



Legislation Text

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Approve a revenue contract with First 5 California for up to \$664,207 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 for the First 5 Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) program; and Authorize the First 5 Solano Executive Director to execute the revenue agreement and any future amendments that remain within budgeted appropriations

Published Notice Required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing Required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

First 5 Solano recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve a revenue contract with First 5 California for up to \$664,207 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 for the First 5 Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) program and authorize the First 5 Solano Executive Director to execute the revenue agreement and any future amendments that remain within budgeted appropriations.

SUMMARY:

Since 2015, First 5 Solano has received funding from First 5 California for the First 5 IMPACT program, a quality improvement and professional development system for early care and education providers. The initial funding expired June 30, 2020. In spring 2020, First 5 Solano applied as the lead agency for IMPACT 2020 and was approved by First 5 California for funding in the amount of \$664,207 over the next 3 years. First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission will provide the local required match of \$221,402 using Proposition 10 Tobacco Tax revenue. First 5 Solano will continue to partner with Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to implement the services with early care and education providers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funding from First 5 California was anticipated prior to its approval, and funding for both the revenue and expenditure is included in the FY2020/21 Preliminary Budget. First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission will provide the local required match of \$221,402 using Proposition 10 Tobacco Tax revenue. There is no impact the County General Fund. The cost associated with preparing this Board item are nominal and absorbed by the Department's FY2020/21 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

First 5 IMPACT is a statewide program of First 5 California which aims to increase the number of early learning settings engaged in quality improvement activities throughout the state. First 5 California believes that by supporting early learning sites to achieve high-quality standards, more of California's children will enter school with the skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to be successful. In addition, First 5 IMPACT provides families the information and support they need to promote and optimize their children's development and learning, both inside and outside the home.

Since 2015, First 5 Solano has contracted with SCOE to successfully implement the work of IMPACT. SCOE is able to braid IMPACT funding with additional state quality improvement funding, such as the California State Preschool Program Quality Rating and Improvement System Block Grant, to successfully develop and

convene an early learning consortium, and provide early learning supports through its quality early learning system known as Quality Counts Solano.

Quality Counts Solano has engaged over 70 early care and education providers in Solano County to improve the quality of their programs through on-site coaching support, professional development opportunities, site incentives and technical assistance. Each site has developed a quality improvement plan which includes multiple early learning quality elements, such as teacher-child interactions and family engagement, and outlines interventions to improve based on the needs of the individual sites.

In January 2020, First 5 California released a Request for Applications for the First 5 IMPACT 2020 program in conjunction with the Quality Counts California Local Consortia and Partnership Grant (QCC) for FY2020/21 through FY2022/23. First 5 Solano and SCOE partnered on completing the grant application with First 5 Solano applying as the lead agency for the IMPACT grant and SCOE as the lead agency for the QCC grant. Both agencies received full funding.

This item brings forward a recommendation to approve the revenue agreement with First 5 California to receive the funding. In anticipation of the revenue agreement, the expenditure contract with SCOE was approved by your Board on June 23, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could not approve the revenue agreement with First 5 California. This is not recommended as the funding will assist in improving the quality of early care and education sites in Solano County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The revenue contract has been approved by County Counsel.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION