DEPARTMENT: Human Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Please see attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $

Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No  ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $500 FY '05-'06 and $18,000 FY '06-'07

Additional Funding Needed: $

Source:

Internal Transfer

Unanticipated Revenue  4/5’s vote

Transfer Between Funds  4/5’s vote

Contingency  4/5’s vote

( ) General  ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:


Vote – Ayes:  Noes:  Absent: ______

( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:       Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

County of Mariposa, State of California

By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

( ) Requested Action Recommended

( ) No Opinion

Comments:

( ) No Action Necessary

CAO: 

Date:  

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Board Memo (2 Pages)

Contract for Services (10 Pages)
June 12, 2006

To: Members Board of Supervisors
   Mike Coffield
From: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
Re: Social Services / Request to Enter into a Contract for a Foster Family Receiving Home in Mariposa County

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve the attached contract for a Mariposa County Foster Family Receiving Home in Mariposa County; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the contract.

Background and Current Situation

Mariposa County currently does not have receiving homes available for children who must be removed from their parents or caretakers due to maltreatment. As a result, children sometimes have to wait for hours while a social worker attempts to find a foster home willing to take them. This is difficult for the child and it creates a situation in which social workers have to place a child rapidly without time to match the child's needs with the type of child a foster parent has indicated they would prefer be placed in their home.

Your Board authorized the use of a receiving home and money was budgeted for that purpose. However, it took time to find a family interested in providing these services and for them to complete the mandated training. The family that the department wishes to contract with, whose name is withheld on the public contract to protect the location of their home, has done more to learn about maltreated children than is required by regulation. Even when they had no children in their home, they participated monthly in foster parent trainings. Such training is not mandated and several of our best foster families attend on a regular basis.

The purpose of the Mariposa County Foster Family Receiving Home (RH) would be twofold: (1) to decrease the emotional trauma to a Mariposa child removed from home through more rapid placement into a licensed or certified foster (receiving) home that will be immediately available only to Mariposa County Social Services Child Welfare and Protection Unit; and (2) provide short-term (hopefully no more than 30 days) placement in the RH while the foster child is being evaluated and matched to a family member or longer-term foster placement. The proposed receiving home will make available 3 beds and 1 crib. We will pay a receiving home rate for the 3 beds. If a baby is placed, we can pay the regular foster care rate for the baby.

Unlike a foster home, a receiving home is available to accept a child immediately. Receiving homes across the country are subsidized due to the immediacy requirement. As discussed with your Board, we need to subsidize the RH to make beds available by paying a monthly fee for each bed when children are not in place. When placed, the fee reverts to the regular payment scale for that child. The RH parents will need to be much more available than other foster parents, and the RH parents will need to continue to receive enhanced training.
Fiscal

The anticipated cost of this contract is $18,500. There is no county cost required to support this contract. State, Federal and realignment dollars will fund this much needed service. Costs are budgeted for the last ten (10) days of FY 2005-06 and for FY 2006-07.

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