



Board of Supervisors

Family & Social Services Cluster

Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: October 30, 2024

TIME: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Susan Kim & Lizzie Shuster, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

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The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

- 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):
 - a. **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS):** Request to Approve Sole Source Amendments to Extend the Relative Home Assessment Services Contracts.
 - b. **DCFS:** Request to Approve Sole Source Amendments to Extend the Relative Support Services Contracts.
- III. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Department of Child Support Services:** Update on Funding and Legislative Outreach.
 - b. **Department of Public Social Services:** Recommendation to Extend the Greater Avenues for Independence Case Management Services Contract with Maximus US Services, Inc.
 - c. **DCFS:** Recommendation to Award Three Contracts to Provide Family Preservation Services.

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.

VI. Adjournment

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	10/30/2024	
BOARD MEETING DATE	11/19/2024	
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	
SUBJECT	Contract Extension	
PROGRAM	Relative Home Assessment Services (RHAS)	
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: All the Board delegated authorities to extend the contracts have expired.	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Current contract ends December 31, 2024.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$6,775,889	Funding source: 74 percent local/24 percent Federal/2 percent Flexible Family Supports
	TERMS (if applicable): January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.	
	Explanation: The total amount of the contracts is \$5,989,889. The total cost also includes \$661,000 for the Relative Caregiver Emergency Fund (RCEF) and \$125,000 of Flexible Family Supports (FFS) funding. The RCEF and FFS reimburse contractors for items and services purchases to bring the home environment into compliance with Resource Family Approval (RFA) standards. The RCEF also supports the Relative Support Services contracts with financial and supportive services to relative caregivers of DCFS and Probation dependent children and children with informal caregiver arrangements.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To extend the current contracts and allow sufficient time to complete the solicitation process.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	On June 9, 2015. The Board of Supervisors passed a Board Motion to improve and enhance supportive services to relative and Non Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) caregivers. RHAS began as a demonstration project in response to the California Department of Social Services' implementation of RFA as the family friendly and child centered caregiver approval process. The Contractor's provide the In-Home Orientation, home environment assessment, 12-hour pre-approval training, 8-hour 1 st annual training, First Aid and Cardiopulmonary training. In addition, the Contractor's purchase items and services that are required to ensure the home environment meets RFA approval standards.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: Out-of-Home placement with relatives and NREFMs is an evidenced-based practice known to increase placement stabilization and decreases timelines to permanency for youth in Kin care. Service delivery is reflective of and responsive to the population served in Los Angeles County. Placement with relatives	

	and NREFMs also helps the Department's efforts to eliminate racial disparity and disproportionality in Los Angeles County public child welfare.
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTSION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
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: RHAS supports Priority 1 – Child Protection. Children placed with relatives and NREFMs have the greatest chance to grow up in permanent and supportive homes and have the opportunity to grow into self-sufficient adults. Relative and NREFM caregivers become vital partners in a child's future.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Bedrae Davis, CSA III, Program Manager (213) 925-4499, davisb@dcfs.lacounty.gov



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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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November 19, 2024

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:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND THE
RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval of sole source amendments to extend the Relative Home Assessment Services (RHAS) contracts for six months, effective January 1, 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute sole source amendments substantially similar to Attachment I, to extend the RHAS contracts, listed in Attachment II, for six months, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. The total cost for the six-month extension is approximately \$6,775,889, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 74 percent Local funds and two percent Flexible Family Supports funds. The total projected cost includes \$5,989,889 for the six-month extension, \$661,000 in Relative Caregiver Emergency Funds (RCEF) and \$125,000 in Flexible Family Supports (FFS) funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to extend the RHAS contracts for up to twelve additional months, by written notice, contingent upon the approval of the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS), if necessary, to complete the Request for Proposals (RFP), provided that: (a) funding is available, (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments and

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(c) DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within ten business days of execution of issuing such notices.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute RHAS amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum by no more than ten percent to accommodate an increase or decrease in the number of RHAS participants to be served, provided that: (a) funding is available, (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments and (c) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days of execution of issuing such notices.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute RHAS contract amendments to incorporate changes as mandated by Federal, State, or Municipal laws, regulations, or court orders, provided that: (a) funding is available, (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments and (c) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days of execution of issuing such notices.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments to the contract to make changes to the scope of work or the terms and conditions to meet program needs, provided that: (a) prior County Counsel approval is granted and (b) the Director of DCFS, or his designee, notifies the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days after execution of such amendment.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate a contract for Contractor's Default, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract terminations and (b) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten business days of execution of terminations.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The RHAS contracts provide relative and Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) caregiver applicants with Resource Family Approval based on their suitability, commitment and qualifications to provide a home for child(ren).

Furthermore, the recommended actions will enable Los Angeles County (County) to continue providing relative and NREFM caregiver applicants with Resource Family Approval based on their suitability, commitment and qualifications to provide a home for child(ren). Without the approval of the recommended actions, many County relative and NREFM caregiver applicants will not be approved to become caregivers.

DCFS is currently preparing an RFP solicitation for release. The recommended actions will prevent any lapse in services while the solicitation is being completed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support North Star I – Make Investments that Transform Lives; Focus Area Goal D, Support Vulnerable Populations, Strategy ii, Child Safety and Family Well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total projected cost of the six-month extension effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, is approximately \$6,775,889 financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 74 percent Local funds and two percent Flexible Family Supports funds. The total projected cost includes \$5,989,889 for the six-month extension, \$611,000 RCEF, and \$125,000 in FFS funds.

Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of these recommendations will enable DCFS to continue providing RHAS until the RFP process is completed.

On July 2, 2024, DCFS requested approval from the CDSS to extend the RHAS contracts for an additional year, until the RFP can be completed. CDSS approved the extension on July 18, 2024.

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

Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, requires that the Board be notified if a department intends to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term pending solicitation of a replacement system and/or services. On June 28, 2024, DCFS notified the Board of its intent to extend the term of the RHAS contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the RHAS contracts will ensure uninterrupted services to relative/NREFM caregiver applicants and will help maintain the County's ability to approve suitable, committed and qualified caregiver applicants.

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 the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,

BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

BTN:JF:CMM:RW:
LTI:SS:FC:jy

Attachments

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



RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICES

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

TO

Contractor's name

CONTRACT NUMBER _____ - SPA _____

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXX
RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXXXXX**

This Amendment Number XXXX (“Amendment”) to Relative Home Assessment Services Contract (“Contract”) Number XXXX, is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (“County”), and CONTRACTOR NAME (“Contractor”), on the 1st day of January, 2025.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract, and Contractor has been providing Relative Home Assessment Services to County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment is to extend the Contract, and add an exhibit;

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

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

1. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 4.0 Term of Contract, Subsection 4.1.X is added and reads as follows:
 - 4.1.X The term of this Contract is extended from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, unless terminated sooner or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
2. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 5.0 Contract Sum, Subsection 5.1.X is added and reads as follows:
 - 5.1.X The Maximum Contract Sum is \$ XXX,XXX for the contract period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
3. Exhibits, Exhibit A-3d, Line Item Budget and Narrative is added as a part of Exhibit A3 – Line Item Budget and Narrative for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXX
RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXXX**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment 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 Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts and may be delivered by electronic facsimile; each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall constitute a duplicate original but all counterparts together shall constitute a single agreement.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

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

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title _____

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title _____

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

Relative Home Assessment Services

Contractor	Contract Number
Antelope Valley Partners for Health	15-001-01
El Centro de Amistad, The Friendship Center	15-001-03
Aviva Family and Children's Services	15-001-04
Penny Lane Centers	15-001-05
Rosemary Children's Services/Victor Treatment Centers	15-001-06
Aviva Family and Children's Services	15-001-07
Guardians of Love, FFA	15-001-08
The Dangerfield Institute of Urban Problems	15-001-09
Guardians of Love, FFA	15-001-10
Penny Lane Centers	15-001-11
ChildNet Youth and Family Services, Inc.	15-001-12

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 AND AMENDMENTS 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.
	➤ 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 and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time 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

Relative Home Assessment Services

1. What is being requested?

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to execute sole source amendments to extend Relative Home Assessment Services (RHAS) contracts for six months in order to complete a new solicitation and selection process.

Total Cost: \$6,775,889

2. Why is the service needed – how will it be used?

The goal of the RHAS program is to assist Relatives and Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) caring for children under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department with assistance completing the Resource Family Approval process.

3. Is this brand of product the only product the only one that meets the user's requirements?

N/A

4. Have other products or vendor been considered?

Yes. Additional time is needed to complete the solicitation and selection process and to ensure there is no lapse in services.

5. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Yes, Relative Family Approval for Relatives and NREFM will decrease out-of-home placements costs for dependent and will maintain family connections.

6. Is this service available from other providers?

Yes, but additional time is needed to complete the solicitation and selection process.

7. Reasonableness of price. Does County obtain a percentage discount or special discount not available to the private sector?

N/A

8. What is the dollar value of the existing equipment?

N/A

9. Is this service the only one that meets the user's requirements?

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June 28, 2024

To: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor Janice Hahn
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

From: Brandon T. Nichols
Director

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENTS WITH
RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICES CONTRACT PROVIDERS**

In compliance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts, this is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate 11 sole source amendments with the eight current Relative Home Assessment Services (RHAS) contractors; three contractors currently have two RHAS contracts each. DCFS will exhaust its delegation of authority to extend the RHAS contracts effective December 31, 2024. This action will extend the current RHAS contracts for six months, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, to allow time needed to complete a Request for Proposals solicitation and selection process.

The total projected cost to extend the RHAS contracts for six months is approximately \$6,775,889, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 74 percent Local funds, and two percent Flexible Family Supports (FFS) funds. The total projected cost is comprised of a RHAS budget of \$5,989,889, a Relative Caregiver Emergency fund budget of \$661,000, and \$125,000 in FFS funds.

The RHAS contracts provide relative and Non-Related Extended Family Member caregiver applicants with Resource Family Approval based on their suitability, commitment and qualifications to provide a home for children.

DCFS requested and received approval from the California Department of Social Services to release a Request for Information (RFI) in April 2016 to determine interest in the Relative Support Services Demonstration Project. RHAS contracts were negotiated with

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June 28, 2024
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qualified community-based organizations who submitted Statements of Information in response to the RFI.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 371-6052 or marina@dcss.lacounty.gov.

