

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



ITEM: 3.42
(ID # 13189)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

FROM: PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Approve Master Contract Template for Foster Care Placement Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children and Temporary Emergency Placements and Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute agreements with service providers for three years through June 30, 2023. All Districts; [Total Cost \$504,000 - Federal 23.06%; State 20.47%; General Fund 56.47%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Master Contract Template for the Foster Care Placement Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and Temporary Emergency Placements (TEP) to use for the agreements with service providers;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute individual agreements substantially conforming in form and substance to the Template and as approved by County Counsel, with each service provider awarded through a Request for Qualifications (RFQu), effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed the funding amount budgeted by the department annually, as set forth in the table below; and,

ACTION: Policy


Jennifer Claar, Managing Director of DPSS

8/6/2020


Sayari Baldwin, DPSS Director

8/6/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: Jeffries
Date: August 25, 2020
xc: DPSS

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved by County Counsel to: (a) sign amendments that make modifications to the statement of work that stay within the intent of the agreement; (b) move the allocated funds among the service providers provided such change does not exceed the annual budgeted amount; and (c) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of twenty percent (20%) of the total annual cost of the contract.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 504,000	\$
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 94,868	\$ 94,868	\$ 284,604	\$
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 23.06%; State 20.47%; General Fund 56.47%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 20/21 - 22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Children’s Services Division (CSD) has observed an increased need to provide placements for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) and youth in emergency situations. Due to the trauma experienced by CSEC victims, it is important to ensure an appropriate placement that can provide intensive support to them as soon as they enter or re-enter foster placement. It is essential that youth receive Trauma Informed Care that emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional safety for both youth and providers, and helps survivors rebuild a sense of control and empowerment.

Temporary Emergency Placement (TEP) is used when an initial placement is difficult due to the time of day, behavior issues, specialized needs, and/or age of the youth. The current COVID-19 environment presents additional challenges in obtaining temporary emergency placement of youth who may have been exposed to the virus or need to be moved from a current placement because of exposure/symptoms.

This agreement will improve options for youth in need of specialized care or TEP. It is imperative that DPSS ensure the availability of homes and beds for placement of these identified youth to reduce the trauma they experience and ensure the provision of immediate and specialized care.

The department issued two Request for Qualifications (RFQu) in July 2018 – DPARC-553 for CSEC Placement and DPARC-558 for TEP, to address the increased need for short term emergency and CSEC placement options. The goal of the bid solicitations was to establish a dedicated number of beds throughout Riverside County that are reserved specifically for youth in either an emergency or CSEC situation. Both RFQu remain open in anticipation that additional agencies will meet the requirements and be available to provide these valuable services. The awarded resource family agency would receive a guaranteed monthly payment of

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\$700 (unoccupied rate) to reserve a bed in their licensed foster home and be willing to take temporary placement of a youth twenty-four (24) hours a day. Once the youth is placed, the resource family agency would receive the full Level of Care payment which is funded through Foster Care. The resource family agency would revert to the unoccupied bed rate once a permanent placement was found.

DPSS requests the approval of the contract template to enter into a multi-year agreement with approved service providers awarded through the RFQu process for the provision of CSEC and TEP placements, and to allocate the available funding to the service providers as needed to serve the County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The TEP agreements serve to enhance placement services and achieve the department goal of providing safety and care to youth in a homelike setting in the least restrictive manner. The CSEC agreements will allow DPSS to provide needed services to the identified population and promote safe environments that stifle the reentry process and address the issues stemming from sexual abuse and exploitation of the youth in our community.

Additional Fiscal Information

The total annual payments to providers shall not exceed:

YEAR PERIOD	ANNUAL PAYMENT
Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021	\$ 168,000
Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022	\$ 168,000
Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023	\$ 168,000
Total	\$ 504,000

These services were budgeted through the Countywide budget process.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **ATTACHMENT A:** CSEC and TEP Master Contract Template


Teresa Summers, Director of Purchasing 8/7/2020


Marcus Maltese 8/18/2020


Gregory P. Priantos, Director County Counsel 8/13/2020