



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: January 28, 2025 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc., for the provision of the #LEAD Program, in an amount not to exceed \$202,254, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in combining two separate contracts that involved multiple budget lines from different sources; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Community Services and Employment Training, Inc. (CSET) and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHS) network of partners recognize that by providing access to education pathways, work experience, and leadership development activities, we can create strong foundations for youth to break the devastating cycle of poverty. Investing in the positive development of Tulare County youth creates a better home for members of the community, empowering the next generation to become future leaders, achieve their dreams, and build a stronger local economy.

Tulare County youth benefit from programs that are tailored to meet their nuanced and changing needs, while also addressing the consistent issues of high school dropout

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rates, teenage pregnancy, gang involvement, depression, and other factors that may cause dangerous disengagement from the community.

CSET and HHSA's agency partners have championed youth initiatives that promote pathways for future economic stability, expanded education opportunities, leadership training, civic engagement, volunteerism, and work experience. The Leading, Educating, Advocating, and Dedication (LEAD) program will achieve these important objectives across supervisory districts by operating the program in Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, and Dinuba. The #LEAD program is a well-planned 7-month course that positively impacts the lives of Tulare County youth. That includes assessments, case management, group activities, supportive services, and a service learning project.

This proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 agreement will enroll approximately 140 students in #LEAD activities, approximately 30-35 youth from each service area, ensuring a diverse population will be served.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because the #LEAD program was created from an original idea in collaboration with CSET. Since its inception, the program has been a success and continues to grow and evolve from the initial establishment point.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The cost associated with this agreement is in an amount not to exceed \$202,254 and is included in HHSA's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The program is funded by HHSA and Miscellaneous Administration. The amount of each contribution is \$47,264 from HHSA and \$154,990 from Miscellaneous Administration. The cost per consumer is about \$1,443. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality-of-Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally-mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing youth facing significant life barriers with a positive support system, an opportunity to develop leadership skills, work experience, and, ultimately, a path toward self-sufficiency.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Francena Martinez

Francena Martinez

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office
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Attachments: Agreement