BTN:JF:CMM

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

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DEPARTMENT(S)	Children and Family Services and Probation		
SUBJECT	Contract Extensions		
PROGRAM	Relative Support Services (RSS)		
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: There are nine (9) Community Based Organizations providing Kinship Support Services under this contract. However, a sole source justification is needed because the Department of Children and Family Services no longer has the delegated authority to extend the contracts and an extension is needed to complete the pending solicitation process.		
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable		
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Current contracts expire on December 31, 2024		
COST & FUNDING	Total cost:	\$2,281,800	Funding source:
			Five percent Flexible Family Support/24 percent Federal/71 percent Local
	TERMS (if applicable): January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025		
	Explanation: The total projected cost of the six-month extension effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, is approximately \$2,281,800, financed using 24 percent Federal, 71 percent Local funds and five percent Flexible Family Supports funds. The total projected cost includes \$1,939,600 for the six-month extension, \$233,000 in RCEF funds, and the \$109,200 in Flexible Family Supports funds.		
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To extend the current contracts for an additional six months to complete the solicitation process		
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	The RSS contracts provide relatives and caregivers with advocacy and assistance in: securing vital support and funding resources; social and educational activities; coordinating events for caregivers and children; offering support groups mentoring and tutoring for youth; transportation services; and emergency assistance.		
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: Kinship Support is an evidence-based practice known to increase placement stabilization and decrease timelines to permanency for youth in Kin care. Service delivery is reflective of and responsive to the population served in L.A. County, L.A. Co.		

	DCFS RSS Kinship is an active participant in the Department's efforts to eliminate racial disparity and disproportionality in L.A. County public child welfare.
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTSION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
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 RSS Kinship supports priority 1 – improving Child Protective Services – by improving outcomes for youth living with Kin caregivers. Despite their needs, research shows that kinship caregivers receive less support and fewer resources than other foster care families. Kinship caregivers tend to be older and single, to have poor health, to be under-employed, and to live at or below the Federal poverty level. Studies have shown that kinship caregivers have distinctive needs, including childcare, legal services, financial resources and or material goods. Given that child welfare agencies across the nation are increasingly utilizing kinship caregivers as the preferred placement for children in Out-of-Home care, it is imperative to address kinship caregiver needs. Providing adequate support to kinship caregivers improves well-being and permanency outcomes for children in their care by improving caregiver capacity and by decreasing caregiver anxiety.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Derrick Perez-Johnson, CSA II, Prog. Mgr., (213) 804-2319, perezdb@dcfs.lacounty.gov ;



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SUBJECT

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute sole source amendments substantially similar to Attachment I, to extend the RSS contracts, listed in Attachment II, for six months, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. The total cost for the six-month extension will be approximately \$2,281,800, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 71 percent Local funds and five percent Flexible Family Supports (FFS) funds. The total projected cost is comprised of \$1,939,600 for the six-month extension, \$233,000 in Relative Caregiver Emergency Funds (RCEF), and \$109,200 in FFS funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to extend the RSS contracts for up to twelve additional months, by written notice, contingent upon the approval of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), if necessary, to complete the Request for Proposals (RFP), provided that: (a) funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments; and

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(c) DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days of execution of issuing such notices.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute RSS amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum by no more than 10 percent to accommodate an increase or decrease in the number of RSS participants to be served, provided that: (a) funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to the execution of the contract amendments; and (c) DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of execution of issuing such notices.
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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The RSS contracts provide relatives and caregivers with advocacy and assistance in: securing vital support and funding resources; social and educational activities; coordinating events for caregivers and children; offering support groups, mentoring and tutoring for youth; transportation services; and emergency assistance.

DCFS is currently preparing an RFP solicitation for release. The recommended actions will enable Los Angeles County to continue providing above mentioned advocacy and assistance, and will prevent any lapse in services while the solicitation is being completed.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan North Star I – Make Investments that Transform Lives; Focus Area Goal D, Support Vulnerable Populations, Strategy ii, Child Safety and Family Well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total projected cost of the six-month extension, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, will be approximately \$2,281,800, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 71 percent Local funds and five percent FFS funds. The total projected cost is comprised of \$1,939,600 for the six-month extension, \$233,000 in RCEF funds, and the \$109,200 in FFS funds.

Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of these recommendations will enable DCFS to continue providing RSS until the RFP process is completed.

On July 2, 2024, DCFS requested approval from CDSS to extend the RSS contracts for an additional year until the RFP is completed. CDSS approved the extension on July 17, 2024.

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

Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, requires that the Board be notified if a department intends to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term pending solicitation of a replacement system and/or services. On June 28, 2024, DCFS notified the Board of its intent to extend the term of the RSS contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the RSS contracts will ensure uninterrupted services to relatives and caregivers and will help ensure the County's ability to provide support and resources to relatives and caregivers.

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.

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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 attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

BTN:LM:CMM:RW
LTI:SS:FC:jy

Attachments

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



RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

TO

Contractor's name

CONTRACT NUMBER _____ - SPA _____

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXX
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXXXXX**

This Amendment Number XXXX (“Amendment”) to Relative Support Services Contract (“Contract”) Number XXXX, is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (“County”), and CONTRACTOR NAME (“Contractor”), on the 1st day of January, 2025.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract, and Contractor has been providing Relative Support Services to County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment is to extend the Contract, add required provision and two exhibits; and

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

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

1. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 4.0 Term of Contract, Subsection 4.1.X is added and reads as follows:

4.1.X The term of this Contract is extended from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, unless terminated sooner or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

2. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 5.0 Contract Sum, Subsection 5.1.X is added and reads as follows:

5.1.X The Maximum Contract Sum is \$ XXX,XXX for the contract period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

3. Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 8.67 , Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding, is added and reads as follows:

8.67 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding

Pursuant to [Government Code Section 84308](#), Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a County officer for twelve (12) months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of [Government Code Section 84308](#) and of this paragraph, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

