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Quality Preschool Initiative - Release of Solicitation
Supporting Document

Overview:

The Commission has invested more than \$30 million in funding a Five-Year Preschool for All (PFA) Demonstration Project in eleven high risk communities in San Diego County. In September the Commission received an overview of a summative study of the PFA Demonstration Project. Commission staff has used the information from this study, community stakeholder input and best local, state and national practice research to develop a new quality preschool initiative. Staff anticipates releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) in mid-October so that the First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative services can begin in FY 2012-13. Staff is requesting Commission approval to release this solicitation.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the proposed First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to work with the County Director of Purchasing and Contracting to release a competitive solicitation for the First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative for up to \$47.1 million over three years.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$47.1 million for FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 from the Commission's allocation for the Quality Preschool Initiative. These funds were included in the 5-Year Program Allocation Plan approved by the Commission on June 13, 2011 (Item 9).

**Executive
Director
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