

XXX

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
DAWYN R. HARRISON, COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy COUNTY Counsel

**ATTACHMENT B
FAMILY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

**Contract Term 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024, using
Board Delegated Authority**

SPA	SUPV DIST	REGIONAL SERVICE AREA	AGENCY	CONTRACT NUMBER	BASE AMOUNT	TLFR INCREASE	SUBTOTAL	REALLOCATION (SPIRITT & STAR VIEW)	TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION	PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE
3	6	Glendora	Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley	17-9-12	\$ 500,000	\$ 30,198	\$ 530,198	\$ 249,870	\$ 780,068	56%
7	4	South County	Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc.	17-9-4	\$ 400,000	\$ 24,158	\$ 424,158	\$ 233,333	\$ 657,492	64%
3	5	Glendora	Foothill Family Service	17-9-11	\$ 500,000	\$ 30,198	\$ 530,198	\$ 249,870	\$ 780,068	56%
7	4	Santa Fe Springs	Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc.	17-9-35	\$ 399,924	\$ 24,154	\$ 424,078	\$ 399,983	\$ 824,061	106%
7	4	Santa Fe Springs	Human Services Association	17-9-34	\$ 400,000	\$ 24,158	\$ 424,158	\$ 399,983	\$ 824,141	106%
6	2	Compton	Project Impact, Inc.	17-9-8	\$ 396,761	\$ 23,963	\$ 420,724	\$ 223,546	\$ 644,270	62%
			TOTAL		\$ 2,596,685	\$ 156,829	\$ 2,753,514	\$ 1,756,585	\$ 4,510,100	