4. Exhibits, Exhibit U, Contribution and Agent Declaration Form, is added.
5. Exhibits, Exhibit A-3f, Line Item Budget and Narrative is added as a part of Exhibit A3 – Line Item Budget and Narrative for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER XXXX
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXXX**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment 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 Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts and may be delivered by electronic facsimile; each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall constitute a duplicate original but all counterparts together shall constitute a single agreement.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

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

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title _____

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title _____

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

RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTORS

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>SPA</u>	<u>Contractor</u>
15-001-23	1	Antelope Valley Partners for Health
15-001-24	1	The Children's Center of the Antelope Valley
15-001-26	2	Penny Lane Centers
15-001-27	3	Foothill Family Services
15-001-28	4	The Children's Bureau of Southern California
15-001-29	5	South Bay Center for Counseling
15-001-30	6	Aviva Family and Children's Services
15-001-31	7	SPIRITT Family Services
15-001-32	8	Cambodian Association of America
15-001-33	8	South Bay Center for Counseling

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 AND AMENDMENTS 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.
	➤ 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 and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time 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

Relative Support Services

1. What is being requested?

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to execute sole source amendments to extend Relative Support Services (RSS) contracts for six months. Additional time is needed to complete the solicitation and selection process.

2. Total Cost: \$2,281,800

3. Why is the service needed – how will it be used?

Despite their needs, research shows that kinship caregivers receive less support and fewer resources than other foster care families. Kinship caregivers tend to be older and single, to have poor health, to be under-employed, and to live at or below the Federal poverty level. Studies have shown that kinship caregivers have distinctive needs, including childcare, legal services, financial resources and or material goods. Given that child welfare agencies across the nation are increasingly utilizing kinship caregivers as the preferred placement for children in out-of-home care, it is imperative to address kinship caregiver needs. Providing adequate support to kinship caregivers improves well-being and permanency outcomes for children in their care by improving caregiver capacity and by decreasing caregiver anxiety.

4. Is this brand of product the only product the only one that meets the user's requirements?

N/A

5. Have other products or vendor been considered?

Yes. Additional time is needed to complete the solicitation and selection process and ensure there is no lapse in services

6. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Yes. Detaining children from Kinship Care is traumatic for the family and costly for DCFS. Kinship Support decreases the likelihood of abuse and neglect in Kin care. The term of the RSS contracts will expire on December 31, 2024.

7. Is this service available from other providers?

Yes, but additional time is needed to complete the solicitation and selection process.

8. Reasonableness of price. Does County obtain a percentage discount or special discount not available to the private sector?

N/A

9. What is the dollar value of the existing equipment?

N/A

10. Is this service the only one that meets the user's requirements?

The goal of the RSS Program is to improve the overall support to Relative and Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) caregivers and their children under the

supervision of the DCFS and Probation Child Welfare. The RSS Program contracts with nine (9) qualified, culturally and linguistically competent Community Based Organizations to provide Kinship Support Services to Applicants, Relative/NREFM caregivers and the children residing with them. RSS providers collaborate with DCFS staff, other county and governmental agencies, Relative Home Assessment Services providers, and other CBOs to provide services in each of the eight Service Planning Areas. The RSS Program is the primary provider of Kinship support services for DCFS and Probation involved Relative and NREFM caregivers, and informal Kinship caregivers, in Los Angeles County.



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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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June 28, 2024

To: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
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Supervisor Kathryn Barger

From: Brandon T. Nichols
Director

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENTS WITH
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT PROVIDERS**

In compliance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts, this is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate 10 sole source amendments with the nine current Relative Support Services (RSS) contractors. DCFS will exhaust its delegation of authority to extend the RSS contracts effective December 31, 2024. This action will extend the current RSS contracts for six months effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

The total projected cost to extend the RSS contracts for six months is approximately \$2,281,800, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 71 percent Local funds and five percent Flexible Family Support (FFS) funds. The total projected cost is comprised of \$1,939,600 for the contract extension, \$233,000 in Relative Caregiver Emergency funds, and \$109,200 in FFS funds.

The RSS contracts provide relatives and caregivers with advocacy and assistance in: securing vital support and funding resources; social and educational activities; coordinating events for caregivers and children; offering support groups; mentoring and tutoring for youth; transportation services; and emergency assistance.

DCFS requested and received approval from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to release a Request for Information (RFI) in April 2016 to determine interest in a Relative Support Services Demonstration Project. RSS contracts were negotiated with

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qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBO) who submitted Statements of Information in response to the RFI.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 371-6052 or marina@dcss.lacounty.gov.

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING & OUTREACH

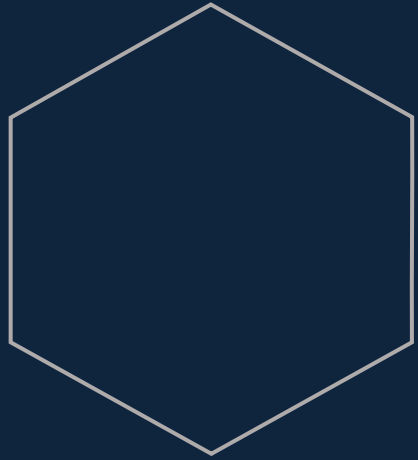
Family & Social Services Agenda Review

LA County Child Support Services Dept

Terrie Hardy, Director

October 30, 2024





Agenda



Child Support Impact

The Hidden Social Safety Net



A look at how child support payments compare to more traditional forms of family support

In 2023, 1 in 5 children were in the U.S. child support system¹



20% of children in **child support**¹

6% of children in **WIC**²₍₂₀₂₂₎

2% of children in **TANF**³

How do child support payments help families?

