



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: February 11, 2026

TIME: 1:30 PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Anthony Cespedes, 1st 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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Members of the Public may address the Family & Social Services Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.

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):
-- No items --
- III. **Presentation//Discussion Items:**
 - a) **First 5 LA:** Long term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Policy Work Updates.
 - b) **Department of Children and Family Services:** Request to Approve a Sole Source Amendment to Relative Support Services Contract to Increase the Contract Maximum.
- 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. **Adjournment**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

Family_Social_Services@ceo.lacounty.gov



LA County Board of Supervisors Children's Deputies Meeting

First 5 LA: Long Term Financial Planning
and Policy

February 11, 2026

Karla Pleitéz Howell
First 5 LA President & CEO



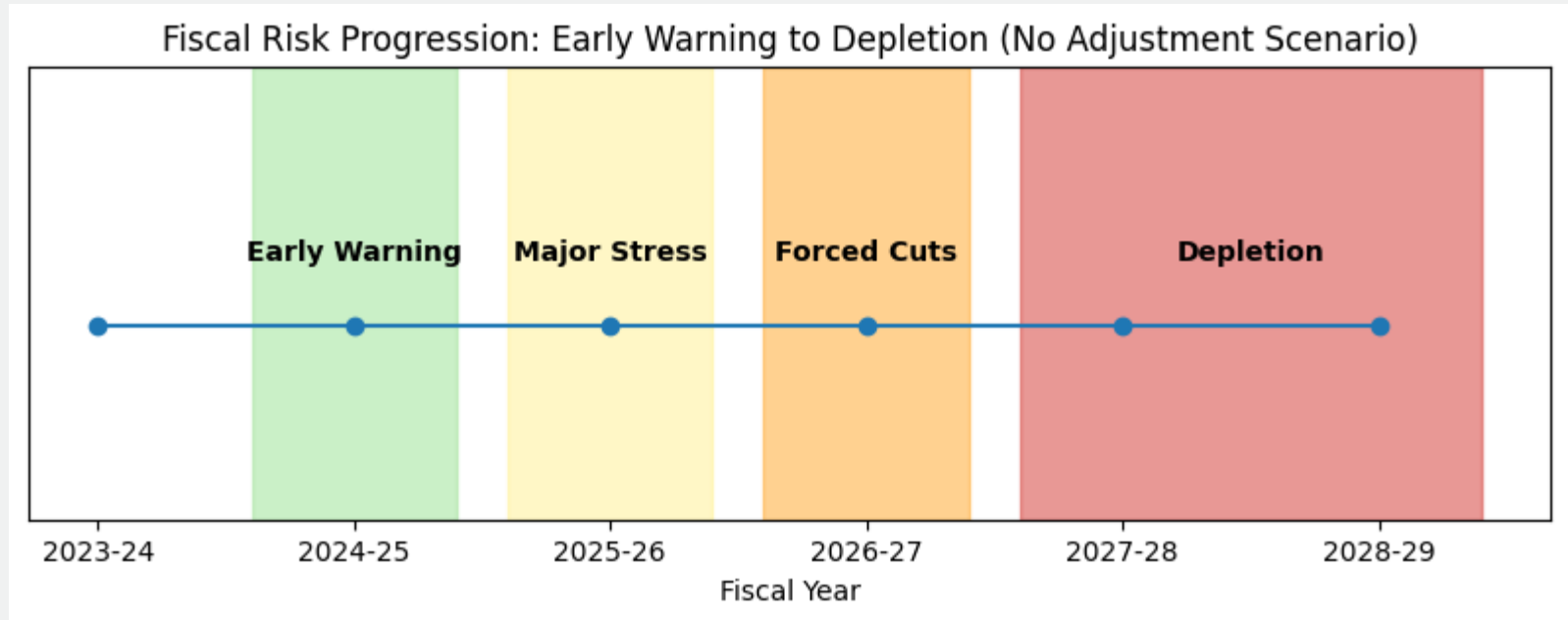
Revenue & Expenditure Projections

The chart below shows projections of revenue before and after Proposition 31. (2023)

