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School Readiness Initiative Contract Extensions
Supporting Document

Overview

The School Readiness Initiative (SR) is a jointly-funded State and local Commission effort that takes a whole child approach to ensuring that children enter school physically, emotionally and cognitively ready to learn. SR was initiated by the First 5 Commission of California in 2001, when it approved \$200 million to fund a four-year School Readiness (SR) Initiative (Cycle 1). In 2005, the First 5 Commission of California continued the School Readiness Initiative for an additional four years at the same funding level (Cycle 2). During Cycle 2, the First 5 Commission of San Diego will receive a funding match of approximately 50% or up to \$2,927,048.00 annually from the State Commission.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the proposed contract amendments for the School Readiness Initiative are consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood education within the County and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Act on the final option year to extend the contract through June 30, 2011 and approve the following fund amounts, totaling \$1,381,748, for the FY 2010-11 School Readiness program in the following school districts:
 - Escondido Union School District: Up to \$757,774 for FY 2010-11;
 - Oceanside Unified School District: Up to \$462,260 for FY 2010-11;
 - Vista Unified School District: Up to \$161,714 for FY 2010-11.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute contract amendments with the three school districts listed in the above recommendation.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$1,381,748 from the School Readiness allocation in the Commission's FY 2010-11 proposed budget. The Commission will receive up to \$690,874 in matching funds from the State First 5 Commission resulting in a net cost to First 5 San Diego of \$690,874.

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