



**AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b> Approve six contract amendments with local family resource centers totaling \$200,000 for the period of November 23, 2010 through June 30, 2012, for basic needs assistance to families with children 0-5		<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>  November 23, 2010	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>  7
<b>Dept:</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>Extension:</b>	First 5 Solano/CAO Christina Arrostuto, Executive Director 1340	<b>Supervisorial District Number</b>  ALL	
	<b>Published Notice Required?</b>	Yes _____	No <u> X </u>
	<b>Public Hearing Required?</b>	Yes _____	No <u> X </u>

**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission recommends that the Board approve six contract amendments with local family resource centers totaling \$200,000 for the period of November 23, 2010 through June 30, 2012, for basic needs assistance to families with children 0-5.

**SUMMARY:**

In June 2010, the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission allocated a \$1 million "Community Stability Fund" to address short-term community need resulting from the economic downturn. This fund provided a proactive vehicle for the Commission to protect its current investments and support the overall safety and well-being of the county's youngest children, their families, and providers of services.

After several months of research and deliberation, the Commission approved deployment of up to \$200,000 over two fiscal years (FY2010/11 and FY2011/12) specifically to meet basic needs such as avoidance of homelessness and utility shutoff. This submittal addresses the six contracts the First 5 Solano Commission has approved for dispersing these additional basic needs resources. Programmatic detail about each contract is set forth in the "Discussion" section of this item; contract cost and term details are found in Attachment A.

**FINANCING:**

Funding for these activities is included in the First 5 Solano Commission's FY2010/11 approved budget. First 5 Solano is funded by "Proposition 10" tobacco tax revenues. There is no cost to the General Fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

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The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is dedicated to promoting, supporting, and improving early childhood development by fostering and partnering with community resources and programs that support healthy children, families, and community. To achieve these goals, the Commission uses a community-driven strategic planning process to develop its priorities, goals, results expected, and program or initiative areas to be funded. The Commission also relies on its long-term financial plan and mid-term program investment plan to allocate funds and establish services.

In FY2009/10, the Commission established a \$1 million Community Stability Fund (CSF) to provide one-time assistance to expectant parents, children aged 0-5 and their families who have urgent basic needs with assistance, defined primarily as contributions for housing, overdue utility payments, food and transportation assistance. These additional resources are targeted to families of children aged 0-5 that are adversely impacted by the economic downturn. The funds--\$100,000 per year for FY2010/11 and FY2011/12 – will be deployed via the Family Resource Centers (FRC), using existing criteria and mechanisms for basic needs services. Each FRC was allocated an amount based on the local population for that geographic area.

To support the deployment of these funds, existing FRC contracts and scopes of work have been expanded and modified. These amended grants will continue to conform to First 5 Solano reporting and evaluation policies, including reports on the challenges and benefits of their projects, as well as submission of demographic and aggregate data on services and performance measures data. These grants will be assessed for accountability and outcomes achieved along with other First 5 investments as part of the overall First 5 Solano evaluation.

There are six contract amendments in this submittal. They are to provide additional basic needs resources to alleviate impacts of the economic downturn on families with children ages 0-5 in accordance with the Commission's Community Stability Fund: Basic Needs Plan criteria and as outlined as follows:

### **Contract Amendments**

**Contract #2007-301, Benicia Police Department** *"Integrated Family Support Initiative Family Resource Center"* for an additional amount of up to \$14,688 over two fiscal years (total \$225,252 for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012), to provide basic needs resources to families with children ages 0-5.

**Contract #2007-302, Dixon Family Services** *"Integrated Family Support Initiative Family Resource Center"* for an additional amount of up to \$9,810 over two fiscal years (total \$354,428 for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012), to provide basic needs resources to families with children ages 0-5.

**Contract #2007-303, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District** *"Integrated Family Support Initiative Family Resource Centers"* for additional amount of up to \$64,986 over two fiscal years (total \$840,835 for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012), to provide basic needs resources to families with children ages 0-5.

**Contract #2007-304, Fighting Back Partnership** *"Integrated Family Support Initiative Family Resource Centers"* for an additional amount of up to \$58,310 over two fiscal years (total \$916,741 for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012), to provide basic needs resources to families with children ages 0-5.

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**Contract #2007-306, Vacaville Police Department** *"Integrated Family Support Initiative Family Resource Center"* for an additional amount of up to \$46,778 over two fiscal years (total \$245,270 for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012), to provide basic needs resources to families with children ages 0-5.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could request clarification of any contract amendment or remand any contract amendment back to the Department for revision. This is not recommended because this will result in the delay of new services, with negative consequences for young children and their families.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

These contract amendments have been reviewed by County Counsel.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:**



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**Christina Arrostuto, Executive Director**

Attachment A: Summary List of Contract Amendments (Actual contract documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board)