



**Agenda Item 1**  
**July 1, 2015**

**DATE:** June 19, 2015

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Southern California Grantmakers Regional Association

**ACTION:** Approve a one-year membership to the Southern California Grantmakers Regional Association

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**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County’s Business Plan is focused on addressing sustainability for funded programs for young children and families. The Southern California Grantmakers is a regional association for networking with philanthropic leaders and grantmakers that are interested in the public good. An annual membership to the Southern California Grantmakers is requested to further the Business Plan objective to develop strategic partnerships.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) is a regional association of philanthropic leaders whose mission is to support and advance effective, responsible philanthropy for the public good. Their members include family, community, private, corporate and public foundations, as well as individual grantmakers. The Southern California Grantmakers is a regional association for philanthropists and grantmakers. The organization is a leadership hub for members to connect with each other, improve grantmaking and amplify independent efforts through collaborative work.

Southern California Grantmakers connects grantmakers across Southern California through sector-wide conferences, trainings, networking opportunities, funder convening, and providing space for collaboration and coordinated action on critical issues. Southern California Grantmakers support and advance effective and responsible grantmaking for the public good in eight Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

Membership in the Southern California Grantmakers is consistent with the approved FY 2015/16 Business Plan and the focus on sustainability strategies. It provides an opportunity for Commission management to network and collaborate with other funders in the Southern California region, promote the successful impact of Commission-funded programs, and foster greater collaboration among funders.

The Commission Executive Director has participated in multiple events hosted by the SCG over the past year to confirm the value of SCG sponsored events. Several events, for example, focused on the “Pay for Success” projects in the state and nationally and provided an opportunity to highlight the

Commission's projects. An annual membership for ongoing participation in the programs and events offered by the SCG is recommended and aligns with the Commission's Business Plan objective to develop strategic partnerships.

**STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

This item and the recommended action have been reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and are consistent with applicable goals. The total funding amount of \$6,667 is included in the FY 2015/16 budget in the Memberships category.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS**

- May 2015 - Approved FY 2015/16 Business Plan

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve a one-year membership to the Southern California Grantmakers Regional Association for a total membership fee not to exceed \$6,667 for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

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