

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

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FROM: Dept. of Public Social Services/Prevent Child Abuse
Riverside County (PCARC)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
11/20/07

SUBJECT: Approval of Request for Proposals (RFP) to Procure Contractors for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), in conjunction with Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC), to release multiple RFPs for child abuse prevention and treatment services for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 through 2010-2011.

BACKGROUND:

Every three years, the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention sets forth criteria for the utilization of three funding sources – Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF). The State initially allocates the funding among five categories – Family Support, Family Preservation, Time Limited Reunification, Adoptions Assistance and Program Evaluation. The State then requires counties to conduct a needs assessment to identify priority services related to child abuse prevention and treatment. The results of the needs assessment in combination with the priorities identified in the County's self-assessment and system improvement plan forms the basis for requesting services throughout the county to meet these needs.

Susan Loew

Susan Loew, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	FY 07/08

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature]*
Steve P. Schubert

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 10/2/07 (#348) | District: All | Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

On October 2, 2007 (Agenda #3.48), your Board received and filed the 2007 Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC) Needs Assessment for Riverside County. The priorities identified from the needs assessment are included in the table below in alphabetical order by Zone:

PRIORITY NEEDS BY ZONE (sorted alphabetically)		
ZONE 1 Western County	ZONE 2 Mid & Southwestern County	ZONE 3 Desert & Eastern County
<i>Anger Management</i>	<i>Anger Management</i>	<i>Anger Management</i>
Child Care	Child Care	Child Care
<i>Counseling</i>	<i>Counseling</i>	<i>Counseling</i>
<i>Crisis Intervention</i>	<i>Crisis Intervention</i>	<i>Domestic Violence</i>
Extra-curricular Activities	Domestic Violence	Food and Shelter
Food and Shelter	Parent Support Groups	<i>Home Visitation</i>
<i>Home Visitation</i>	<i>Parenting</i>	Parent Support Groups
Homemaker Services	Services for Children with Special Needs	<i>Parenting</i>
Parent Support Groups	Transportation	Substance Abuse Treatment
<i>Parenting</i>		Transportation

In recognition of the limited funding available, the needs identified were grouped in two categories - those services that would have the most significant impact on child abuse prevention and treatment, and services for which other funding sources may be available. As a result, the RFPs include those priorities that are italicized and in bold print.

To further address some of the other needs identified, bidders are also encouraged to offer "value added services" to increase client access to and participation in services. "Value added services" include child care, use of evidence-based models, parent support services, transportation and services provided in underserved areas. These services are to be provided at no additional cost to the County; however bidders that include these services will receive bonus points in the evaluation process.

To ensure fair competition, DPSS will advertise the RFPs through the County Purchasing & Fleet Services Department web site and will mail them to current and previous contractors and bidders. DPSS will adhere to Board Policy A-18, "Procedures for Contracting for Professional and Personal Services." In addition, all proposals received will be assessed by a group of independent evaluators selected by PCARC. The evaluators selected have extensive knowledge and expertise working with the target population. With regard to the evaluation of the bids, price will be a key factor, along with the effectiveness of the proposals and the background/experience of the bidders.

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Through these RFPs, the independent evaluators will select multiple contractors to provide child abuse prevention and treatment services. In addition to evaluating the proposals themselves, the evaluators will also be considering the extent to which these services will further the following objectives: Reducing the rate of recurrence of abuse and/or neglect in homes where children were not removed subsequent to child abuse investigation, and reducing the rate of foster care re-entry.

DPSS anticipates the awarded contract amounts resulting from these RPFs will be a maximum of \$2,108,787 in aggregate and will include Parenting, Home Visitation, Counseling, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, Adoptions Support, Time Limited Reunification (Court-Substance Abuse), Differential Response, and Program Evaluator services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding for the resulting contracts will be 100% State and Federal funds.

ATTACHED: Six (6) RFPs:
#PUARC-944
#PUARC-945
#PUARC-946
#PUARC-947
#PUARC-948
#PUARC-949