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School Readiness Initiative Contract Extension
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 which First 5 San Diego participated in. 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 annually from the State Commission.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Find that the proposed contract amendment for the San Diego Unified School District School Readiness Initiative contract is 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 up to \$2,637,180, for the FY 2010-11 San Diego Unified School District School Readiness.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with San Diego Unified School District. Any issues identified from the FY 2008-2009 fiscal review will be mitigated appropriately.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$2,637,180 from the School Readiness allocation in the Commission's FY 2010-11 proposed budget. The Commission will receive up to \$1,318,590 in matching funds from the State First 5 Commission resulting in a net cost to First 5 San Diego of \$1,318,590.

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