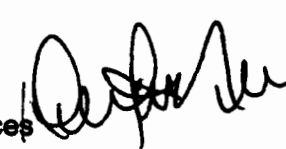




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DATE: February 24, 2015
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Delfino E. Neira, Director, Department of Social Services 
SUBJECT: Amendment I to Agreement with California State Association of Counties for Welfare Client Data Systems Management Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment I to Agreement A-14-339 with the California State Association of Counties for Welfare Client Data Systems management services. The Agreement term is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (\$3,427,903).

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County of Fresno to continue participation in the Welfare Client Data Systems (WCDS) Consortium, a group of 18 California counties, for FY 2014-15 by increasing funding for additional WCDS staff. WCDS provides management services for the CalWIN computer system utilized by the County to record social services client data and eligibility benefits determination and processing.

The Amendment will increase the maximum compensation amount of the Agreement from \$2,254,927 to \$3,427,903 and will be shared among the 18 CalWIN Consortium counties based on proportionate caseload size. The Department's share of cost is \$232,758, an increase of \$79,646, and will be financed with Federal and State revenues and 1991 Social Services Realignment funds, with no increase in net County cost.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

There is no viable alternative action. As a member of the 18-County WCDS Consortium, the County of Fresno is required to annually contribute a portion of the costs for WCDS management of CalWIN.

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APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in net County cost associated with the recommended action. The recommended Amendment I will increase funding for additional WCDS staff by \$1,172,976. The total cost of the FY 2014-15 Agreement (\$3,427,903) is shared among the 18 Consortium counties with each county's share determined by county caseload size. Fresno County's share of the Agreement is \$232,758, an increase of \$79,646. The County share of cost (\$14,864) after Federal and State reimbursement from the CalWIN allocation will be funded through 1991 Social Services Realignment. Sufficient appropriations for the Agreement have been included in the Adopted FY 2014-15 Department of Social Services Organization 5610.

DISCUSSION:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is comprised of all 58 California counties and serves as the contracting agent for the WCDS. The WCDS Consortium is the largest of the three California consortia, managing 38% of the States caseload, and consists of the following eighteen California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Tulare, Ventura, and Yolo.

The WCDS management body is comprised of County Social Service Directors, including the County of Fresno Social Services Director, and is responsible for the administration of CalWIN for the eighteen participating counties.

An agreement between CSAC and the participating counties is required on an annual basis to fund the supporting staff and resources associated with the ongoing project. On June 17, 2014, your Board approved the County of Fresno's annual participation through Agreement A-14-339 with CSAC to provide funds to support WCDS management for FY 2014-15.

On October 27, 2014, the Department was notified by WCDS that an amendment would be required to cover the cost of additional staff required to support new governance and workload changes. The County of Fresno's original share of the FY 2014-15 Agreement (\$153,112) will be augmented with an additional \$79,646 to cover the County's share of cost for additional staff. Additional funding will increase WCDS management and staffing levels which support all ongoing CalWIN applications. Current staffing levels are based on the initial 2006 CalWIN implementation need, which through a recent WCDS reassessment has been found to be insufficient. Since initial implementation in 2006, CalWIN has expanded to include numerous tools and more specific functionality, and implemented change requests to meet state and federal requirements.

The Department has no additional contracts with CSAC. The recommended Agreement deviates from the County's standard contract format and is written in CSAC's format. If approved, the Agreement may be terminated at any time by the WCDS Board of Directors or CSAC without cause and upon sixty (60) days advanced written notice. Once executed, the Agreement may not be terminated by your Board. Upon approval by your Board and participating counties, CSAC will sign and return the final executed documents.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #46, June 17, 2014

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