



DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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SUBJECT: Approval of a Plan of Cooperation between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services; and Authorization for the Director of the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services to Sign the Plan of Cooperation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Plan of Cooperation (POC) between the California Department of Child Support Services (CDCSS) and the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services (VCDCCSS) for the plan year 2024-2025 (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the Director of VCDCCSS to sign the POC.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	State and Federal Reimbursements
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	None

VCDCCSS costs, including indirect costs, are 100% funded by CDCSS. The reimbursement rates are 66% Federal and 34% State.

FY 2024-25 Budget Projection Department of Child Support Services – Division 2250 (Fund S050)				
	Recommended Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Est. Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 23,437,535	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

DISCUSSION:

The VDCCSS is federally and state funded (66% federal and 34% state). For Fiscal Year 2024-25, VDCCSS has received an allocation of over \$23 million. As a condition of receiving federal and state child support funding, every federal fiscal year (FFY) (October 1 – September 30), VDCCSS (as a local child support agency (LCSA)) is required to enter into a POC with CDCSS. The POC is a standard agreement required by CDCSS for all local child support agencies for administering services pursuant to the provisions of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (Title 42 United States Code § 651 et seq. (Title IV-D)). The State/LCSA POC automatically renews at the end of each FFY unless there is an amendment to reflect new or revised state and federal laws, regulations, and requirements. The State/LCSA POC is being amended to include the changes noted in Table 1 – Summary of Changes (Exhibit 2).

The purpose of the POC is to define responsibilities for the LCSA for securing child support, including child support establishment, collection, and disbursement services; medical support; determining paternity; and providing other public services in accordance with the provisions of Title IV-D. In addition, the POC outlines the responsibilities of both CDCSS and VDCCSS for administering Title IV-D services in Ventura County.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 437-8100 or Charles Dixon, Fiscal and Administrative Services Manager, at (805) 437-8106.



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Exhibit 1 – Plan of Cooperation – CDCSS

Exhibit 2 – Table 1: Summary of Changes to Plan of Cooperation