Action Item #5

June 14, 2024

ISSUE:

The Welfare and Institutions Code requires all contracts of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) or more must be approved by the governing board of the regional center.

BACKGROUND:

There is an identified need for a licensed residential facility to support children with forensic and behavioral challenges. The children's home will provide intensive support services with psychiatric needs, behavioral challenges, forensic issues and/or at risk of potential placement in a secure setting. The home will be a placement to stabilize children at risk of institutional care as well as a transitioning from secure treatment settings. CRDP funding may be awarded and is utilized to develop licensed residential facilities to support individuals in the community.

In current fiscal year (FY) 23/24 DDS has approved Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) to receive \$400,000.00 in CRDP funding to develop a licensed residential facility to support children. A portion of the overall funding will be allocated to acquisition and a portion for renovation. FNRC has approved Housing Development Organization (HDO), New Beginning Housing Foundation, to develop the project. New Beginnings Housing Foundation is a non-profit HDO established to provide "for-ever" housing with FNRC and DDS in the State of California. The project will involve acquisition and rehabilitation of existing residential property, the property will then be leased to a service provider (TBD) to support FNRC clients.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a new Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) project funded by DDS, there is no increase in Purchase of Service (POS) costs from previous fiscal year.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board approve contract PS-2734 with New Beginnings Housing Foundation (PF5474) for CRDP Start-up funding to develop a community housing project effective June 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026 for a total maximum contract amount of \$400,000.00.