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DEPT: Child Support Services	BOARD AGENDA #*B-5						
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SUBJECT:

Approval to Increase the Department of Child Support Services Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget to Reflect the Award of the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement's Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Project Grant

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Approve the budget adjustments in the Department of Child Support Services Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget to reflect the award of the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement's Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Project Grant.
- 2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as detailed in the attached Budget Journal Form.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement's National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Project grant will fund five years of staffing and program services at Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services (SCDCSS) and at Alliance Worknet (AWN). The grant requires that the applicant provide, at a minimum, a full-time project manager, full-time child support case coordinator, and a part-time evaluation coordinator.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)

Staffing will include the three existing positions from SCDCSS, up to two case coordinators from Alliance Worknet and half of a position at Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. The grant funds are eligible for a Federal Financial Participation match of 66%, making the total available for the approved project \$2.32 million over the five year period from Federal Fiscal Year 2012 through Federal Fiscal Year 2016.

Specific to Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the fiscal impact is an increase of revenue and appropriations of \$200,000 in grant funds and \$400,000 in Federal Financial Participation (FFP), resulting in total approved project costs of \$600,000. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

#### DISCUSSION:

In July 2012, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) invited eligible applicants to submit competitive grant applications to develop and implement programs that provide employment services to noncustodial parents in the child support system as part of a national demonstration framework. The Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services received approval from the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2012 to apply for the employment grant and accept the grant if awarded, and to sign and execute necessary and related documents. Application for the grant involved collaboration between SCDCSS and the Alliance Worknet, in addition to support from numerous County partners. SCDCSS was notified on October 1, 2012, that the Department had been selected to receive funding as part of this grant. The award letter was received on October 31, 2012. Eight of these grants were awarded nationwide, with Stanislaus County as the only recipient from California.

The goal of the Child Support program is that every child can rely on steady financial and emotional support from both parents throughout childhood. In alignment with this goal, the intent of the grant demonstration project is to examine the efficacy of child support-led employment programs for noncustodial parents consisting of the following components: 1) child support case management; 2) employment development services; 3) fatherhood and parenting activities using peer support; and 4) child support procedures including the review and appropriate adjustment of child support orders and programs to reduce child support debt owed to the state.

In its successful grant application, SCDCSS proposed to implement a project entitled 'Pathways to Self Sufficiency.' The objective of this project is to improve the reliable payment of child support, thereby improving child well-being and avoiding public costs. The Federal initiative will also examine the effect of employment development services on child support and related outcomes, including the benefits and costs of employment services for noncustodial parents. To accomplish these goals, SCDCSS will administer a package of child support, employment, and fatherhood services for noncustodial

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parents, and collect and report data on participants, as agreed upon with the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE).

SCDCSS will create new partnerships as well as enhance current partnerships with agencies within the County to provide the employment services, peer support, and other core competency services. In addition to providing the core child support functions, the child support agency is expected to be the fiscal agent, managing the day-to-day operation of the program.

As part of the grant application process, SCDCSS received letters of support from more than ten key County agencies, non-profit organizations and community based organizations, indicating their commitment to the grant project. These agencies include Stanislaus County Superior Court Self Help Center and Office of the Family Law Facilitator, the Center for Human Services, Mocse Credit Union, the Probation Department, the Office of the District Attorney, the Stanislaus Literacy Center, Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus, and the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. SCDCSS participants within the grant project will be referred to these agencies as deemed necessary, based upon an individual assessment.

# POLICY ISSUE:

This grant supports the Board's priorities of A Healthy Community and Effective Partnerships by increasing services to children and supporting collaboration between County departments and organizations to increase and improve child support payments to families within the County. The grant further supports the Board's priority of the Efficient Delivery of Public Services as the project will facilitate expedited processes and services to families.

# STAFFING IMPACT:

The grant project will partner SCDCSS with staff from Alliance Worknet (AWN), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and the Superior Courts of Stanislaus County, as well as staff from agencies who have expressed their support to the project. The grant will provide funding for staffing which includes three existing positions from SCDCSS, an equivalent of two positions at AWN and half of a position at BHRS.

# CONTACT PERSON:

Tamara Thomas, Interim Director/Assistant Director, (209) 558-3062

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Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor



October 31, 2012

Ms. Tamara Thomas. Interim Director Stanislaus County **Department of Child Support Services** P.O. Box 4189 Modesto, California 95352-4189

National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration SUBJECT: **Projects Grant Award** 

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services has been awarded a "National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Projects" grant from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the implementation of the "Pathways to Self Sufficiency Project."

The official Notice of Award (NOA) is enclosed. The NOA specifies the amount and duration of this grant award. Other pertinent information concerning the grant is noted in the Remarks section.

On Monday, November 5, ACF representatives will be introducing themselves to all eight (8) national awardees and the evaluator for the demonstration projects. Additionally, the Office of Child Support Enforcement will hold a two (2) day orientation and planning workshop for grantees on December 3 – 4, 2012, in Washington, DC.

The California Department of Child Support Services is looking forward to working with you on our shared commitment to help families achieve financial self-sufficiency.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Yahner at (916) 464-5180.

Sincerely,

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KATHLEEN HREPICH Interim Director

Enclosure

Vickie Contreras, Deputy Director CC: Michael Yahner, Branch Chief Lupe Gonzales, Regional Administrator Ed Lynch, Manager

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This grant is subject to the requirements as set forth in 45 CFR Part 87.

This grant is subject to the requirements set forth in 45 CFR part 74 (for non-profit organizations and educational institutions) or 45 CFR Part 92 (for state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments).

Initial expenditure of funds by the grantee constitutes acceptance of this award. Future support is anticipated.(\*\*) Reflects only federal share of approved budget.

Restriction placed on Federal funds: Within thirty (30) days from the start date of this award, the grantee will be contacted by the Office of Grants Management (OGM) to finalize the budgetary aspects of this award.

All funds have been placed in the category 'Other' during this interim period.

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