



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024

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	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

CONTACT PERSON: Staci Chastain PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Ratify and approve an allocation from Buckle Up for Life

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve an allocation agreement with Buckle Up for Life to receive 50 child passenger safety devices, in an amount not to exceed \$4,083, retroactive from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025. The agreement is retroactive due to the quick turnaround time of accepting the in-kind award; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to August 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement on August 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Ratify the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Deputy Director's signature on the agreement
4. Ratify and approve the Gift of Safety Acceptance Form with Buckle Up for Life, retroactive from June 10, 2024. Gift of Safety Acceptance Form is retroactive due to the quick turnaround time of accepting the in-kind award; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to June 10, 2024.
5. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the Gift of Safety Acceptance Form on June 10, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to accept the Gift of Safety Acceptance Form on that date.
6. Ratify the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Deputy Director's signature on the Gift of Safety Acceptance Form.

SUMMARY:

On April 9, 2024, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the submission of a grant application to Buckle Up for Life for child passenger safety devices.

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Buckle Up for Life aims to reduce motor vehicle-related injuries and deaths among children.

On May 31, 2024, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch was notified that it was selected as the 2024-2025 Buckle Up for Life Gift of Safety partner. As part of this partnership, the County will receive 50 child passenger safety devices at no cost to the County. The child passenger safety devices will be distributed through the County's Public Health's Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program. Distribution will be conducted on a referral basis. The Tulare County Public Health Branch operates a car seat program; referrals are received for eligible participants, and participants receive education on safety and a car seat. The car seats are limited, but this grant will expand the County's ability to increase participation by 50. This partnership aims to disseminate research-based, best-practice strategies in educational materials to Tulare County eligible residents.

As part of accepting the passenger safety devices, Buckle Up for Life required that the Gift of Safety Acceptance form be submitted by June 19, 2024. This form also required that the County sign the Curriculum & Brand Usage agreement at that time. This partnership with Buckle Up for Life will enable Tulare County to enhance its efforts in child passenger safety by distributing these safety devices. Due to the quick turnaround, HHSA was unable to take the agreement to the board for signature.

HHSA's Public Health Branch is requesting BOS approval to ratify the Public Health Deputy Director's signature on the Curriculum & Brand Usage Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Buckle Up for Life is providing HHSA 50 passenger devices with an in-kind value award of \$4,083. 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 Safety and Security initiative that promotes personal responsibility for public safety. Funding from this grant will assist the Public Health Branch in addressing and promoting child passenger safety for the residents of Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Attachment A- Buckle Up for Life Safety Application Notification
Attachment B- Buckle Up for Life Safety Welcome Letter

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Attachment C- Gift of Safety Acceptance Form

Attachment D- Curriculum & Brand Usage Agreement Form