- In FY 2023, child support lifted more than half a million people out of poverty⁴
- Receiving child support reduces poverty more than TANF or WIC⁴
- In FY 2023, an average of \$338/month in child support went to families nationwide¹ That is 32% of the total \$1050/month cost for a single parent to raise a child⁵

¹ Preliminary Report FY 2023, Office of Child Support Services, Administration for Children & Families, US Department of Health & Human Services; https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2023_preliminary_report.pdf

² WIC Participant and Program Characteristics 2022, Food and Nutrition Service, US Department of Agriculture; <https://www.fns.usda.gov/research/wic/participant-program-characteristics-2022>

³ TANF Caseload Data 2023, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children & Families, US Department of Health and Human Services; <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/data/tanf-caseload-data-2023>

⁴ Poverty in the United States: 2023. Supplemental Poverty Measure Table B-7; <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2024/demo/income-poverty/p60-283.html>

⁵ Adjusted for inflation (CPI Inflation Calculator; <https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>) based amount reported in Expenditures on Children by Families, 2015, U.S. Department of Agriculture, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnpp/2015-expenditures-children-families>

Child Support Impact

Top anti-poverty program, supporting millions in a cost-effective way

CALIFORNIA COST EFFECTIVENESS

One of the most cost-effective government programs

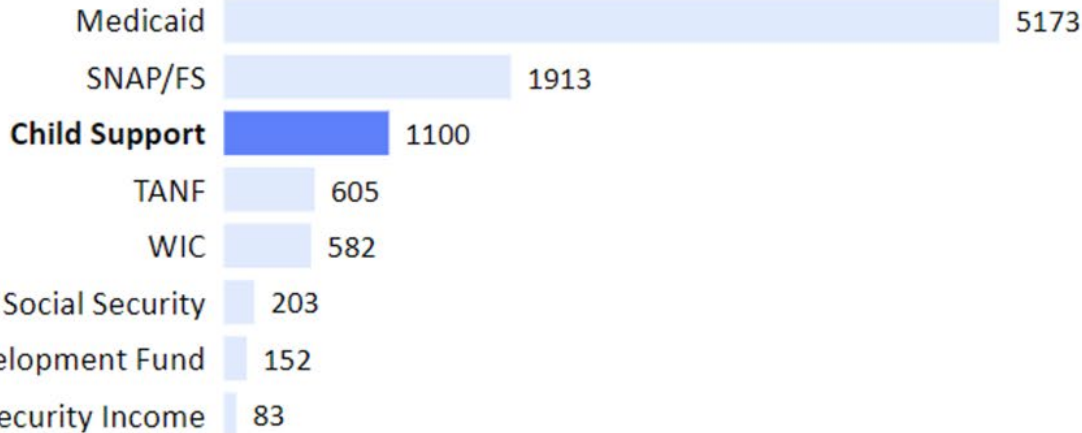
\$2.35

collected by the child support program
for every \$1.00 spent



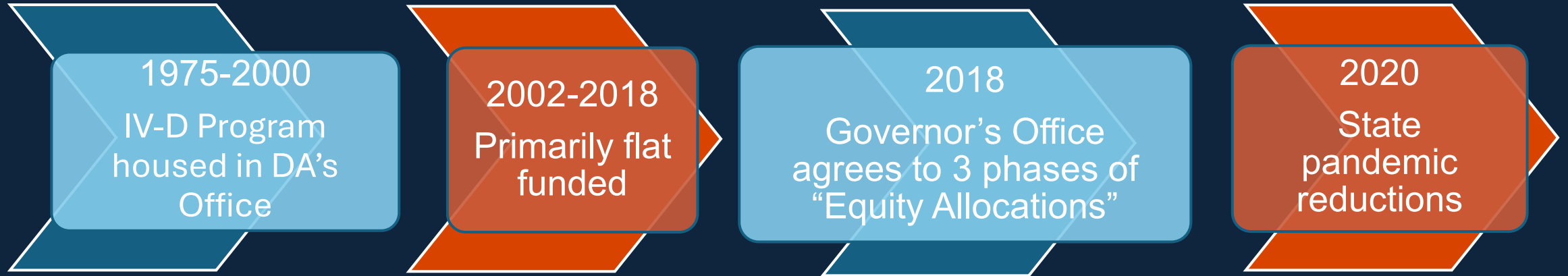
CALIFORNIA CASELOAD COMPARISON

Number of children served (in thousands)



Preliminary Report FY 2023, Office of Child Support Services, Administration for Children & Families, US Department of Health & Human Services; State Medicaid and CHIP Applications, Eligibility Determinations, and Enrollment Data, December 2023, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services; CalFresh Data Dashboard, California Department of Social Services, July 2023; TANF Caseload Data 2023, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children & Families, US Department of Health and Human Services; WIC Monthly Data, State Level Participation by Category and Program Costs, FY 2023, Food and Nutrition Service, US Department of Agriculture; Annual Statistical Supplement, Table 5.J5, December 2023, Social Security Administration; FY 2021 CCDF Preliminary Data Table 1, Office of Child Care, Office of the Administration for Children & Families; SSI Annual Statistical Report 2023, Children Under 18, Table 17, Social Security Administration

Funding: History



- Adoption of Budget Methodology identified LA County as an underfunded LCSA
- 3 phases of \$17.8M each annually "Equity Allocations" needed to achieve level of parity
- 2 of 3 phases received



Funding: State Reduction

- 11th hour State budget cut of \$2.94M
- Supplement Budget fills gap with:

