



**To: First 5 Alameda County Commission**

**From: Rebecca Gebhart, Finance and Administration Director**

**Date: February 18, 2009**

**Subject: 2008-09 Contract Authorizations**

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#### **REQUESTED ACTION**

To review and approve the following contract authorizations.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Per our Financial Policies Section VII, the Commission must approve contract amounts in excess of \$25,000. The following contracts require specific authorization from the Commission.

#### **CHILDREN'S SCREENING ASSESSMENT REFERRAL & TREATMENT (SART) COMMUNITY TRAININGS**

##### **Kidango - \$100,000**

At the September 18, 2008 Commission meeting, the Commission approved in principle the release of a Children's SART Community Training Request for Qualifications to identify a contractor to provide training and technical assistance to identified Early Care and Education providers on developmental screening, early intervention and appropriate referral pathways (2005-09 Strategic Plan, page 19). A competitive process for selecting a contractor was completed and Kidango has been recommended for funding by an interagency review committee.

First 5 requests Commission approval for a \$40,000 contract with Kidango to provide training and support to identified Early Care and Education providers to increase early identification of developmental and social-emotional concerns through the use of standardized screening tools in their programs. Kidango currently receives a 2007-09 community grant for \$60,000 per year. The addition of \$40,000 brings the aggregate 2008-09 contract amount to \$100,000 for which Commission approval is needed.

Action Requested: Approve an aggregate contract amount of \$100,000 for Kidango.

Fiscal Impact: None. All funds are budgeted. In addition to First 5 funds, the contract will be supported by AB212 funds (training funds established to support state-contracted child care programs) committed by the Alameda County Child Care Planning Council. The contract will also be used as matching dollars to draw down Title IV-E (Child Welfare Block Grant) training funds through the Alameda County Social Services Agency. The exact amount of the reimbursement is estimated to be 40%.

Recommendation: Approve an aggregate contract amount of \$100,000 for Kidango.

### **Bananas, Inc. - \$395,500**

At the September 18, 2008 Commission meeting, the Commission approved in principle the release of a Children's SART Community Training Request for Qualifications to identify a contractor to provide training to Alameda County Child Welfare Workers to assure a quality system and to support changes in practice (2005-09 Strategic Plan, page 19). A competitive process for selecting the contractor was completed and Bananas, Inc. has been recommended for funding by an interagency review committee. Bananas, Inc. will serve as lead agency and will sub-contract with 4Cs of Alameda County and Child Care Links to collaboratively develop and deliver trainings on two identified topics: Child Care 101 and Child Development 101.

First 5 requests Commission approval for a \$25,000 contract with Bananas, Inc. to serve as lead agency to develop and deliver training to Child Welfare Workers on the topics of child care and child development. Bananas, Inc. currently receives \$370,500\* in other awards from First 5. The addition of \$25,000 brings the aggregate 2008-09 contract amount to \$395,500 for which Commission approval is needed.

\*\$370,500 represents a \$1,500 Cultural Access contract, \$75,000 Community Grant, \$284,000 ECE Professional Development Systems contract and two six-month \$5,000 contracts to support the space rental for the North County Professional Development Coordinator at Bananas, Inc.

Action Requested: Approve an aggregate contract amount of \$395,500 for Bananas, Inc.

Fiscal Impact: None. All funds are budgeted. The contract will be used as matching dollars to draw down Title IV-E (Child Welfare Block Grant) training funds through the Alameda County Social Services Agency. The exact amount of the reimbursement is estimated to be 60%.

Recommendation: Approve an aggregate contract amount of \$395,500 for Bananas, Inc.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

To review and approve the above contract authorizations.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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