Projections after Proposition 31



Predictable Slide into Crisis



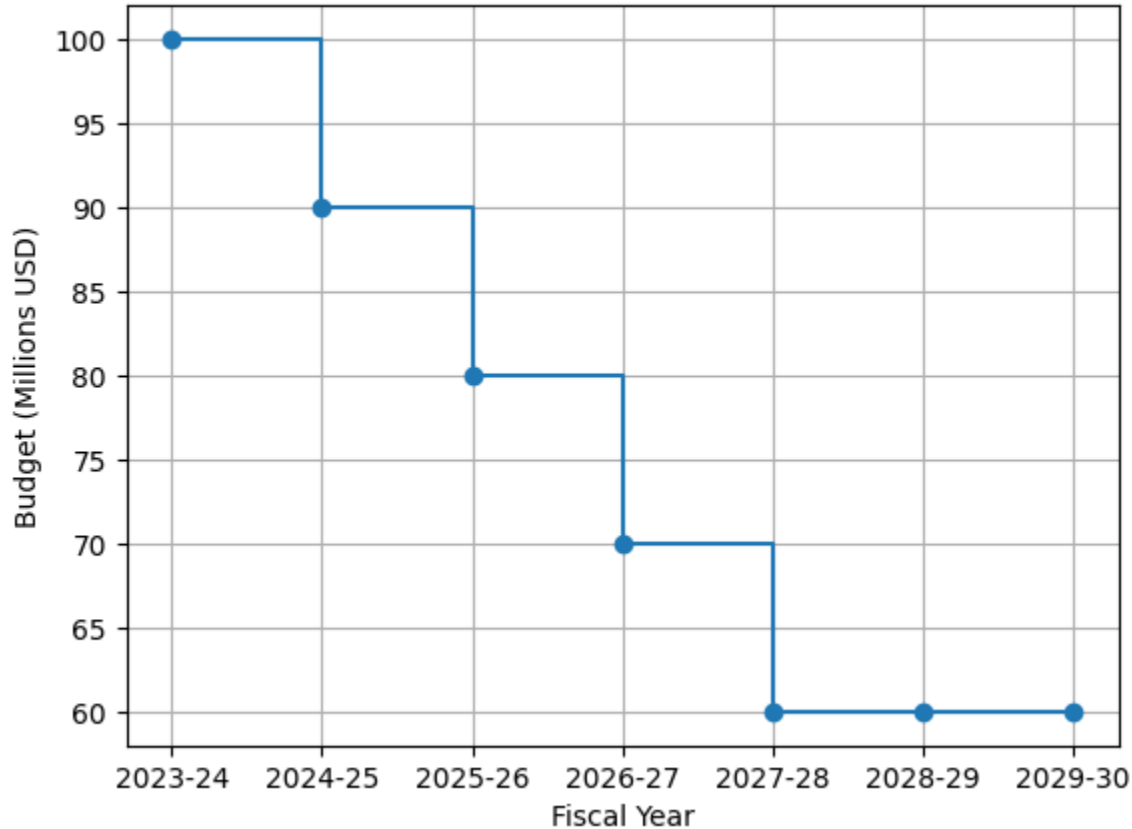
Long Term Financial Plan Purpose and Vision

Make the greatest possible impact for LA County's youngest children and their families.

Create a better future for LA County's children by making strategic decisions now.

Make the greatest impact to our youngest children and their families by minimizing destructive effect from fiscal disruptions.

Strategic Step-Down and Stabilization at \$60M



Long Term Financial Plan Focus:

1. Investment review and alignment to Strategic Plan
2. Right-sizing to align with Long Term Financial Plan and best practices
3. Transparent Partner communication
4. Small scale innovation

Sustainability Framework

First 5 LA Sustainability Efforts toward Our Mission

Maximize First 5 LA Assets

Operations

- Leasing portion of building
- Maximizing staff capabilities and current technology
- Cost efficiency

Investment Strategy

- Maximizing current investments with a return-on-investment approach integrated with exit strategies or leveraging external funding streams (programs)

Alternative Revenue Strategies

Policy Advocacy

- Lead and support monitoring of local, state, and federal policies

Business Models

- Assessing use of different business models (e.g., fiscal intermediary, etc.)

