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KidSTART Center Funding
Supporting Document

Overview:

The Commission is asked to approve funding for HHS Child Welfare Services (CWS) to pilot and implement a San Diego KidSTART Center project. KidSTART is a focused, comprehensive system to identify, assess and treat the most challenging children at the earliest age possible, when that treatment can be most effective and cost-efficient. Currently, \$200,000 is being utilized for KidSTART planning. CWS is requesting up to \$500,000 for FY 2009-10 to implement the KidSTART Center and \$4.5 million over 5 additional option years for a total request of up to \$5.0 million dollars.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the allocation is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the county and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute a funding agreement with HHS, Child Welfare Services for up to \$5.0 million project length budget for FY 2009-10 through FY 2014-15 for the KidSTART Program. Approval of this request will encumber funds up to \$500,000 for FY 2009-10 and, and obligate funds for five additional option years:
 - o up to \$1,200,000 will be approved for FY 2010-11 from that year's budget:
 - o up to \$1,200,000 will be approved for FY 2011-12 from that year's budget:
 - o up to \$900,000 will be approved for FY 2012-13 from that year's budget;
 - o up to \$700,000 will be approved for FY 2013-14 from that year's budget;
 - o up to \$500,000 will be approved for FY 2014-15 from that year's budget.
- 3) Funding will be treated as project length budgeting as each option year is authorized allowing prior year funding not spent to be rolled over to the current year.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$500,000 will be allocated from the KidSTART line in the approved FY 2009-10 budget. Additionally, \$4,500,000 will be obligated (per above) from the FY 2010-11 to FY 2014-15 budgets.

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