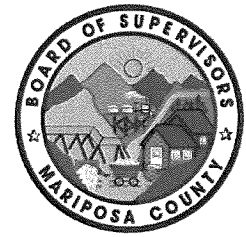


MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-306

MEETING: May 25, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: CDBG Economic Development Grant for Childcare Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Approving Submission of a Grant Application to Fund a Childcare Feasibility Study; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Pertaining to this Grant (Subject to County Counsel Approval as to Legal Form).

Mariposa County has experienced a shortage of childcare options for several years. Seventeen percent (17%) of Mariposa County residents are under eighteen (18) years of age. Of these, as many as two thousand children under the age of twelve (12) need care from someone other than their parent(s) or guardian(s) for at least a portion of the day.

Mariposa County has approximately 406 childcare slots available across the county. Of those, 53 slots are with preschool programs that only offer half-day programs on days when public schools are in session. Another 40 childcare slots are located either inside Yosemite National Park or just outside the boundary and serve employees of the National Park Service or related contractors. The remaining 313 childcare slots are provided by family home childcare providers with varying levels of experience and space to provide services.

The lack of options has a long-term effect on employment. Single-parent families or families with multiple wage earners depend on childcare to go to work. Many workers have multiple jobs or work in industries, such as hospitality or law enforcement, that require weekend and overnight childcare options that can be a challenge for providers and even friends and family. The challenge is made more difficult in the context of a 14.9% poverty rate that indicates many workers' limited ability to pay for services.

A needs assessment survey conducted in the Fall of 2019 by First 5 Mariposa, in conjunction with the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Department, found a critical need for quality childcare services available outside of regular school and work hours. Although telework has become more common since the conclusion of that assessment, many teleworkers have a limited ability to observe primarily older children but have not been able to meet the increasing need caused by temporary school closures or quarantines and the implementation of distance learning.

This application would provide funds to assess childcare needs in Mariposa County, explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the local childcare industry, and evaluate the feasibility a childcare center with extended availability. Study results will be used in partnership with First 5 Mariposa to develop and attract additional childcare options and programs to Mariposa County. CDBG's economic development grant guidelines include projects relating to childcare facilities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

A childcare needs assessment was approved by the BoS and completed by HHSA and First Five Mariposa in 2019.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve. The County would forgo using CDBG funds and County staff would explore other grant opportunities to fund the feasibility study.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action would request \$75,000 in grant funds from CDBG, which, if approved, would be incorporated into the FY 21-22 Adopted Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Grant Application Exhibit E (PDF)

Mariposa BOS Resolution_Childcare Feasibility Study_May 18 (PDF)

PPT for CDBG Grant Application for Childcare Feasibility Study (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-306**

**Adopt a Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and Authorizing the
Board of Supervisors to
Sign the Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the
State CDBG ED (Economic Development) Funding**

BE IT RESOLVED by the **County Board of Supervisors** of the **County** of Mariposa as follows:

SECTION 1:

The County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves an application in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a Childcare Feasibility Study.

SECTION 2:

The County acknowledges compliance with state and federal public participation requirements in the development of this application.

SECTION 3:

The County hereby authorizes and directs the Board Chair, to sign this application and act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

SECTION 4:

If the application is approved, the Board Chair is authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of this grant.

SECTION 5:

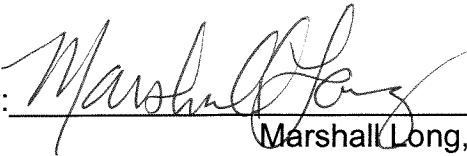
If the application is approved, the Board Chair is authorized to sign Funds Requests and other required reporting forms.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the **County Board of Supervisors** of the **County** of Mariposa held on May 25, 2021 by the following vote:


AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

By: 
Marshall Long, Board Chair
Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Legal Form

By: 
Steve W. Dahlem
County Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Mariposa

I, Rene LaRoche, County Clerk of the County of Mariposa, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST: Rene LaRoche
County Clerk of the County of
Mariposa County, State of California

By: 
Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board