Collective Impact

- Partnering with other organizations to pool funding



Sustainability Framework - POLICY

Policy Advocacy Fund

-emergency small grants

-gubernatorial candidates

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	2/11/2026		
BOARD MEETING DATE	3/3/2026		
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	Budget Allocation Increase		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	If Yes, please explain why: Increase of the contract maximum.		
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable		
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS			
COST & FUNDING	Total cost:	<u>\$567,600</u>	Funding source:
			FFS (5%), Federal (24%), and Local Funds (71%)
	TERMS (if applicable): July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026		
	Explanation: The current contract ends on June 30, 2026		
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To increase the annual budget and catchment area of the RSS contract with Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) for all of FY 25-26. The proposed budget increase is to RSS TIER 1 (operational - \$482,300.00; RCEF - \$58,000.00; FFS - \$27,300).		
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	The current RSS contract, including the Relative Caregiver Emergency Fund (RCEF) process and Flexible Family Supports (FFS) amendment, is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2025. On April 15, 2025 the RSS Project Director at CCAV informed DCFS RSS program staff that CCAV will not accept the offer to extend the current contract through FY 25-26. On April 17, 2025, DCFS RSS program staff made AVPH a provisional offer to provide RSS services to all of SPA 1 throughout FY 25-26 at a Tier 1 funding rate. AVPH accepted this provisional offer in writing.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: L.A. Co. DCFS RSS Kinship includes evidence-based practices, e.g. Kinship Navigation, as a part of its deliverables. The SOW was developed with an eye towards compliance with the CA FFPSA Clearinghouse.		

<p>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</p>	<p>Name, Title, Phone # & Email:</p> <p>Derrick Perez-Johnson, CSA II, Prog. Mgr., (213) 804-2319, perezdb@dcfs.lacounty.gov;</p>



County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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March 3, 2026

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 AN AMENDMENT TO A
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES SOLE SOURCE
CONTRACT (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval of an amendment to increase the Relative Support Services (RSS) contract with Antelope Valley Partners for Health.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute an amendment, Attachment I, with Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) to increase the Maximum Annual Contract sum by \$210,100 for a new Maximum Annual Contract Sum of \$567,600. The Contract sum of \$567,600 is financed using 24 percent Title IV-E Federal funds, 71 percent Local funds, and 5 percent Flexible Family Supports funds. Sufficient funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 15, 2025, Children's Center of the Antelope Valley (CCAV) informed DCFS that they would not be extending the RSS Service Planning Area (SPA) 1 contract effective July 1, 2025. As a result, DCFS offered the RSS contract to AVPH, who was already providing services in this SPA. The AVPH agreed to provide the services provided by CCAV, effective July 1, 2025.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

On July 1, 2025, an Amendment was executed with APVH in which they took over all services in SPA 1 and the Maximum Contract Sum was increased by the ten percent delegated authority amount. This additional amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount to ensure APVH has sufficient funds to provide the services for all of SPA 1.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of Strategic Plan, North Star I – Make Investments that Transform Lives; Focus Area Goals A. Healthy Individuals and Families and D. Support Vulnerable Populations.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total projected budget cost of this amendment effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, is approximately \$567,600, financed using 24 percent Federal funds, 71 percent Local funds, and 5 percent Flexible Family Supports funds. The total projected cost is comprised of an RSS budget of \$482,300, a Relative Caregiver Emergency Fund budget of \$58,000, and the Flexible Family Supports budget is \$27,300.

Sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The RSS/Kinship Support is an evidence-based practice known to increase placement stabilization and decrease timelines to permanency for youth in Kin Care. 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.

On October 24, 2024, a Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation was released to award 10 contracts to service all eight SPA's. The new contracts resulting from this RFP are expected to begin July 1, 2026.

Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, requires that the Department provide advance written notice to the Board of its intent to request delegated authority to amend a sole source contract or increase the Maximum Annual Contract amount exceeding 10 percent. DCFS did not provide that notice.

County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office have reviewed the Board letter. County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

March 3, 2026

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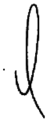
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The amendment will ensure uninterrupted RSS services to relatives and caregivers and will help ensure the County's ability to provide support and resources to relatives and caregivers in SPA One.

