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Action**

Emerging Critical Needs
Supporting Document

Overview:

The Commission will be asked to approve the allocation of up to \$3,923,290 from the current year budget and up to \$6.0 million from future years to address emerging critical needs due to the current economic situation.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the proposed grant activities are consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, further the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County and provide a public benefit.
- 2) Approve and award up to \$203,290 for FY 2009-10 to the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services for the Black Infant Health Program. And authorize the Commission's Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute the funding agreement with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services.
- 3) Approve and award up to \$720,000 for FY 2009-10 to the San Diego Unified School District for the San Diego Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program. And authorize the Commission's Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute the contract with the San Diego Unified School District.
- 4) Approve and award up to \$3,000,000 for FY 2009-10 to the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services for the Early Childhood Welfare Project. Approval of this request will encumber funds for FY 2009-10 and obligate funds for two additional option years: up to \$3,000,000 will be approved for FY 2010-11 from that year's budget, and up to \$3,000,000 will be approved for FY 2011-12 from that year's budget for a potential total of up to \$9,000,000 over three years. The need to fund this effort will be reassessed on an annual basis. Funding will be treated as project length budgeting as each option year is approved allowing unspent prior year funding to be rolled over to the current year. And authorize the Commission's Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute the funding agreement with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services.

Fiscal Impact:

A total of up to \$3,923,290 will be allocated from the Emerging Critical Needs line item in the approved FY 2009-10 budget. Additionally, \$3,000,000 will be obligated from the FY 2010-11 budget, and \$3,000,000 will be obligated from the FY 2011-12 budget for the continued support of the CWS Early Childhood Welfare Services Project. If approved, the balance of Emerging Critical Needs Funds will be \$2,076,710 for FY 2009-10.

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