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Recommendation for Award: The First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative

Supporting Document

Overview:

The Commission has provided a total of \$30 million to fund the Preschool for All (PFA) Demonstration Project for six years (FY 2006-07 through FY 2011-12). The goal of PFA has been to provide high quality preschool services, completely tuition free regardless of family income, in eleven high need communities (Escondido, Valley Center/Pauma, Vista, Lemon Grove, Mountain Empire, San Ysidro, Chula Vista, South Bay, National City and Borrego Springs). In FY 2010-11, the Commission developed the design for a new Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI). The overall purpose of the QPI is to use a multi-tiered service delivery model to implement high quality preschool programs. The initiative will build upon the PFA project with an expansion into Central San Diego. The ultimate goal of the QPI is to reduce the school readiness gap in high-need communities and improve school achievement in San Diego County.

The request before the Commission is to consider approving the Source Selection Committee's recommended award for The First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative project.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the proposed Quality Preschool Initiative project allocation 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) Receive and approve the recommendations from the Source Selection Committee for contract award to San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (San Diego County Office of Education [SDCOE]).
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute a contract with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (San Diego County Office of Education [SDCOE]) for up to \$47.1 million project length budget for FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 for The First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative. Approval of this request will obligate funds for three (3) years.
- 4) Authorize two additional option periods (one-year each) for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 with funding to be approved as part of each of these fiscal year's budget approvals.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$47.1 million for FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 from the Commission's allocation for Quality Preschool. These funds are included in the 5-Year Program Allocation Plan approved by the Commission.

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