

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-2

AGENDA DATE: October 17, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal for the Provision of Supervised Visitation and Visitation Center Services for Child Welfare Service Participants

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-564

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *PKH*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the General Services Agency (GSA) Purchasing Division to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of the Community Services Agency for the provision of supervised visitation and visitation center services for Child Welfare participants for the contract period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Services Agency (CSA) contracts with numerous individuals and agencies to provide essential services to Stanislaus County residents. In most cases, individuals and agencies are selected through a competitive process, which takes into account specific expertise, as well as cost efficiency. Agreements are renewed based on a demonstrated ability to deliver required outcomes effectively, along with availability of funding. While a number of agencies have successful, long term partnering relationships with CSA, County procurement guidelines state that non-professional contracted services which have reached a \$45,000 cumulative level and have not been previously competitively procured or those that have been previously competitively procured but have now reached the maximum three year term imposed by the California Department of Social Services Management and Office Procedure 23-621, shall be competitively procured.

One of the program services that CSA provides via contract is supervised visitation services for Child Welfare participants. Stanislaus County is looking for services to meet the needs of the Adult, Child and Family Services Division Child Welfare court ordered visitation requirements and to have a visitation center that provides a safe, family friendly, and child focused environment to conduct these visits. Stanislaus County Superior Court mandates supervised and/or monitored visits at least two hours per week for parents with children who are in out-of-home care. Service provider shall be responsible for observing and seeking to ensure the safety of those involved which may include redirecting parents, ending the visit if a parent is not appropriate, providing feedback during the visit (if needed), and documenting events to the assigned social worker. Provider shall have staff available to schedule parent/child visitation appointments up to a maximum of fifty-six hours per week. Provider staff shall supervise visitation ordered by the court for the purpose of contact between a parent and child(ren) not to exceed fifty-six hours per week. Family Code section 3200 defines supervised

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visitation as contact between a noncustodial party and one or more children in the presence of a neutral third person.

The current provider, whose contract is scheduled to end June 30, 2018 has provided 538 monitored visits and 117 supervised visits from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

The Community Services Agency is now requesting approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of supervised visitation services and visitation center services for Child Welfare participants. The procurement method will be a "best value" approach, which means that the County is prepared to award a single contract or multiple contracts to the Proposer(s) who offer the most cost-effective and comprehensive solutions.

The Department will return to the Board upon completion of the RFP process with a final contract(s) recommendation.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of supervised visitation services and visitation center services to Child Welfare participants will allow the Community Service Agency to meet the County Purchasing Department's procurement guidelines that state non-professional contracted services which have reached a \$45,000 cumulative level and have not yet been competitively procured or those that have been previously competitively procured but have now reached the maximum three year term imposed by the California Department of Social Services Management and Office Procedure 23-621, shall be competitively procured.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the supervised visitation services and visitation center services contract(s) for Child Welfare participants is estimated to be approximately \$1,861,356 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The estimated cost for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is \$465,652. As a result, appropriations and estimated corresponding revenues will be included in the Community Services Agency Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Budget submission. Supervised visitation and visitation center services for the remaining two years of the awarded contract(s) will be included in the Agency's budget submission for the subsequent fiscal years.

Costs for the supervised visitation and visitation center services for Child Welfare participants are supported with Child Welfare Services funds. Federal, State, and Realignment revenue of \$465,652 will offset the planned program expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. There is no additional cost to the General Fund associated with this agenda item.

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Cost of recommended action:		\$ 465,652
Source(s) of Funding:		
Federal, State and Realignment Funding	\$ 465,652	
Funding Total:		\$ 465,652
Net Cost to County General Fund		\$ -

Fiscal Year:	2018/2019
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this request to issue an RFP supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Healthy Community, A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by meeting a community need for services that improves the health and well-being of children and families in our community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing Community Services Agency and General Services Agency Purchasing staff is available to support this RFP process.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None