~\$1M LOCAL MATCH

Carryover of prior year
unspent funds and
Welfare Recoupment
funds

+

~\$2M FEDERAL MATCH

2:1 Federal to
State/Local Match



Funding: Impact of Cuts



Exacerbates existing structural deficit

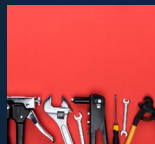
- In 2020, deleted 85 vacant positions and vacated a leased facility

Additional curtailments may mean:

- Larger caseloads, increased Call Center wait times, and larger teams may reduce capacity to meet customers needs
- Decline in Federal Performance Measures

Several new State/Federal mandates require doing more with less

- Currently implementing many State/Federal program changes that eliminate key enforcement tools and require more staffing
- Ultimately, customers – especially children – who will suffer the consequences of not enforcing court orders in timely or accurate manner



Funding: Potential Alternative Sources

- State Realignment (1991/2011)
 - Not viable due to Gov Code Section 30027.8, Sales and Use Tax sections 6051.15, 6201.15, and Vehicle Licensing Fee (VLF) 11001.5, 11005 requirements
 - Sub-Accounts fund services detailed by State Law (Child Welfare, Mental Health)
- Federal 1915b Waivers – 34% Local Match
 - Does not create a “new” source of revenue
 - Pilot or experimental services
- Tranche 2 Opioid Settlement Funding
 - Comprehensive strategy to use “high-impact abatement activities” to address Opioid Use Disorder



Legislative Education & Outreach

- CSDA Advocacy Efforts:
 - Adopted platform to support funding increases for LCSAs
 - Developing infographic and other materials to educate newly-elected Legislators
 - Focusing “Legislative Day” in March to inform representatives how child support is funded
- CEO-LAIR Advocacy Efforts:
 - Continue to support and advocate for funding increases for LCSAs and oppose any proposed reductions to LCSA funding
 - Educate legislators, especially newly-elected, about the negative effects a state funding reduction has on the draw down of federal funds
 - Prepare talking points for the BOS 2025 Sacramento trip



Questions?



**BOARD LETTER/MEMO
CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

Board Letter

Board Memo

Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	10/30/2024	
BOARD MEETING DATE	11/19/2024	
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)	Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)	
SUBJECT	Recommendation to Extend the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Case Management Services Contract with Maximus US Services, Inc.	
PROGRAM	<p>GAIN Case Management Services assist CalWORKs participants overcome any barriers to employment and achieve economic stability and mobility through employment.</p> <p>The recommended action will ensure the continuous, uninterrupted provision of GAIN Case Management Services to the Department's CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work participants in two contracted (out of seven total) GAIN Regions: GAIN Region II (Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita area, and the Western San Fernando Valley) and Region VII (eastern part of the San Fernando Valley, including Glendale). Furthermore, the recommended action will allow the Department to prepare to bring the GCM Services in-house.</p>	
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:	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable *Forms were submitted to Levine Act Portal on 10/8/24*	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	The current contract expires on December 31, 2024.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$17,305,991 (For the one-year extension)	Funding source: CalWORKs Single Allocation
	TERM: 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025, with an option to extend the contract for an additional 12 months, through 12/31/2026.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	DPSS requests the Board's approval to extend the current contract for one year, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months, through December 31, 2026.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist)	The current contract term is February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.	

including any related motions)	This contract is subject to Proposition A and the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.201).
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
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: Poverty Alleviation Initiative: Pathways to Thrive Services are targeted to CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work participants and assist them in achieving economic stability and mobility through employment.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: James A. Blunt, Administrative Deputy III, (562) 908-8622, JamesBlunt@dpss.lacounty.gov Gabriela Herrera, Human Services Liaison, (562) 908-8311, GabrielaHerrera@dpss.lacounty.gov



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November 19, 2024

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

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE
GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS US SERVICES, INC.
(ALL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) seeks the Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to extend the current Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Case Management (GCM) Services contract (#79191) for 12 months, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with an option to extend the contract for an additional 12 months, through December 31, 2026. These services assist CalWORKs participants in achieving economic stability and mobility through employment. The current contract expires on December 31, 2024.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS, or designee, to execute an amendment substantially similar to Enclosure I to extend the GCM Services contract for 12 months, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with Maximus US Services Inc. (Maximus). The annual contract amount for the 12-month extension is \$17,305,991. The cost of the GCM Services contract is fully funded by CalWORKs Single Allocation. Funding for the extension period will be included in the Department's annual budget requests. The approval of County Counsel as to form will be obtained prior to

executing such amendment and a cost analysis will be submitted to the Auditor-Controller (AC) for approval, if warranted. The Director of DPSS, or designee, shall notify the Board within ten business days of executing such an amendment.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS, or designee, to prepare and execute an amendment to the contract to extend for an additional 12 months, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, provided it is in the best interest of the County. The approval of County Counsel as to form will be obtained prior to executing such amendment. DPSS will also seek AC cost analysis review, if warranted. The Director of DPSS, or designee, shall notify the Board within ten business days of executing such an amendment.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS, or designee, to prepare and execute amendments to the contract for: (a) instances which affect the scope of work, contract term, contract sum, payment terms, or any other term or condition in the contract; (b) additions and/or changes required by the Board or Chief Executive Officer (CEO); (c) changes to be in compliance with applicable County, State, and federal regulations, or (d) increases or decreases of no more than ten percent of the Contract Sum based on the Contractor's performance, County needs, and funding availability. The approval of County Counsel as to form will be obtained prior to executing such amendments and a cost analysis will be submitted to the AC for approval, if warranted. The Director of DPSS, or designee, shall notify the Board within ten business days of executing such an amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will ensure the continuous, uninterrupted provision of GCM Services to the Department's CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work participants in GAIN Region II (Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita area, and the Western San Fernando Valley) and Region VII (eastern part of the San Fernando Valley, including Glendale). Furthermore, the recommended action will allow the Department to prepare to bring the GCM Services in-house.

