



Legislation Text

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Child Support Services recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign retroactive Contract No. 099-M1511 with the Superior Court of California, authorizing the Revenue Recovery Division to collect for the cost of dependency-related legal services as ordered by the court, for the term July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016 with an automatic renewal thereafter for one year.

FUNDING: Revenue from collecting dependency-related court debt.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on Net County Cost. Being a new program, the actual amount of revenue that will be received is unknown and dependent on the number of referrals. The time and effort expended by staff for this new program will be in conjunction with the staff time and efforts currently devoted to the Superior Court Comprehensive Court Collection program.

Background

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 903.47, the Judicial Council has established the Juvenile Dependency Program (JDCCP) effective January 1, 2013. The purpose of this program is to collect reimbursements from the person liable for the cost of counsel appointed to represent parents or minors in dependency proceedings pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 903.1.

Reason for Recommendation

The Court is required to implement the JDCCP program at the local level. The Revenue Recovery Division is the agency which currently collects delinquent debt for the Court as well as for other county departments. The Revenue Recovery Division has the trained and professional collection personnel, as well as the system and tools necessary to manage these reimbursement accounts.

Approval of this contract will provide the Superior Court with a process to comply with the requirement to implement this program locally. Additionally, this program will provide a new funding source to the Revenue Recovery Division which is a general fund program. The Court is agreeing to allow Revenue Recovery to retain 25% of the funds collected as commission.

This item is retroactive due to the length of time of the contract process.

Clerk of the Board Follow Up Actions

- 1) Chair to sign three (3) original Contracts No. 099-M1511;
- 2) Board Clerk to return two (2) signed documents to Child Support Services;
- 3) Child Support Services to return a fully executed document to the Court.

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Concurrences

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