



Legislation Text

File #: 22-1070, **Version:** 1

Library Department recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 6724 with First 5 El Dorado Commission to provide funding for the Library to provide professional services for the Community Hubs for a total amount of \$381,500 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 6724, including amendments which do not increase net county cost or change the term of the Agreement, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: First 5 El Dorado Grant.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Community Hubs are a partnership between First 5 El Dorado, the El Dorado County (EDC) Library, EDC Early Care and Education Planning Council, EDC Child Abuse Prevention Council, and EDC Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The Community Hubs' vision is to create healthy and strong communities throughout El Dorado County by building resiliency with families through collaborative community-based prevention and early intervention services. Community Hubs are organized by Supervisorial and Educational Districts and provide services in libraries, schools, childcare centers, and other locations where families with children naturally gather. Each Hub is staffed by a team of family engagement, literacy, and health specialists who offer classes, groups, and activities for expectant parents and families with children ages 0-18 and adults. The Board approved prior agreement 071-F1711 that provided similar services for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, on June 28, 2016 with Legistar item 16-0554, and prior Agreement for Services 5766 that is almost identical in scope, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 20, 2022 on June 29, 2021 with Legistar item 21-0897. Community Hubs are unique in that they leverage a variety of public funds and collaborative partners.

The partnership revised the Community Hubs team model (Hubs 2.0) last year to having three navigators: one Hub Navigator based at the library to facilitate a connection to services for all community members (birth through death), one Library Navigator to coordinate access to and promotion of library services across all ages, and one Community Navigator to engage populations outside the library who experience barriers to accessing services such as transportation, language, or knowledge.

Agreement for Services 6724 funds the provision of professional services for Community Hubs 2.0 including Early Literacy, Navigation, Hub Coordination and Child Care Outreach that support the Goals and Objectives of the STRATEGIC PLAN of the First 5 El Dorado Commission. Agreement for Services 6724 also provides El Dorado County with funding for Early Childhood Literacy Specialists to train and assist childcare providers at Family Child Care sites as part of an innovative program that partners with the El Dorado County Office of Education to support high quality child care in the County.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to accept the grant funds; however, Community Hub services at the library and in the community will be significantly curtailed, or would require a General Fund contribution to continue.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

06/29/2021 Legistar item 21-0897 - Hub 2.0 Agreement

06/25/2019 Legistar item 19-0861 - Amendment 3 to prior agreement

11/13/2018 Legistar item 18-1643 - Amendment 2 to prior agreement

06/20/2017 and 06/28/2016 Legistar item 16-0554 Version 1 & 2 - Amendment 1 and prior agreement approval

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

First 5 El Dorado Commission and County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Agreement for Services 6724 provides \$381,500 in funding for Community Hubs from the First 5 El Dorado Commission. This funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Recommended Budget to partially offset the General Fund Cost of the Community Hubs program.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on two originals for each agreement and return one fully executed original of each agreement to the Library.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Healthy Communities.

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