



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM TITLE Approve a second amendment and an extension to the contract with Dixon Unified School District for \$199,402 increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract from \$899,190 to \$1,098,572 to provide School Readiness services for an additional twelve months, and extend the term through June 30, 2012; Authorize the County Administrator to approve and execute any future contract amendments that remain within budgeted appropriations or are limited to minor modifications to scope of services and/or terms and conditions		BOARD MEETING DATE June 14, 2011	AGENDA NUMBER 11
Dept: Contact: Extension:	First 5 Solano/CAO Christina Arrostuto, Executive Director (707) 784 -1340	Supervisorial District Number ALL	
	Published Notice Required?	Yes _____	No <u> X </u>
	Public Hearing Required?	Yes _____	No <u> X </u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

In May 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved a four-year contract (FY2007/08 – FY2010/11) for the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission/Solano County School Readiness Initiative, Dixon Unified School District (DUSD) School Readiness Program. In May 2011, the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission allocated additional funds for DUSD School Readiness to continue services in the Dixon area one additional year.

First 5 Solano funds a total of (4) four-year school readiness contracts in its FY2007-2012 funding cycle. The Dixon school readiness site was launched one year earlier and therefore ends one year sooner than the three remaining sites. This extension allows for services for one additional year in the Dixon area, to continue needed services in the area and have data for four school readiness sites through FY2011/12.

FINANCING:

Funding for this contract is included in the First 5 Solano Commission's FY2011/12 budget. First 5 Solano is funded by "Proposition 10" tobacco tax revenues. There is no cost to the General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

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.

First 5 Solano and First 5 California have jointly funded a statewide School Readiness Initiative in Solano County since 2003. Dollar-for-dollar match funding was allocated by First 5 California in 2 separate, four-year funding cycles. Three of the four elementary school sites in Solano are funded¹ in this manner. The Dixon Unified School District (DUSD) program launched one year prior to the other three sites. First 5 California match funding for this site is not available for FY2011/12.

First 5 Solano, which had previously allocated its 50% share for the DUSD program, elected to fully fund this site with local First 5 dollars. This allows all four programs, which operate as a collaborative, to remain fully-functional through the end of the Commission's current 5-year funding cycle (2007-2012). The Commission deliberated on this item in the context of the current economic circumstances brought on by the passage of state legislation to sweep local First 5 funding, and determined that this allocation was needed, appropriate and within its means.

Data has been collected on evidence-based services documenting the social/emotional and academic gains of participating children. The First 5 Solano Commission would like to continue services in the Dixon area and collect one final year of data from all four school readiness sites as they complete a strategic planning process for their next funding cycle.

The proposed amendment to the Dixon USD Contract #2007-201 will increase the contract by \$199,240 in additional funds and extend the agreement through the end of FY2011/12 to continue school readiness services in the Anderson Elementary catchment area.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could request clarification of the contract amendment or remand the 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:

This contract amendment has been reviewed by County Counsel.

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:



Christina Arrostuto, Executive Director

Attachment A: Contract #2007-201 Amendment and Extension

¹ Contracts are with the school districts for each elementary school site: Anna Kyle/Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (USD); Anderson/Dixon USD; Markham/Vacaville USD; and Loma Vista/Vallejo City USD.

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