



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

FROM: Department of Public Social Services-
Community Action Partnership of Riverside County
(DPSS-CAP Riverside)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
6/29/06

SUBJECT: Ratify and approval of Project B.L.I.S.S. (Building Links Impacts Self-Sufficiency) Agreement with Family Services of the Desert and Family Service Association of Western Riverside County.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached Agreement, between DPSS-CAP Riverside and the Contractors listed below to develop and nurture ten (10) Circles of Support each within their respective Supervisorial Districts:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
DC 2224-04	4	Family Services of the Desert	\$20,000
DC 2224-05	5	Family Service Association of Western Riverside County (FSAWRC)	\$20,000

- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign future agreements on behalf of the County and to sign any Amendments not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$80,000 per fiscal year; and
- 3) Authorize the Director of DPSS-CAP Riverside to administer the Agreements.

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Lois J. Carson

 Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

Purchasing: *[Signature]* Assistant Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 40,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 06/07

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION **APPROVE**

Lisa Brandt

County Executive Office Signature

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 5/24/05 (#3.34) | **District:** 4, 5 | **Agenda Number:**
 5/9/06 (#3.25)

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

FROM: DPSS-Community Action Partnership
of Riverside County

DATE: 6/21/06

SUBJECT: Approval of Project BLISS Agreement with
Family Services of the Desert and Family Services
of Western Riverside County

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BACKGROUND:

Compelling data tells us that:

- 1 out of every 7 people in Riverside County struggles to meet basic needs
- 1 out of every 2 adult residents have a minimum high school education or less
- 9 out of 10 persons arrested each year in the county live in poor neighborhoods

Experience around the world has demonstrated that as people move out of poverty, they not only reduce their dependence on public service systems but they begin to materially contribute to the support and growth of those systems. Wealth building is a liberating process. People leaving poverty can join their community as productive members of society. People leaving poverty develop to their full potential and use their assets to give back to the community – financially by paying taxes, and physically becoming a new core of community volunteers. The entire community is stronger, safer and more productive.

Project BLISS develops Circles of Support: a small group of neighbors (3-5) who form friendships, offer encouragement, secure material and non-material resources for an identified family in poverty. The mission of Circles of Support is to build relationships across race and socioeconomic lines to realize more positive life outcomes for families living in poverty. The intent of Project BLISS is to end the isolation felt by most families in poverty. The family leader selects neighbors (3-4 allies) to help the family develop their Personal Family Plan and implement strategies that support the family plan (short and long-term). Each ally takes a vested interest in, cares about, listens to, and shares resources with a poverty family that has made a commitment to make positive changes in their lifestyle.

On May 24, 2005, Agenda Item #3.34, the Board approved sole source agreements for Alternatives to Domestic Violence and S.A.F.E. Alternatives for Everyone without competition. On May 9, 2006, Agenda Item # 3.25, the Board approved renewing agreements in 2006 for the Alternatives to Domestic Violence and S.A.F.E. Alternatives for Everyone.

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Amount	Approved Agenda Item #
1. Alternatives to Domestic Violence	DC2224-03	\$20,000	3.25
2. S.A.F.E. Alternatives for Everyone	DC2224-01	\$20,000	3.25
Total:		\$40,000	
<i>Request additional contractors listed below:</i>			
3. Family Services of the Desert	DC2224-04	\$20,000	
4. Family Service Association of Western Riverside County	DC2224-05	\$20,000	
Aggregate Total:		\$80,000	

At this time, we are asking your Honorable Board to approve two additional sole source agreements for the Family Services of the Desert and FSAWRC to be involved with Project Bliss.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No County General Funds will be required. No adjustments to budget required.

ATTACHMENTS: Family Services of the Desert Agreement (4 Copies)
Family Services Association of Western Riverside County (4 Copies)

CONCUR/EXECUTE: COUNTY PURCHASING
COUNTY COUNSEL