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Action**

Grant Acceptance and Contract Amendment

Overview:

The California Department of Education has made grant funding available to 10 California regions to build capacity for certified trainers, observers, assessors, and coaches participating in Quality Rating and Improvement Systems like San Diego County's First 5-funded Quality Preschool Initiative. San Diego County comprises one region, which is eligible to receive a grant of up to \$211,066 to be expended in FY 16-17 and FY 17-18. First 5 San Diego submitted an application for this funding on the due date of January 27, 2017.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed actions are 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) Upon approval by the California Department of Education, accept a Grant for up to \$211,066.
- 3) Increase funding for the Quality Preschool Initiative in the FY 2016-17 Operating Budget up to \$211,066 to a total not to exceed the amount of up to \$14,588,343.
- 4) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to negotiate a project length budget and execute a contract amendment with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools, contract # 542056, for up to \$211,066 for a total contract amount of up to \$14,588,343 for FY 2016-17.

Fiscal Impact:

The FY 2016-17 Operating Budget will increase by up to \$211,066. Funding for this increase will come from Grant funding from the California Department of Education.

**Executive
Director
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