



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: October 1, 2024

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Rachael Dillman Parsons, Social Services Director

Subject: a) Approve Contract with California Department of Social Services, Standard Agreement #23-5021 A1, for Agency Adoption Services and Resource Family Approval Family Evaluations, in the Amount of \$1,218,968.00, for the Term of July 1, 2023 to December 31, 9999, and Authorize the Chair to Sign, and b) Adopt Resolution Approving the Standard Agreement #23-5021 A1 between the County of Lake and California Department of Social Services for Resource Family Approval Program, Adoptions Program Merge and Authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign the Standard Agreement

Executive Summary:

The Lake County Department of Social Services (LCDSS) currently has two separate contracts in place with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). One for the provision of Agency Adoption Services, and one for Resource Family Approval (RFA) Family Evaluations. CDSS is requesting that we merge these two contracts.

The RFA program is a unified, family friendly, and child-centered process that helps to provide more placement opportunities for foster children and reduces the likelihood they are placed in a group home. The family evaluations include interviews of applicants to assess their personal history, family dynamic, and a need for support or resources, and a risk assessment. CDSS is the only entity other than the County, that can perform Adoption Services which includes case management, assessments of children and prospective adoptive parents, completion of reporting requirements, medical and social background checks, the provision of relinquishment services for birth/legal guardians, and other related adoption services as needed.

CDSS's role is essential for the continued functionality and success of these programs; contracting these services to CDSS has served Lake County well. This agreement combines both existing contracts into a single contract.

CDSS requires LCDSS to provide a signed and adopted resolution in addition to the signed Contract, authorizing the execution of the Contract. The direction of our original memo did not accurately detail this action. We are returning to your Board asking for approval of the Resolution at this time.

Typically, we would request approval for the Social Services Director to sign the Standard Agreement. However, this is an Amendment to a Contract (#240585) that was originally signed by the Board. CDSS requires we obtain the same signatures as the original amendment.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: \$1,218,968.00 Amount Budgeted: \$1,218,968.00 Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Purchasing Considerations (check all that apply):

Not applicable

Fully Article X. <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI>- and/or Consultant Selection Policy <http://lcnnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in "Executive Summary")

Section 2-38 <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in "Executive Summary," attach documentation, as needed)

For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the Technology Governance Committee <<http://lcnnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf>> ("Yes," if checked)

Other (Please describe in Executive Summary)

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Consistency with Vision 2028 <<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm>>

(check all that apply):

Not applicable

Well-being of Residents

Public Safety

Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery

Economic Development

Infrastructure

County Workforce

Community Collaboration

Business Process Efficiency

Clear Lake

Recommended Action:

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