

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 5**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS AND AMENDMENTS TO INCREASE EXISTING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS, AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARD (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) partners with families and the community to promote family strengthening and prevent child maltreatment. Through contracts with public and private entities, CWS provides a spectrum of family strengthening, prevention, and protective services and supports to youth and families that are culturally responsive, youth-focused and family-centered. CWS also provides current and former foster youth ages 18-24 years with transitional services to improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system and to advance their goal of self-sufficiency and preventing youth homelessness.

Approval of today's recommended action authorizes competitive solicitations, single source procurements and amendments to existing contracts to support essential child welfare services. Additionally, if approved, today's action would authorize the application for and acceptance of Transitional Housing Program Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to support continued efforts to provide affordable housing to former foster youth and prevent youth homelessness; and to adopt a resolution.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by upholding practices to determine and provide specific and sustainable services to diverse populations and improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management of county resources. Today's action also supports the Framework for Ending Homelessness' diversion and mitigation efforts as well as emergency/interim housing and resources strategic domains to ensure transitional age youth are receiving services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment and prevent homelessness.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for child welfare services listed below, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of up to one year, with four one-year options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

- a. Food Services for the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center and the San Pasqual Academy Campus.
  - b. Child and Family Team Meeting Facilitation Services.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with Rady Children’s Hospital and Palomar Hospital for Forensic Medical Examinations and Interview Services, and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, enter into single source contracts for an initial term of up to one year, with four one-year options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
  3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend the contracts listed below to expand services and increase contract amount, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
    - a. Jewish Family Service (Contract #563482).
    - b. San Diego State University Research Foundation Social Policy Institute (Contract #563854).
  4. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,047,569 in Transitional Housing Program Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 to prevent youth homelessness and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
  5. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) partners with families and the community to prevent, reduce, and respond to child abuse and maltreatment. CWS’ primary focus is strengthening families so that children grow up safe and nurtured. CWS also maintains a strong commitment to ensure that current and former foster youth transitioning to adulthood have equitable opportunities and access to services and supports that advance their goal of self-sufficiency and provide safe and affordable housing. In Fiscal Year 2020-21, CWS received 36,042 reports of abuse and neglect, representing 62,600 children, made through the Child Abuse Hotline. The population distribution by ethnicity of children in referrals includes:

- 45% Hispanic
- 26% White
- 10% Black
- 4% Asian
- 1% Native American
- 11% Other

CWS contracts with public and private entities to ensure children, youth and families receive and have access to culturally responsive services in communities countywide ranging from family strengthening and prevention, to intervention. CWS monitors contracts to evaluate the progress and the effectiveness of contracted services and reviews qualitative and quantitative data to inform program and service efficiency, strategies, ongoing decision-making and actions, and to assess the advancement of racial equity.

CWS recognizes that community outreach and input are paramount to the success of positive cumulative impact, and through various interactions with youth and families, the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County, stakeholders and community-based organizations, CWS engages in a participatory approach with those most impacted by services, supports and programs when procuring for essential services to meet the culturally diverse and unique needs of children and families interacting with the child welfare system. CWS continuously evaluates pathways to advance the capacity to better capture and evaluate service outcomes and produce more racially equitable outcomes.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### *Recommendations #1 through #3: Authorization to Issue Competitive Solicitations, Single Source Contracts and Amend Contracts*

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-23 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$230,000 in FY 2021-22, and estimated costs and revenue of \$8.4 million in FY 2022-23. The funding sources are Social Services Administrative Revenues, Realignment and the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### *Recommendation #4: Authorization to apply for and accept Transitional Housing Program (THP) Plus Housing Supplement Program*

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-23 Operational Plan in HHSA. If approved, this request will result in no change in costs and revenue in FY 2021-22 and estimated costs and revenue of \$1,047,569 in FY 2022-23 for the Transitional Housing Program (THP) Plus. The funding source is the THP Plus Housing Supplement Program allocation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

*Recommendation #5: Adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM. There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.*

There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 22-019, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter