



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: March 15, 2022

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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

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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).

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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

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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

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

This item was presented to the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board as an informational item on March 11, 2022.

BACKGROUND

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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.

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Today's action supports the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' (Board) Framework for Our Future by upholding practices to determine and provide specific service needs 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 by ensuring alignment with the continuum of opportunities to end homelessness. These efforts support the Framework's 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. In addition, today's action supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by ensuring families are provided with family strengthening services and supports, and that all children, youth and families are healthy, safe, and thriving.

Recommendation #1: Authorization to Issue Competitive Solicitations

a. Food Services for A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center and the San Pasqual Academy Campus

The A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center (PCC) is a 10-day Temporary Shelter Care Facility administered by CWS. PCC provides 24-hour non-medical care for up to 10 calendar days for children and youth under 18 years of age who can no longer safely remain with their family of origin due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. In addition to physical and mental health services, medication support, and crisis services, food services including meals, snacks and other food provisions are provided to all youth entering the facility and throughout their length of stay. Through contracted services, CWS provides provisions to all residents at least three times a day, seven days a week as well as to staff employed by PCC and PCC volunteers that care for and supervise residents. Residents from

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birth to age one are provided with infant formula and age appropriate food to meet their daily nutritional needs. Accommodations are made to meet the medical, religious and cultural dietary needs of all residents.

Food services supports the County's newly adopted values-based food procurement directive and meets all federal, State and local regulations and guidelines including all United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations, USDA Food Based Menu Planning, School Meals Initiative, School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Offer versus Serve requirements and American Academy of Pediatrics regulations. In Calendar Year 2021, food services were provided to 2,006 duplicated youth entered at PCC.

The San Pasqual Academy campus is also a 24-hour County owned facility that currently provides, through a unique public and private partnership, a residential education placement option for youth in foster care. The re-envisioned design of the 24-hour campus will provide a continuum of placements, services and supports to a wide and diverse population of youth in foster care, non-minor dependents ages 18-21 years, and after care youth ages 18-24 years interacting with the child welfare system. It is anticipated that the initial stage of this phase-in approach will be operational on July 1, 2022, at which time food services will also be required. Upon full implementation of the multipurpose campus and approved programs and services, the campus will have a projected capacity to serve approximately 210 individuals.

The current contract for food services at PCC is set to expire on June 30, 2022. The new contract is anticipated to start on July 1, 2022 and will include the provision of food services at both PCC and the San Pasqual Academy campus. The annual cost of this service is approximately \$3.0 million. Today's action requests the Board to authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of food services at PCC and the San Pasqual Academy campus 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. This action aligns with the County's values-based procurement directive by engaging in sustainability and equity-focused institutional food purchasing that can reduce health disparities through improving the quality of food served to vulnerable youth populations.

b. Child and Family Team Meeting Facilitation Services

On June 20, 2017 (14), the Board authorized a competitive procurement for Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) Facilitation services for CWS, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), and the Department (Probation). California Assembly Bill 403, also known as the

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Continuum of Care Reform Act (CCR), was passed into law in 2015, and requires that youth involved with child welfare and the juvenile justice system have a child and family team (CFT) that includes the youth, family, and their natural (informal) and formal support network invested in the youth and family's success.

Teaming is the process of a group of people coming together who are committed to a common purpose, approach and performance goals for which they hold themselves mutually accountable. This process honors the youth and family as experts in their lives and gives the youth, family, and their support network an opportunity to provide input to the court and serving agencies about placement, services, education, the youth's mental health and well-being needs at critical decision points in a case. CFTMs provide a platform for teaming through a facilitated meeting process grounded on shared decision-making and designed to produce a plan for safety, placement, and services tailored to the individual needs of the youth and family. These facilitated meetings are utilized for youth involved with CWS, BHS, and Probation and are required at integral decision points of a family's case with an agency. CFTMs can be requested by any CFT member to discuss placement, services or changes to the previous goals or action plans. In Calendar Year 2021, a total of 4,718 CFT facilitated meetings were provided to CWS, Probation, and BHS; and of those meetings, 82% involved participation by the family's natural supports. Natural supports can be trusted and stable resources for the family and provide ongoing assistance well beyond the involvement with child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health systems.

The current contract for the CFTM Facilitation services is set to expire on June 30, 2022. The annual cost of this service is approximately \$3.6 million. Today's action requests the Board to authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of the CFTM Facilitation services 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.

Recommendation #2: Authorization to Issue Single Source Contracts

Forensic Medical Examinations and Interview Services

Youth in foster care have been exposed to trauma as a result of maltreatment. Children and youth often respond to trauma with intense fear and helplessness that can influence their ability to participate fully in a child abuse investigation and/or interview process. Depending on the type and severity of the child abuse allegation, a child may be referred for a forensic medical examination and/or interview to gather information about the alleged child abuse. Rady Children's Hospital and Palomar Hospital are the only two children's advocacy centers (CAC) in San Diego County that provide forensic medical examinations and interview services.

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A forensic medical examination is a medical examination performed by professionals specialized in child abuse when physical abuse, sexual abuse, severe neglect, or the human trafficking of a child is alleged, and evidence is required. The purpose of the medical examination is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the child, and evaluate, document, diagnose and address medical conditions resulting from abuse. A forensic interview is a type of interview skillfully conducted by specially trained social workers or other mental health professionals that will produce factual information from the child that is recorded (audio and video) and may be admitted into evidence in a court proceeding. Professional interviewers follow an evidence-based interviewing protocol conducted in a developmentally and culturally sensitive manner, utilizing objective, neutral and legally sound interviewing strategies.

The national standard of care, based in evidence and research, shows that medical examinations and forensic interviews conducted at a CAC are considered best practice and the most trauma-informed approach. The primary mission of a CAC is to prevent further victimization by ensuring that child abuse investigations are comprehensive, and that intervention and healing services meet the age-appropriate needs of the child. The CAC utilizes a multidisciplinary team response that includes medical professionals, law enforcement, child welfare services, victim advocates and other professionals to come together to investigate alleged abuse and wrap the family with needed trauma-informed evidenced-based services and supports. All CACs are accredited through the National Children's Alliance. CWS may require children who are alleged to be victims of abuse and/or neglect to have a Medical Evidentiary Examination and/or Forensic Interview at a CAC. Children who have witnessed serious violence (e.g. homicide, domestic violence), and/or cases with concerns for human trafficking, may benefit from a comprehensive interview by a trained professional at a CAC.

Rady Children's Hospital and Palomar Hospital provide services to specific geographic regions of the county and contracts with both hospitals are necessary in order to provide forensic medical examination and interview services countywide. Rady Children's Hospital and Palomar Hospital each qualify for a single source contract to provide Forensic Medical Evidentiary Examinations and Interview services pursuant to Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement:

Section 1D3: The procurement is for services from a provider with unique knowledge, skill, or ability not available from other sources.

In Fiscal Year 2020-21, there were 803 Medical Evidentiary Examinations and 1,046 Forensic Interviews completed by Rady Children's Hospital and Palomar Hospital. Currently, Rady Children's Hospital provides forensic services to the Central, South and East regions and Palomar Hospital provides forensic services to the North regions. The annual cost for the services is up to \$750,000. Depending on increased future service needs, the contracts may increase up to \$1,250,000 annually. Pricing is determined fair and reasonable based on pricing for same or similar

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services proposed for the provision of other County medical services and the state qualification as an accredited CAC. The annual cost is also determined to be fair and reasonable based on current service costs for similar services provided at accredited CAC hospitals in California counties of similar size. The anticipated start date of the contracts is July 1, 2022, upon successful negotiations. Today's action requests the Board authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Rady Children's Hospital and Palomar Hospital for Forensic 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 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.

Recommendation #3: Authorization to Amend Contracts

a. Jewish Family Service (Contract # 563482)

CWS currently partners with Jewish Family Service (JFS) to provide specialized assistance to San Diego families countywide interacting with CWS, who represent distinctive cultural, ethnic, linguistic populations within San Diego County. The Family Support Liaison Program (FSLP) aids in the reduction of the disproportionate representation of African, African American, or African American descent children in CWS by educating families on child safety, child welfare laws and system process, life skills, effective communication skills, prevention and early intervention strategies that enhance child safety and provide linkages to support services. The FSLP provides services to families receiving Prevention Services, Voluntary Services, and Dependency Services in direct partnership with an assigned CWS social worker in a team-like format that supports the unique needs of the family.

JFS began serving families in the Central region in May 2021 and has since provided services to 58 families. As of December 31, 2021, 21 families (36%) successfully completed the program. In alignment with a phase-in approach of the program, efforts began in August through December 2021 to expand the FSLP to serve families in the North region. Continued expansion of the FSLP is anticipated in July 2022 through November 2025 to include full implementation in all six regions and the broadening of populations served to include the immigrant and refugee communities. The annual cost of this service is approximately \$1.3 million.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend contract #563482 to expand services and increase contract amount, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes

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to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

b. San Diego State University Research Foundation Social Policy Institute (Contract #563854)

California Assembly Bill (AB) 2083 was passed in 2018 and requires each county to develop and implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the roles and responsibilities of entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. The System of Care approach advances the collaborative work with our State, county, and system partners that serve youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. It is the intent of the System Partners to create a single service plan and maintain an administrative team with collaborative authority over the interrelated child welfare, juvenile justice, education, regional center and mental health children's services. The goal is to ensure that programs meet the needs of the children and youth served and that the services provided are coordinated, timely and trauma-informed. The San Diego County Children and Youth System of Care MOU was executed on March 15, 2021. The San Diego County Children and Youth System of Care effort consists of partners from the San Diego County Probation Department (Probation), San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), Voices for Children, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Tribal Nations, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and the County Health and Human Services Agency Child Welfare Services (CWS) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS).

AB 2083 also provides an opportunity and platform to address systemic barriers to the traditional provision of interagency services. In support of this opportunity, AB 2083 requires the establishment of an Interagency Leadership Team (ILT) to serve as the governing and coordinating body of this collaborative. Initially, the San Diego County ILT membership consists of the executive leadership from SDCOE, SDRC, Probation, CWS, BHS and the San Diego County Juvenile Court Presiding Judge. The ILT membership continues to grow to strengthen the system of care partnership and effort and recently expanded to include membership from Tribal Nations and DOR.

CWS currently partners with San Diego State University Research Foundation, Social Policy Institute (SPI) to provide technical assistance for the implementation of the countywide Family Urgent Response System mandated by Senate Bill 80 in 2019 and amended by AB 79 in 2020 requiring system partner collaboration between CWS, BHS and Probation. If approved, SPI will develop and maintain a data management system and a Continuous Quality Improvement process (CQI) for the signed San Diego County Children and Youth System of Care MOU. The CQI process will enable the County ILT to monitor the MOU's progress and performance to provide highly coordinated, integrated

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and innovative services and support to children and youth. The annual cost of this service is approximately \$325,000. Today's action requests the Board to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend contract #563854 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.

Recommendation #4 & 5: Authorization to Apply for and Accept Transitional Housing Program (THP) Plus Housing Supplement Program and Adopt a Resolution

Through contracts with nonprofit entities, CWS provides up to 24 cumulative months of affordable housing and supportive services to former foster youth and out-of-home probation youth, ages 18 to 24 years through the Transitional Housing Program (THP)-Plus; and the THP for non-minor dependents for youth ages 18 to 21 years participating in Extended Foster Care. Examples of services and supports include subsidized housing, intensive case management, housing navigator activities, and employment and education assistance. Housing navigator activities such as assistance with identifying realistic, safe, and stable housing options, and obtaining financial resources necessary to apply for and move-in to housing are also provided and help strengthen THP for youth.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, 162 youth were served under the THP-Plus alone and 92% maintained stable housing over the course of the fiscal year. Of the 162 youth served in THP-Plus, 86% of youth surveyed report being satisfied with THP services. Additionally in FY 2020-21, 86% of youth successfully exited the program into safe and sustainable housing and 99% of youth established a permanent relationship with a safe and supportive adult by program exit.

California Assembly Bill 153 was signed into law on July 16, 2021 and provides \$9 million in ongoing funding to establish the Transitional Housing Program Plus Housing Supplement Program that is intended to sustain the effort in providing safe and affordable housing to former youth in foster care participating in the THP-Plus. The THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and makes supplemental funding available to up to 11 counties if the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the county is one of the 11 most expensive in the State.

On January 14, 2022, CWS was informed that they are one of the 11 counties with the highest rent in the State according to the 2020-21 Fair Market Rent and would be receiving an allocation of \$1,047,569 in THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program funds for FY 2021-22. The proposed total FY 2021-22 THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program funding will maintain the THP-Plus bed capacity and supplement the monthly rate per youth paid to a THP-Plus housing provider in alignment with the competitive rental market.

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Today's action requests the Board to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,047,569 in THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the HCD for the anticipated funding period of FY 2021-22 and to 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. This action supports the Framework for Ending Homelessness by ensuring alignment with the continuum of opportunities to end homelessness to include supporting diversion and mitigation efforts and providing emergency/interim housing and resources to ensure transitional age youth receive services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment and preventing homelessness.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions to authorize competitive solicitations, enter into single source contracts, amend child welfare services contracts, and authorize application for Transitional Housing Program Plus funding and adopt a resolution supports the County of San Diego's (County) 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Initiatives of Sustainability (Environment), Equity (Health and Housing) and Community (Engagement, Quality of Life, Communications, and Partnership) by providing comprehensive services and supports focused on improving equitable outcomes for children and youth interacting with the child welfare system and ensuring transparency, open government and a participatory approach to best serve the needs of our diverse communities.

Respectfully submitted,



HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A - 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