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Agenda Item No. 5
July 1, 2009 Meeting

DATE: June 23, 2009

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Match Funds for Strengthening Communities Federal Grant Award

SUMMARY:
The Administration of Children and Families, Office of Community Services, recently announced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. This program includes a request for applications for new cooperative agreements with experienced organizations to provide nonprofit organizations with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance and encourages applicants to engage AmeriCorps*VISTA members in building organizational sustainability. Orangewood Children's Foundation is leading a collaborative proposal effort in Orange County in partnership with the Volunteer Center of Orange County. Approval to support the Orangewood proposal by providing the required $250,000 match funding to the $1 million Federal grant proposal is recommended.

Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program
The focus of this Federal grant program is to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to state and Federal benefits and tax credits. ARRA is providing $34 million to fund an estimated 34 awards nationwide. ARRA grant awardees must provide $250,000 as a required match amount for total project budget $1,250,000 ($1 million Federal grant award and $250,000 local match amount). This grant opportunity also provides preference to applicants that incorporate the use of AmeriCorps*VISTA members in their delivery of capacity building services. Successful applicants will be notified in September 2009.

Orangewood and the Volunteer Center of Orange County have partnered, with Commission staff support, to design a strategic tiered approach to building organizational capacity in Orange County. The proposal is modeled after the Commission's successful Capacity Building Grant program with workshops, technical assistance, organizational assessments, and financial awards to Orange County nonprofit organizations. The proposal is designed to strengthen the capacity of Orange County's safety net service providers, specifically those serving families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) support and targeted at Orange County's Family Resource Centers. Partnerships with the Orange County Social Services Agency and their subcontractors, the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, and the faith based community will further strengthen Orangewood's ability to provide effective capacity building trainings to nonprofit organizations in Orange County.

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Three of the Commission's AmeriCorps*VISTA members, recently allocated through the separate ARRA designation, will be used to support this program. Specifically the members will participate in activities to build organizational sustainability and assist nonprofit organizations in recruiting, retaining, and managing volunteers.

Providing the required cash match by leveraging existing capacity building funds already allocated in the FY 2009-2010 Commission budget is recommended. The Commission's FY 2009-2010 budget allocates $750,000 for matching grants linking to capacity building activities. Entering into a future Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation/CONNECT in the amount of $250,000 contingent on the award of the federal grant is recommended.

Due to the worsening economic climate and the pressure on the safety net and other non profit organizations an immediate allocation of $75,000 to Orangewood Children's Foundation/CONNECT through a second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 to provide technical assistance and one-on-one services to Commission grantees facing budget reductions, opportunities to merge with other organizations, or shared services is recommended. While CONNECT is planning a robust technical assistance program for FY 2009-2010 the $75,000 represents a 25 percent decrease from last years allocation.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and the Amendment is consistent with the Capacity Building goal, and is designed to further a consumer-oriented, easily accessible system of services that is responsive to local needs and achieves results, among others.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

1. May 2008 – Approved the agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood/CONNECT to provide program administration of the Orange County AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA program
2. April 2009 – Approved a First Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 for a one year extension through June 30, 2010 with level funding
3. May 2009 – Approved expansion of the AmeriCorps*VISTA program in Orange County and statewide to add an additional 13 VISTA members allocated by CNCS through ARRA.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate a Second Amendment to Agreement to FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to add an amount not to exceed $75,000 and a new maximum payment obligation not to exceed $603,000 for the provision of capacity building services.
2. Additionally, authorize Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate an Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to add an amount not to exceed $250,000 for a new maximum payment obligation not to exceed

$853,000, contingent upon award of the federal grant, to satisfy Commission's cash match requirement for services to be provided consistent with the grant application

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution for Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation.
2. Resolution for future Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation contingent on federal grant award.

Contact: Kim Goll

Attachment 1

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-09-C&FC

July 1, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE, AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FCI-A6-01 WITH ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the "Act") implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County's children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2008 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to provide Capacity Building services for Commission Grantees.

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2009 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a First Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to continue to provide Capacity Building services for Commission Grantees through June 30, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," to provide additional Capacity Building services to Commission Grantees and adding an amount not to exceed $75,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed $603,000 as specified in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item, and

WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to enter into the Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Amendment to Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report relating to the Scope of Services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Second Amendment to Agreement is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2 Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation adding an amount not to exceed $75,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed $603,000 to provide additional Capacity Building services for Commission Grantees in Orange County consistent with the July 1, 2009 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the final Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Second Amendment to Agreement by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with the Contractor, adding an amount not to exceed $75,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation of $603,000 as specified in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item to provide additional Capacity Building services to Commission Grantees as specified in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item.

Section 5 The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final Second Amendment to Agreement when executed by the Commission Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Commission shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibit A to this Resolution. Exhibit A is hereby fully incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference and made a part hereof. The final executed Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

Section 7 In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director, or designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Amendments to Agreement(s), (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement(s), and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement(s) in the furtherance thereof.

Section 8 The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on July 1, 2009 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

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CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

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DARLENE J. BLOOM
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: __-09-C&FC

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By:_____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final executed Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation)

Attachment 2

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-09-C&FC

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WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the "Act") implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County ("Commission"); and

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WHEREAS, On July 1, 2009 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation to provide additional Capacity Building services for Commission Grantees.

WHEREAS, Orangewood Children's Foundation is leading a collaborative effort in Orange County in partnership with the Volunteer Center of Orange County to submit a proposal for federal grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program that includes a cash match component.

WHEREAS, contingent on the award of federal grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program to Orangewood Children's Foundation, Commission desires to enter into an Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 with Orangewood Children's Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," adding an amount not to exceed $250,000 for a total Maximum Payment Obligation not to exceed $853,000 to satisfy the required cash match to receive federal grant funding as specified in the July 1, 2009 staff report for this Agenda Item, and

WHEREAS, contingent on the award of federal grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program, the Contractor desires to enter into an Amendment to Agreement FCI-A6-01 in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Amendment to Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report relating to the Scope of Services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that, contingent on the award of federal grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund – Nonprofit Capacity Building Program to the Contractor, the proposed Amendment to Agreement is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

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