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SUBJECT: Request for Appropriation Modification Increasing Revenue and Expenditures for Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal-Learn Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 184 - \$80,000 increasing reimbursement and expenditures for Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal-Learn Services in the Public Health Department budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of this action. This action will align the County budget with revenues collected and expenses incurred for the operation of the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) and Cal-Learn programs. This one-time supplemental funding is being used to increase contract services. Funding sources for the programs include: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Federal Title V MCH Block Grant funds; and Federal Title XIX (Medicaid) funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Public Health Department serves as contract administrator for the State-funded Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal-Learn Program. Due to a one-time mid-year net increase in funding for Cal-Learn Program services provided via the Social Services Agency, an appropriation modification is necessary to align the County budget with the revised funding allocation.

BACKGROUND

In 1986, Santa Clara County implemented the Adolescent Family Life Program, a program funded by the California Department of Public Health designed to enhance educational outcomes and improve the health, social and economic well being of pregnant and parenting adolescents in California. Using an intensive home-visitation case management model, with the goals of reducing the incidence of poor pregnancy outcomes and subsequent pregnancies while providing health, parenting and education advocacy, AFLP operated from within the Public Health Department from 1988 through June 30, 2007.

In 1993, the California Legislature enacted the Cal-Learn program, a mandatory program for pregnant and parenting adolescents receiving cash assistance through the CalWORKs Program. The Cal-Learn program is required to use the AFLP Case Management model. The difference between the two programs is that Cal-Learn program clients must participate in a full-time educational program to be eligible for financial rewards and ancillary services (childcare and transportation). Since 1994, the Social Services Agency has had an interdepartmental agreement with the Public Health Department to administer the local Cal-Learn program.

Due to inadequate funding for continued operation of these programs and increasing supplements from the County General Fund to the Public Health Department, the Board of Supervisors accepted the recommendation from the Public Health Department and the Social Services Agency to issue a joint departmental Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Adolescent Family Life Program and the Cal-Learn Program for a three year period beginning July 1, 2007.

On April 24, 2007, after an extensive RFP process, the Board of Supervisors approved delegation of authority to the Director of Public Health to execute and amend an agreement with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte for Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal-Learn Services for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with option for two one-year extensions. This delegation of authority expires on June 30, 2010.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact the department's ability to align the County budget with revenues collected and expenses incurred for these programs.

ATTACHMENTS

- AFLP/CalLearn