DEPARTMENT: Human Services/CPS

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board: (1) ratify a mini grant that was forwarded to the First 5/Proposition 10 Committee; and (2) authorize the Department to submit the grant to other funders if an award is not made.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please See Attached Memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please See Attached Memo.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes  [X] No  Current FY Cost: $  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted in Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ ____________
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:

Res. No.  Ord. No.  ______
Vote – Ayes: ______  Noes: ______  Absent: ______  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:  ____________

Revised Dec. 2002
March 8, 2004

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
    Rich Inman, CAO
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Child Welfare and Protection / Mini Grant Proposal to First 5 Commission

Recommendation

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Information

In conjunction with the Red Cross, and with the support of the Child Death Review Committee members, Human Services Child Welfare/Protection submitted a mini grant to the First 5 Commission. There was a strict deadline associated with the submittal of the grant. Should the mini grant be awarded, which is somewhat doubtful given how fast the grant was written, your Board could either accept or reject the funds.

This grant would allow the Department and the local chapter of the Red Cross to implement a project that will attempt to prevent infant and child drowning in this County. This program promotes a Designated Buddy, an identified person to watch a particular child. Sometimes family members and friends all report that they thought someone else was watching the child. This County has suffered two infant deaths in the past year but such loss is not limited to this County. Fresno County's Child Death Review Committee has heard about this effort and called for assistance. Brochures are drafted but money is needed to print brochures and to get them distributed in this County as well as send copies to other jurisdictions. If the project is successful in this County, the Red Cross will launch the project nation wide.

This project was created and developed by Dorothy Langworthy, Child Welfare Supervisor. She and her social workers have assisted local families through the shock and first stages of grief when they have lost children. Although this is not strictly a child welfare/protection issue, it is important to our community. A copy of the grant proposal and the brochure is attached for your information.

Financial

The maximum amount that the Department could request was $5,000. If this mini grant is not awarded, upon your approval, the department will seek additional funds elsewhere.