The current GCM Services contract was approved by the Board on November 16, 2021. The contract term is February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. GCM Services assist CalWORKs participants overcome any barriers to employment and achieve economic stability and mobility through employment.

The extension is permissible under California Department of Social Services (CDSS) contracting regulations 23-650.1.18, which provides that contracts may be negotiated without formal advertising with CDSS approval when necessitated by unique circumstances.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support the 2024-2030 County Strategic Plan; specifically, under North Star 1: Make investments that transform lives. The strategies used under Focus Area Goal B (Employment and Sustainable Wages) include: (i.) Remove Barriers, (ii.) Job Preparation, and (iv.) Sustainable Wages.

FISCAL IMPACTING/FINANCING

The maximum cost for the 12-month extension, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, is \$17,305,991. The contract is fully funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation. There is no Net County Cost impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Maximus is a publicly held company with its headquarters located in Virginia. Maximus subcontracts with the non-profit corporation JVS SoCal, to provide GCM Services. This contract is subject to Proposition A and the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.201). Pursuant to Proposition A, DPSS conducted a cost analysis and determined the contract is cost-effective, and the Auditor-Controller agreed. Maximus agrees to fully comply with all requirements of the Living Wage Program and agrees to pay employees providing County services the current living wage rate. The contract does not include a cost-of-living adjustment provision.

The amendment will not result in the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with federal, State, and County regulations.

This contract is subject to Proposition A and the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.201). Maximus agrees to fully comply with all requirements of the Living Wage Program and agrees to pay full-time and part-time employees providing County services the current living wage rate. The contract does not include a cost-of-living adjustment provision. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed the cost analysis for the extension period and has determined the contract is still cost effective.

County Counsel and the CEO reviewed this Board letter and County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form. The contractor is in compliance with all Board, CEO, and County Counsel requirements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In 2020, GCM Services were solicited through a competitive process under Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.21 et seq. (Proposition A). On July 18, 2023, DPSS submitted

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a request to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for approval to extend the GCM Services contract. CDSS approved the Department's request on September 20, 2023 for an additional 2 years.

Under the contract, Maximus is required to achieve specified case management objectives, performance outcomes, and key measures. In addition, Maximus' performance is evaluated for service delivery, fiscal accountability, and customer satisfaction. Maximus was overall in compliance with contract terms and conditions and continues to partner with the County to enhance performance. No deductions or incentives have been applied to Maximus.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will not infringe on the role of the County in relationship to its responsibility 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. In the event of default by Maximus, the County will provide GCM Services in the contracted regions.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted, stamped Board letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Contreras, Ph.D.
Director

JC:lt

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	11/13/2024	
BOARD MEETING DATE	11/26/2024	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	
SUBJECT	DCFS requests the Board's approval to award three new contracts for Family Preservation services, effective upon execution through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend for four additional one-year periods from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, at the County's sole discretion.	
PROGRAM	Family Preservation (FP)	
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: N/A	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	DCFS is requesting delegated authority to enter into contracts with the next ranking agencies in the Lancaster, Metro North, and Palmdale Regional Service Areas (RSA) from the recently completed Request for Proposals. The initial contract term is effective upon execution of the contracts through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend for four one-year periods from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, at the County's sole discretion.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: The aggregate funding amount is \$6,950,009. The cost for the initial period is \$1,198,277 and the cost for each one-year period thereafter is \$1,437,933.	Funding source: 11% Federal, 34% State, 55% net County cost
	The initial contract term is effective upon execution through June 30, 2025 with the option to extend for four one-year periods through June 30, 2029.	
	Explanation: The contract amount for the initial period is \$1,198,277. Thereafter, the contract amount for each optional one-year period is \$1,437,933, and the aggregate Maximum Contract Amount for the four years and 10-month period is \$6,950,009.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	The purpose of the recommended action is to continue providing services to children and families throughout the County in order to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families and improve the quality of care and services they receive. In addition, the recommended action will prevent a lapse in these services.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist)	The current FP contracts were procured September 2024 through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which resulted in the awarding of 56 contracts to provide FP services throughout Los Angeles County. The initial term of the current FP contracts is September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with four optional one-year periods from	

including any related motions)	July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. The California Department of Social Services approved DCFS' request for a five year term and six-month periods. DCFS released the RFP to solicit 56 new FP contracts on August 9, of 2022.
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 addresses 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@dcsf.lacounty.gov



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November 26, 2024

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 AWARD THREE CONTRACTS TO
PROVIDE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board’s approval to award three contracts for Family Preservation (FP) services effective upon execution through June 30, 2025, with the County’s option to extend for an additional four one-year contract terms through June 30, 2029.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to prepare and execute three contracts with the contractors and amounts indicated in Attachment A, to provide FP services, and execute contracts substantially similar to Attachment B. DCFS is requesting delegated authority to enter into contracts with the next ranking agencies in the Lancaster, Metro North, and Palmdale Regional Service Areas (RSA) from the recently completed Request for Proposals. The initial contract term is effective upon execution of the contracts through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend for four one-year periods from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, at the County’s sole discretion. The aggregate funding amount is \$6,950,009, financed using 11 percent Federal funds, 34 percent 2011 State Realignment funds, and 55 percent net County cost. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Adopted Budget, and will be included in the Department’s budget requests for

