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Subject: Approval of a Contract Modification with Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc., for the Stage One Child Care for CalWORKs Recipients Program to Increase Funding by \$700,000, to an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,100,000, Effective April 1, 2023; and Authorization for the Human Services Agency Director, or Designee, to Sign the Contract Modification and Approve and Sign Additional Limited Contract Modifications.

Recommendation:

1. Approve, and authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, to sign a contract modification with Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc., (CDR) for the Stage One Child Care for CalWORKs Recipients Program (Stage One) to increase funding by \$700,000, to an amount not to exceed \$6,100,000, effective April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023 (Exhibit 1.)
2. Authorize the HSA Director, or designee, to approve and sign additional limited contract modifications to (a) decrease, or increase up to ten percent, the amount of the contract, (b) extend the time of performance up to six months, and (c) make budget modifications, corrections, clarifications and technical changes to the contract, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the contract, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Federal
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Costs:

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$700,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$700,000	\$0
Costs:		
Direct	\$700,000	\$0
Indirect	Minimal	\$0
Total Costs	\$700,000	\$0
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for Employment and Support Services – BU 3415				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$26,791,451	\$27,084,149	\$25,784,149	\$1,300,000
Revenue	\$27,080,001	\$27,080,001	\$27,080,001	\$0
Net Cost	(\$288,550)	\$4,148	(\$1,295,852)	\$1,300,000

There is no net county cost associated with this contract change. The increase in expenditures is 100% covered by federal revenues. There are sufficient revenue and appropriations in the HSA Adjusted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023.

Discussion

The availability of quality child care is essential to the success of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. The CalWORKs child care program helps a family access immediate child care as the parent works or performs their welfare-to-work activity. The purpose of the program is to support parents in securing stable, long-term child care that is necessary for them to move toward gainful employment and ultimately leave and remain off aid.

The CalWORKs child care program has three different stages, with Stage One being administered by county welfare departments (or their contractors) and Stages Two and Three being administered by California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Senate Bill 80 (2019), approved by the State of California, specifies that child care services in Stage One will be available to every CalWORKs participant who is required to participate in the Welfare-to-Work program. Stage One begins when a family starts receiving CalWORKs cash aid, and continues until the family situation is stable. Former CalWORKs clients are also eligible to receive child care services in Stage One for a total of no more than 24 months after they stop receiving cash aid.

From July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, CDR has provided child care services for 382 families with 684 children—equal to 90% of the 744 children that were cared for in the

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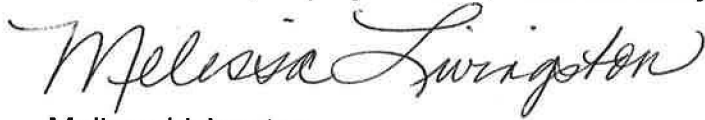
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prior twelve months. This increasing trend is expected to continue as parents return to work after the pandemic. The program is projected to serve a total of 538 families with 912 children by the end of the program year on June 30, 2023.

On June 21, 2022, your Board approved a contract with CDR for the Stage One Program in the amount of \$5,400,000 for the dates of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The \$700,000 increase to the contract from federal revenues will allow 168 additional children to receive child care and includes a state-mandated 7% increase in child care costs.

We ask that your Board approve and authorize the HSA Director or her designee to sign the contract modification with CDR. We also ask that your Board delegate to the HSA Director or her designee the authority to approve and sign limited contract modifications as described in recommendation two, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or Marissa Mach, Deputy Director, Adult & Family Services at 805-477-5323.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Livingston".

Melissa Livingston
Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Child Development Resources Stage One Program Contract Modification