

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



ITEM: 3.23
(ID # 29834)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Approve and authorize the allocation and disbursement of funds to contracted and non-contracted placement providers to reserve beds for foster children and youth with varying placement needs, effective upon approval through June 30, 2030. All Districts; [Total Cost \$1,250,000 – Federal 36%, State 64%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the allocation and disbursement of funds to contracted or non-contracted placement providers to reserve beds for foster children and youth with varying placement needs, effective upon approval through June 30, 2030; and,
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order(s) for any good and/or services rendered; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with ordinance No. 459 and as approved to form by county Counsel to (a) sign agreements within Purchasing Agent's authority (b) sign amendments that make modifications to the scope of services that stay within the intent of the Agreement; and (c) sign amendments to the compensation provisions.

ACTION:Policy

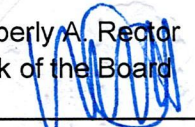

Charity Douglas, DPSS Director

1/29/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: March 3, 2026
xc: DPSS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 36%, State 64%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: FY25/26-29/30	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

This board action seeks approval for the allocation and disbursement of funds to contracted and non-contracted placement providers to reserve beds for foster children and youth with varying placement needs.

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Children's Services Division (CSD) has identified a growing need to reserve beds in anticipation of placements for youth in emergency situations, including commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) and those requiring intensive levels of foster care. Due to the trauma these children and youth have experienced, it is critical to ensure that placements offer immediate, intensive support and prioritize physical, psychological, and emotional safety for both the youth and the care providers.

Reserved beds shall be utilized when initial placement is delayed due to behavioral challenges, specialized needs, or other factors requiring a tailored foster care environment. Resource Family Agencies (RFAs) will receive a guaranteed daily rate, based on the type of placement, to reserve a bed in their licensed foster home and commit to accepting temporary placements on a 24-hour basis. This will ensure that the bed remains open and available for the youth when temporary placement is needed. The bed hold rate is determined based on the State Innovative Model of Care (IMC) in California's foster care system for each type of bed and level of care provided.

Once a youth is placed, the RFA will receive the full Level of Care payment funded through the State foster care system. The RFA will revert to the unoccupied bed rate if the youth transition to a permanent placement.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Reserved beds will expand placement options for youth requiring specialized care and emergency support. Ensuring the availability of appropriate homes and reserved beds is critical for DPSS to reduce the trauma experienced by these youth and to provide timely,

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individualized care. This proactive approach supports the stabilization of vulnerable children and youth by facilitating placements that are equipped to meet their complex needs from the outset.

Additional Fiscal Information

The total annual payments to providers shall not exceed:

YEAR PERIOD	ANNUAL PAYMENT
Effective execution through June 30,2026	\$250,000
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$250,000
July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028	\$250,000
July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029	\$250,000
July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2030	\$250,000
Total	\$1,250,000

Funding for this request has been budgeted through the County budget process and no budget adjustment is needed.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

Reserved bed for placement is in accordance with Ordinance 459, Section 7, Category 2, Exception, subsection C, to provide shelter homes and youth home services without competitive bidding due to the nature of the services and limited-service resources.


Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet 1/30/2026


Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 2/2/2026