

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve the attached contract for a backup Mariposa County Foster Family Receiving Home in Mariposa County; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the contract.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$500 FY '05-06		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
	\$18,000 FY '06-07	
Additional Funding Needed: \$ <u>0</u>		Board Memo, Page 1-2
Source:		Agreement, Pages 3-11
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.: 06-538 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
Absent: DFitz
 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: [Signature]



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CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

November 6, 2006

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Rick Benson, CAO

FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly

RE: Social Services / Request to Enter into a Contract for a Foster Family Receiving Home in Mariposa County



Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve the attached contract for a backup Mariposa County Foster Family Receiving Home; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the contract.

Background Information and Current Situation

Mariposa County currently has one Foster Family Receiving Home (RH) available for children who must be removed from their parents or caretakers due to maltreatment. Your Board approved the Receiving Home on June 27, 2006 (Resolution Number: 06-297). The purpose of the RH is twofold: (1) to decrease the emotional trauma to a Mariposa child removed from home through more rapid placement into a licensed or certified foster (receiving) home that is immediately available only to Mariposa County Social Services Child Welfare and Protection Unit; and (2) to provide short-term (usually no more than 30-45 days) placement in the RH while the foster child is being evaluated and matched to a family member or longer-term foster placement. The current foster family receiving home has available three (3) beds and 1 crib. However, they can take an additional infant making the total bed capacity (5). We pay the receiving home rate for three (3) beds. If babies or infants are placed, we pay the regular foster care rate for them.

Occasionally, the receiving home foster family is not available due to personal reasons. Rather than not having RH services available during that time, the department wishes to engage a second foster family to provide backup receiving home services. The family that the department wishes to contract with, whose name is withheld on the public contract to protect the location of their home, is interested in providing these services and has completed the mandatory training.

The RH is subsidized due to the immediacy requirement; we pay a monthly fee for each bed when children are not in placement. When a child is placed, the fee reverts to the regular payment scale for the child. The RH family is required to be much more available than other foster parents, and the RH parents will need to continue to receive enhanced training.

However, only the RH performing primary RH services will be eligible for this subsidy. Currently, we have one foster family performing these services. Should the family be unable to perform them for a period of time, the backup foster family will take over primary RH services for that period and be subsidized in the same manner.

Financial

The annual cost of the contract with the current foster family receiving home is \$18,000. There is no county cost required to support this contract. State, Federal and realignment dollars fund this service. Costs are budgeted for FY 2006-07 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2006-07	3 beds x \$500 x 12 months = \$18,000.00

The second foster family receiving home contract will draw funds from the original contract; no additional funds need to be budgeted. When the primary foster family is not available to provide services for any part of a month, the backup foster family will take over RH services and will receive the applicable prorated portion of the monthly payment.