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subsequent fiscal years.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to exercise the County's options to exercise the four options to extend these contracts for one-year periods by written notice or amendment, provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days after the execution of such amendments.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to further extend the contracts by written notice or amendment for an additional six months beyond June 30, 2029, if such time is necessary to allow time to complete a solicitation, provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after the execution of such amendments.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the maximum contract sum not to exceed 10 percent, which may include carry-overs of unspent funds, to meet unanticipated demands; or, when an increase is necessitated by additional and necessary services, provided that: a) the amendment does not include cost of living adjustments; b) sufficient funding is available for increases; c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to executing the amendment; and d) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after the execution of such amendment.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the contracts for any mergers, acquisitions or changes in ownership, any revisions necessitated by changes to County, State or Federal requirements, or to meet programmatic needs, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to executing the amendment; and b) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after the execution of such amendment.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments when contractors are 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 RSA or contiguous RSA 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.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, terminate for convenience or for contractor default, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to

termination of the contract; and b) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after such termination.

8. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute new contracts as needed, in the event that a contract is terminated, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to termination of the contract; and b) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days after such execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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. Los Angeles County has administered FP services in conjunction with a network of community-based partners since 1991.

The current FP contracts commenced on September 1, 2024, and Children's Bureau was awarded three contracts in the Lancaster, Metro North and Palmdale RSAs. DCFS determined that is in the best interest of the County and to the benefit of the families awaiting FP services to enter into contracts with the next ranking agencies from the recently completed Request for Proposals in the affected service areas. The next ranking agencies are Para Los Niños for the Metro North service area and Optimist for both the Lancaster and Palmdale service areas. The two agencies indicated that they are willing and able to provide FP services upon the execution of the contracts.

DCFS notified the Board of the three contract terminations with Children's Bureau on November XX, 2024.

Implementation of Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan North Star 1, Make Investments That Transform Lives, by supporting vulnerable populations; Strategy ii - Child Safety and Family Well-Being: Invest in efforts and supports that promote child safety, protection, and family well-being using the child welfare continuum of care model, while building out the County's Systems of Care.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The aggregate funding amount is \$6,950,009 with initial contract term costing \$1,198,277. The estimated Maximum Annual Contract Amount beginning July 1, 2025, and thereafter is \$1,437,933. Funding for FP is financed using 11 percent Federal funds, 34 percent 2011 State Realignment funds, and 55 percent net County cost.

Funding is included in the Department's FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget. Please refer to Attachment A for detailed contract funding per contract.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 19, 2022, the California Department of Social Services approved the DCFS' request for a new, five-year contract term for FP services. Please see Attachment C. All terms and conditions of the recommended contract were reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On August 9, 2022, DCFS released the solicitation to procure FP services. The Request for Proposals announcement was posted on the Internal Services Department (ISD) and DCFS websites. In addition, the contracting opportunity was advertised in eight local newspapers, covering all areas of Los Angeles County. The virtual Proposer's Conference was held on September 7, 2022, via Webex. The initial FP proposal submission deadline was extended from November 15, 2022 to December 15, 2022, at the request of stakeholders. A total of 124 FP electronic proposals were received by the due date.

The Responsiveness Reviews were conducted from December 27, 2022 through January 27, 2023, resulting in the disqualification of 18 proposals. The virtual FP evaluator training was conducted on February 28, 2023, via Microsoft TEAMS. All of the evaluators signed and dated the Confidentiality and Disclosure Agreement and Certification of No Bias/Conflict of Interest forms. The virtual Informed Averaging Meetings were conducted via Microsoft TEAMS from March 11, 2023 through May 25, 2023. The reference checks were conducted from May 17, 2023 through July 20, 2023. Four of the agencies were awarded preference points, pursuant to Section II of the Implementation Instructions for the Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program approved by the Board on February 13, 2007.

On January 3, 2024, DCFS sent out 56 tentatively selected and 50 non-selected letters. The non-selection letters trigger the debriefing phase of the solicitation process. DCFS held 11 debriefing meetings to discuss 27 non-selected proposals. Following the debriefing meetings, all 11 agencies submitted a Notice of Intent to Request a Proposer's Contractor Selection Review (PCSR) form. Subsequently, only three of the 11 agencies submitted a request for a PCSR. The PCSRs were conducted by DCFS personnel that were not involved in the solicitation process. The PCSR Reviewers determined that one of the three PCSRs submitted had merit. On April 24, 2024, the PCSR results were emailed to the three protesting agencies, along with the Transmittal Form to Request a County Independent Review (CIR). Only one of the three protesting agencies that submitted a PCSR proceeded to request a CIR. The CIR was completed

by ISD on June 14, 2024, and the results concluded that the Proposer's assertions had no merit.

Your Board approved 56 new contracts on August 6, 2024, which were executed by DCFS on August 29, 2024, with an effective date of September 1, 2024.

The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code 2.201) and the Proposition A requirements are not applicable to these contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the three contracts will help mitigate the waitlists already in place in the impacted service areas. FP service contracts will continue to help families facilitate and improve safety in their homes. The objective of the program is to provide services to enhance and ensure that families have the knowledge, skills, and support to keep families together.

These contracts will not infringe on the role of the County in relationship to its residents and 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 the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,

BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

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Attachments

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