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**Leveraging Opportunities for First 5 San Diego**  
Supporting Document

**Overview:**

At their regular meeting on October 10, 2011, the Commission noted opportunities to link HHSA programs with First 5 San Diego and leverage various components with First 5's current and future programs. The request before the Commission is to authorize the Executive Director or her designee to develop a plan and/or multiple plans that supports joint leveraging efforts with HHSA.

Also at the October meeting, additional opportunities for future leveraging were identified as a part of the Commission approval for the Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI) Request for Proposal item in which future QPI services supporting the efforts of *Live Well, San Diego!*, were identified. Large County efforts, such as the CalFresh Nutrition Expansion Project, would also provide the opportunity for the possible leveraging of funds with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The Commission noted the opportunity to link Community Transformation Grant (CTG) funding efforts with First 5 San Diego. The CTG is a large federal grant award of over \$3 million for prevention of chronic diseases in San Diego. This grant award has the potential to bring over \$15 million to the County over the next 5 years and is the second largest Community Transformation Grant awarded to a county government in the nation

The county funded projects resulting from the CTG clearly fit with the vision and mission of First 5 San Diego for young children and their families. Additionally, linking the key strategies of CTG with First 5 programs support *Live Well, San Diego!: Building Better Health*.

**Staff Recommendations:**

- 1) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to develop a plan that supports joint leveraging efforts with Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) which includes, but is not limited to, leveraging Community Transformation Grant funds.
- 2) Direct the Executive Director to report back to the Commission before the end of this Fiscal Year with a draft plan that describes these proposed joint leveraging efforts.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:**

This is a leveraging opportunity. The full potential impact is not yet known. A plan that provides a specific analysis of joint leveraging opportunities and estimated costs will be provided prior to the end of the fiscal year.

**Executive  
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