

DEPARTMENT: Human Services Department

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Res. 11-44

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Authorize the Department of Human Services to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) and Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds for FYs 2011-2013

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: Mariposa County has received these funds released through the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) for over twenty years. These funds are required to be released through an RFP process based on the identified needs. A comprehensive review of Child Welfare Services entitled Mariposa County Self-Assessment was completed in January of 2010 and approved by your Board with Resolution 10-78. Subsequent to that the Department developed a Child and Family Services Review System Improvement Plan which identified strategies and improvements specifically for our community. That Plan was approved by your Board on May 25, 2010, Resolution 10-252. The strategies we are targeting for the OCAP funds are Differential Response (DR) Services and Parenting, including in-home, services.

DR is an evidence-based strategy to ensure child safety by expanding the ability of child welfare agencies to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect. In the proposed Mariposa DR program, all incoming child abuse/neglect reports will be triaged based upon the risk to the child(ren), and an appropriate and timely response by supervised Community based responders.

OCAP funds are on a three-year cycle. The cycle began in May of 2010. Your Board authorized a continuation of the existing contract with Mariposa Safe Families, Inc. through June of 2011. This proposal is for the remaining two years of the three-year cycle, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Annual funding has been \$60,000 for CAPIT and \$30,000 of which the Department retains 10% for contract oversight and reporting to the State. The CBCAP allocation is typically \$30,000, however \$20,000 of those funds are directed to the Children's Trust Fund. The total of the available funds for this RFP is approximately \$64,000 for each fiscal year.

The following is the proposed timetable for this RFP:

Proposed Release Date: February 11, 2011

Questions for Proposed Workshop: February 28, 2011

Bidders Workshop: March 14, 2011

Proposals Due: April 1, 2011

The Department will be returning to the Board with recommendations as a result of the RFP process.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: The Board may choose to not approve this RFP or the implementation of this program, approve it at a decreased amount, direct Social Services to perform the work with County staff, or designate a contractor. Local community social services providers have a growing expertise in providing these types of services to families, and provide a very cost effective model compared to the costs associated with County staff that would have to be redirected or hired to perform in this role. The alternatives are therefore not recommended as this would result in a reduction, delay in service or elimination of services provided to parents who have been referred to child welfare but the allegations do not warrant an open case. As Mariposa's

County SIP plan included Differential Response as a key component, another strategy would have to be pursued, or SIP significantly amended.

Financial Impact? Yes () No Current FY Cost: \$ 65,744 Annual Recurring Cost: \$ 65,744

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

Amount in Budget: \$ 84,588

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Additional Funding Needed: \$ 0.00

None

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:

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Vote - Ayes: 3 Noes: _____

Absent: _____

MW

Approved

() 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:

CAO: *RJB*