

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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Purchasing: *[Signature]* ASST Director

FROM: Director of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Ratify a Multi-year Contract with Laidlaw Transit, Inc., Education Services, ALL DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors, ratify a multi-year contract with Laidlaw Transit, Inc., Education Services July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Friday Night Live Program (FNL) of Riverside County works to build partnerships for positive and healthy youth development, which engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities.

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John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$100,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY2004/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 100%	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

[Signature: Dan Maiting]

Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.32

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BACKGROUND CONT'D

Services are provided in collaboration with local school districts to promote the development of drug abuse prevention programs, and to increase awareness of positive lifestyles free from substance abuse. Approval of the contract with Laidlaw Transit, Inc, Education Services, will allow the youth who attend the FNL chapters of local school districts in Riverside County to participate in activities that show alternatives to drug abuse through the attendance of educational and recreational events. The activities that are attended by the FNL groups include trips to drug-free youth development conferences, museums, sporting events, and amusement parks located in Southern California. The program uses six (6) to sixty-five (65) buses for each trip. Students are picked up from various school districts and mental health facilities in all regions of Riverside County.

For many years, Laidlaw Education Services has provided transportation to the FNL program for its sponsored events. The FNL program used local school districts personnel to organize and coordinate each sponsored event. In addition, the school districts' FNL liaison made provisions for transporting their students to and from the events at a transportation rate equal to the rate charged to each district. The Department paid for the transportation services on individual one-time purchase orders. Due to time and budget constraints, the school district liaisons are no longer able to organize and coordinate the FNL trips. As a result, the Department has negotiated an agreement directly with Laidlaw Transit, Inc. in order to maintain the special rates offered through the local school districts.

Price Reasonableness:

Laidlaw Transit, Inc., Education Services, is the only transportation service in Riverside County with the capacity of transporting the number of students enrolled in the program, at an economical rate and with current service in each school district served. Events may attract up to 3,200 students requiring transportation. The Department has the option of using charter buses for these services. However, due to a significantly greater cost to the Department for charter services and the widespread pick up locations of the students, this option is impractical. The average cost for charter service comparable to the services provided by Laidlaw would be \$600 for a forty-eight (48) passenger bus for the 1st ten (10) hours and \$80 for each additional hour. There could also be a 5% surcharge to cover unforeseen costs like higher than expected fuel costs. There may be additional costs associated with the pick up locations' proximity to the charter bus companies' home terminal. Therefore, the Department requests to enter into a sole source agreement with Laidlaw Transit, Inc. Under this agreement, the contractor will furnish, operate and maintain certified school buses using certified drivers to transport FNL participants.

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Period of Performance:

The Department is asking the Board to approve this contract from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007, subject to the availability of funds.

There are sufficient funds in the Department's budget. No additional County funds are required.