

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal for the Provision of Receiving Home Services for Children in Emergency Protective Custody

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-586

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
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

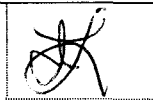
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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *phc*

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 a Receiving Home Services for Children in Protective Custody contract for the 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 Receiving Home Services. Receiving Home Services are provided to children 0 - 17 of age who have been placed into emergency protective custody. Examples of Receiving Home Services provided to the children are: a set number of beds to be available to receive placements at any time, including twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week and holidays; shelter, food, care and adult supervision; reporting of any medical attention needed by a child to the County case worker; transportation for scheduled court appearances, medical care and visitation appointments; informing the County of ongoing experiences with each child; and keeping the child safe by not allowing a child to be removed from the home unless written permission has been given by the County.

California state legislation mandates that CSA provide these services to youth in our County. The California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 300 (a-j) provides the authority to allow child welfare agencies to offer Receiving Home Services, if there is reason to believe that the child has been, or is in danger of being, neglected or abused at home.

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The law requires that CSA move to protect a child whenever it appears that:

- A child is not receiving adequate care or supervision;
- A child is not being provided with adequate food, shelter, or other basic needs;
- A child is being neglected to the point his/her safety and development is in question. A child is being treated cruelly or abused physically or emotionally by someone living in the home;
- A child who is sexually trafficked, as described in Section 236.1 of the Penal Code, or who receives food or shelter in exchange for, or who is paid to perform, sexual acts described in Section 236.1 or 11165.1 of the Penal Code, and whose parent or guardian failed to, or was unable to, protect the child, is within the description of this subdivision, and that this finding is declaratory of existing law;
- Someone in the home has engaged in sexual behavior with a child;
- Temporary Custody – “When a child is reported to be in danger, a social worker or police officer will respond to the location of the child to assess the safety of the child(ren). If the child is assessed to be in an immediate unsafe situation, the child will be taken into temporary “protective custody”.

The current provider of Receiving Home Services, AspiraNET, whose contract will expire June 30, 2018, has served 176 children from July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

The Community Services Agency is now requesting approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of Receiving Home Services for children taken into temporary protective custody. 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 Receiving Home Services 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 contract is estimated to be approximately \$75,000 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 \$25,000. The appropriations and corresponding estimated revenues will be included in the Community Services Agency Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

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submission. Receiving Home Services for the remaining two years of the awarded contract will be included in the Agency's budget submission for the subsequent fiscal years.

Costs for the Receiving Home contracted services are supported with Child Welfare Services (CWS) Federal and State revenue and with Realignment revenue, totaling \$25,000. There is no additional cost to the General Fund associated with this agenda item.

Cost of recommended action:		\$ 25,000
Source(s) of Funding:		
Federal, State and Realignment Funding	\$ 25,000	
Funding Total:		<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Net Cost to County General Fund		<u>\$ -</u>

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