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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 26, 2022

DATE: April 6, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to: (1) engage in contract negotiations and, if successful, award contracts related to *Request For Qualification (RFQ) 3185-22 Open Enrollment for Foster Care Services* to: (a) 3 Angels Care, LLC. for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$648,150.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$557,070.00] annually thereafter; and (b) Call to Compassion for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$433,100.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$372,380.00] annually thereafter; with the provision for four (4), one (1) year renewal of each contract and if approved, (2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreements. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board to: (1) engage in contract negotiations and, if successful, award contracts related to Request For Qualification (RFQ) 3185-22 Open Enrollment for Foster Care Services to: (a) 3 Angels Care, LLC. for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$648,150.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$557,070.00] annually thereafter; and (b) Call to Compassion for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$433,100.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$372,380.00] annually thereafter; with the provision for four (4), one (1) year renewal of each contract and if approved, (2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreements.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 23, 2021, the Board (1) accepted a Sole Source waiver to establish a pilot program geared towards meeting the mandates imposed by the Family First Prevention

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Services Act (FFPSA) to establish residential homes under a new emergency care model to support a safe transition of care for children in need of emergency foster care; (2) approve two contract agreements to support the pilot program; (a) between Washoe County and 3 Angels Care effective upon execution and shall continue for one year in the amount of [\$503,700]; (b) between Washoe County and Call to Compassion effective upon execution of the agreement and shall to continue for one year in the amount of [\$251,850].

BACKGROUND

Beginning October 1, 2021, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) requires new criteria for a child's placement in a non-family setting (congregate care) and is transitioning eligibility for Title IV-E federally reimbursed maintenance payments to only children in emergency foster care that is home/family based. These services must be provided by a foster home under emergency care parameters. The intent is to promote family placements and reduce unnecessary use of non-family settings. The law also establishes new standards to assure the quality and appropriateness of non-family settings.

Emergency foster care is a system that aims to provide children who are removed from unsafe situations/caregivers to have an immediate safe place to have their needs met if there are no relatives or kin available. The ability to provide emergency foster care requires a unique skillset that includes, but is not limited to, the ability to care for children that vary in age, sex, developmental, emotional, and behavioral needs. This skillset is amassed through experience with the child welfare system, in depth trauma informed training and coaching, and partnering with the agency to meet immediate case related requirements.

Three Angels Care (3AC) is a therapeutic foster care agency that has been contracted with WCHSA since 2017 with the opening of their first specialized home. The agency has grown to five SFC homes and has added support groups, advocacy programs, and outreach that positively impact safety and permanency for foster youth in our system. 3AC is a provider that has been eager to grow their programming to include emergency foster care service for youth in our community. Their longstanding relationship and trauma informed approach has allowed them to grow a foundation that can support and respond successfully to emergency placements.

Call to Compassion is contracted therapeutic foster care agency that has been working with WCHSA since 2016. They are currently operating one SFC home and provide Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (PSR) to the community. Call to Compassion is well versed in the Family First Services Prevention Act and took a great initiative in becoming compliant with that act as it pertains to providing foster care to youth placed in specialized foster care and regular foster care settings. Call to Compassion has proven to be a strong partner in their ability to collaborate with the agency by providing quality care to children placed in their licensed homes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this Agreement there will be no additional impact to the Human Services Agency FY22 adopted budget as authority exists within the Children's Services Fund (F228) - F228 Emer. Shelter Care (C280520), Emergency Shelter Care (710701).

Sufficient funds and budget authority for this contract will be recommended to the Board in the FY23 Budget within the Children's Services Fund (F228) - F228 Emer. Shelter Care (C280520), Emergency Shelter Care (710701).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board to: (1) engage in contract negotiations and, if successful, award contracts related to Request For Qualification (RFQ) 3185-22 Open Enrollment for Foster Care Services to: (a) 3 Angels Care, LLC. for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$648,150.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$557,070.00] annually thereafter; and (b) Call to Compassion for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$433,100.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$372,380.00] annually thereafter; with the provision for four (4), one (1) year renewal of each contract and if approved, (2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreements.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to: (1) engage in contract negotiations and, if successful, award contracts related to Request For Qualification (RFQ) 3185-22 Open Enrollment for Foster Care Services to: (a) 3 Angels Care, LLC. for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$648,150.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$557,070.00] annually thereafter; and (b) Call to Compassion for the term of 14 (fourteen) months commencing May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed [\$433,100.00] for the first fourteen months and an amount not to exceed [\$372,380.00] annually thereafter; with the provision for four (4), one (1) year renewal of each contract and if approved, (2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreements."