

# DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

County of Ventura, State of California

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Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

#### 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:

It is recommended that your Board:

- Approve and authorize the Plan of Cooperation (POC) between the California Department of Child Support Services (CDCSS) and the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services (VCDCSS) for the plan year 2018-2019 (Exhibit 1).
- 2. Authorize the Director of VCDCSS to sign the POC.

## Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:

Source of Funding: State and Federal Reimbursements

Fund Matching Requirement: No

Impact on Other Departments: None

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

Yes

| Summary of Revenues and Cost: | FY 2018-19 | FY 2019-20 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Revenue:                      | \$ 0       | \$ 0       |
| Cost:                         | \$ 0       | \$ 0       |
| Net Costs                     | \$ 0       | \$ 0       |

## **Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:**

| Current FY 2018-19 Budget Projection for VCDCSS (Division 2250) |               |               |               |                   |  |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
|   | Adopted       | Adjusted      | Projected     | Estimated         |  |
|   | Budget        | Budget        | Budget        | Savings (Deficit) |  |
| Appropriations  | \$ 22,214,901 | \$ 22,241,230 | \$ 22,214,901 | \$ 26,329         |  |
| Revenue   | \$ 22,214,901 | \$ 22,214,901 | \$ 22,214,901 | \$ 0              |  |
| Net Cost  | \$ 0          | \$ 26,329     | \$ 0          | \$ 26,329         |  |

### Discussion:

The VCDCSS is 100% federally and state funded (66% federal and 34% state). For FY 2018-19, VCDCSS has received an allocation of over \$22 million. As a condition of receiving federal and state child support funding, every federal fiscal year (October 1 – September 30), VCDCSS 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 purpose of the POC is to define responsibilities for the local child support agencies 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. The POC outlines the responsibilities of both CDCSS and VCDCSS for administering Title IV-D services in Ventura County.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 437-8100 or Wilma Thomas, Fiscal & Administrative Services Manager, at (805) 437-8106.

Sincerely,

Director

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Attachments: Exhibit 1: Plan of Cooperation - CDCSS