



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 220165B with Social Change Partners, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 220165B with Social Change Partners, LLC to extend the term of the agreement to January 31, 2023, in order to develop the submission of Napa County's Title IV-E Prevention Program Plan under the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (FFPSA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of today's requested action is to amend Agreement No. 220165B to extend the term of the contract to January 31, 2023, and to, accordingly, replace the current exhibits for the Scope of Work and Compensation to modify the deadline dates and revise the amounts that are paid for deliverables, as they are completed. This amendment will allow more time for the development and submission of Napa County's Title IV-E Prevention Program Plan under the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (FFPSA).

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services, Child Welfare Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Consulting services to assist in development and submission of the FFPSA plan are not required under statute. However, obtaining the assistance of a national expert on the Family First Prevention Plan will allow the county to submit a high-quality plan to assure effective implementation of this Act.

Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This contract is scheduled to end January 31, 2023. Fiscal Year appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this amendment is not approved, HHSA Child Welfare Services will be unable to submit a high-quality plan to assure effective implementation of the FFPSA and benefit from the ability to claim Title IV-E reimbursements for newly allowable services.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The landmark bipartisan Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018 represented the most significant reform to federal child welfare policy in decades. FFPSA includes long-overdue historic reforms to help keep children safely with their families and avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care, emphasizes the importance of children growing up in families, and helps ensure children are placed in the least restrictive, most family-like setting appropriate to their special needs when foster care is needed. FFPSA calls on states to radically rethink their approach to child protection and family support, and full implementation of the law will be a years-long process.

In California, beginning November 1, 2021, the FFPSA adjusted the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act to authorize the use of federal Title IV-E funding for specified services to families who have a child at imminent risk of entering foster care and to limit reliance on congregate care.

Sean Hughes of Social Change Partners, LLC is a recognized national expert on FFPSA and has provided technical assistance on implementation of the law across California and several other states. As a resident of Napa County, he has worked extensively with local community-based organizations in Napa County and came highly recommended by those entities.

Extending the term of this contract and modifying the deadline due dates, accordingly, will allow HHSA Child Welfare Services to meet State deadlines.