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Dear Commissioners,

Approve the Release of Three Requests for Qualifications for Family Engagement Services Targeting Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers in the Raising Quality! Improve and Maximize Programs So All Children Thrive 2020 Program

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Commission approve the release of three Requests for Qualifications for family engagement services targeting Family, Friend and Neighbor providers in the Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) 2020 Program.

Reason for Recommendations:

The IMPACT program supports a continuum of quality for early care and education by building on Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) investments; the local program is known as *Raising Quality!*. IMPACT 2020, which begins in July 2020, will continue to promote a coordinated Early Learning and Development System in each county and across the state, and will build on and connect to current systems work and investments, as well as other federal, state, and local efforts that include training, education, developmental and health screenings, site based observations and assessments, networking, coaching and mentoring.

The emphasis in IMPACT 2020 will be on traditionally underserved child care provider types that include license exempt providers (also known as Family, Friend and Neighbor, or FFN, with a focus on grandparents), private child care centers (those not receiving state or federal funding), and family child care homes.

A portion of anticipated IMPACT 2020 funding has been allocated to provide targeted services to Grandparent FFN in the African American, Hispanic or Latino American, and Southeast Asian American communities in the county. The goal of this funding is to support positive outcomes for these caregivers and the children they serve.

Three Requests for Qualifications (RFQ), one per each targeted population, will be developed and released to agencies serving the respective populations. The amount of each of these RFQs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 will be up to \$75,000, with 12-month agreement periods. The RFQs will include the need for the applicants to conduct their own focus groups of FFN grandparents in order to determine needs and strategies for effectively reaching the grandparents. As there is a matching funds requirement from First 5 California, this will also be part of the RFQ requirements.



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Fiscal Impact:

Approval means acceptance of funding from outside sources. The aforementioned allocations will be included in the revised Ten-Year Financial Plan to be presented to the Finance Committee in Spring 2020 along with the proposed FY 2020-2021 Commission Budget, along with additional detailed budget information. Please reference the letter for **Agenda Item 9** for additional information on the IMPACT 2020 program.

Actions to be Taken Following Approval:

Based on Commission direction, the RFQs will be finalized and released in March, with results brought back to the Commission for final funding approval in May 2020.

Sincerely,



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