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



RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

AMENDMENT NUMBER TEN

TO

ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTNERS FOR HEALTH

CONTRACT NUMBER 15-001-23

SPA 1

**AMENDMENT NUMBER TEN
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER 15-001-23**

This Amendment Number Ten (“Amendment”) to Relative Support Services Contract (“Contract”) Number 15-001-23, is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (“County”), and Antelope Valley Partners for Health (“Contractor”), on the ___ day of ___, 2026.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2016, and Contractor has been providing Relative Support Services to County Department of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment is to increase the Maximum Contract Sum, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

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

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

1. **Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 5.0 Contract Sum, Subsection 5.1.8** is added and reads as follows:
5.1.8 The Maximum Contract Sum is \$567,600, for the contract period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
2. Exhibit A-3h: Line Item Budget and Narrative, as attached hereto, is added as part of Exhibit A3 – Line Item Budget and Narrative for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER TEN
RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER 15-001-23**

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

Antelope Valley Partners for Health

By: _____


By: _____ Date: _____

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
 FY 2025-26 - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES & SUPPLIES
 ESTIMATED ACTUALS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

OBJECT CODE	DEPT OBJECT CODE	UNIT CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2025-26 ADJUSTED BUDGET	COMMENTS
3966	490	26588	Relative Support Services Demonstration Project	18,278,000	The contracts will assist with the Resource Family Approval activities. RFA is the new approval process for all caregivers and must be implemented no later than January 1, 2017. The Project Contractors are Community-Based Organizations that will train and prepare relative to become resource foster care placements. 4/22/21 Email from Probaton will reimburse their share of costs through DSO. CMS#24-0020 for FY 24-25 \$13,751,778 incl. \$250K FFS Funds. CMS#24-0022, FY 25-26 RSS_RCEF \$4,571,300. CMS#24-0015, FY 25-26 RHAS_RCEF \$13,526,778. CMS#25-0048, FY 25-26 RSS_RCEF \$4,751,300. CMS#25-0004, FY 25-26 RHAS_RCEF \$13,526,778. CMS#25-0089, FY 25-26 RSS_RCEF \$4,751,300.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY 5.100

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: _____

- New Sole Source Contract
- New Sole Source Contract for Replacement of Existing Services, or Amendments for Extension of Contracts for Existing Services
- Date Existing Contract First Approved: _____

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND CONTRACTS
	Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one single source for the service exists.
	➤ 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 services and/or support services agreements are required on equipment and/or software, which must be serviced by the original manufacturer, software provider, or an authorized service representative.
	➤ 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.

Approved by:

Chief Executive Office

Date

Sole Source Justification

1. What is being requested?

We are requesting approval from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Board of Supervisors to request delegated authority to increase the contract amount of the Antelope Valley Partners for Health's (AVPH) Relative Support Services (RSS) contract for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. On April 15, 2025, Children's Center of the Antelope Valley (CCAV) informed DCFS that they would not be extending the RSS Service Planning Area (SPA) One contract, effective July 1, 2025. As a result, DCFS offered the RSS contract to AVPH, who was already providing services in this SPA. AVPH agreed to provide the services being provided by CCAV, effective July 1, 2025.

Total Cost: The total projected budget cost of this amendment effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, is approximately \$567,600, 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 an RSS budget of \$482,300, a Relative Caregiver Emergency Fund budget of \$58,000, and the Flexible Family Supports budget is \$27,300. The FFS funding expires 6/30/26.

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

The amendment will ensure uninterrupted RSS services to relatives and caregivers and will help ensure the County's ability to provide support and resources to relatives and caregivers in SPA One. The maximum contract sum increase is required to continue providing services to the participants that were provided by CCAV.

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

NA

4. Have other products or vendors been considered?

No. The expiration of funding does not allow enough time to conduct another RFP.

5. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Yes, participants or recipients receive relative support services that can reduce the number of hospitalizations, constant placement disruptions, and the cost to the County. This approach is also consistent with the Department's outcome goals of well-being and safety, and enhancing the opportunity for self-sufficiency.

6. Is this service available from other providers?

This service may be available from other providers but due to the expiration of funding, there is not enough time to conduct an RFP.

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

NA

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

NA