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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *B-5

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE January 29, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Authorization to Accept a Grant from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the acceptance of a grant from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center.
2. Authorize the Community Services Agency Director, or her Assistant Director Designee, to sign the agreement not to exceed the total contract amount of \$10,000 for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the grant award is \$10,000. Appropriations and corresponding revenues will be included in the Community Services Agency's Service and Support Budget submission for 2008-2009. There is no cost to the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-063

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

ATTEST:

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center is a project of the District Attorney, the Community Services Agency (CSA)-Child & Family Services and all of the law enforcement agencies of Stanislaus County, as well as various other community partners. The CAIRE Center provides forensic interviewing services on child abuse cases; the services are available to any child in the County who is a victim of or a witness to a crime. The goal of the CAIRE Center is to prevent retraumatization of children by minimizing the number of investigative interviews to which they must be subjected, and to provide a professional video and audio taped interview for the investigators. Children are interviewed by a forensic interviewer while other members of the investigating team observe out of sight in an observation room. After the interview, the child and their family are provided behavioral health treatment and referral services.

Approximately seven years ago the CAIRE Center began the process to become accredited through the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in Washington DC. NCA is a nationwide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. NCA requires best practice standards be provided in order to receive accreditation.

One of the many benefits of being accredited through NCA is the ability to apply for a \$10,000 noncompetitive grant each calendar year to support child advocacy center services. This grant is offered through collaboration between the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and National Children's Alliance. In October 2006 CSA applied on behalf of the CAIRE Center for the grant and was awarded \$10,000 for Calendar Year 2007. This year, NCA is awarding CSA \$10,000 for Calendar Year 2008.

The grant money will be used to send a team of CAIRE Center partner staff, including a representative from the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, a forensic interviewer, and advocate to a forensic interview/child advocacy center training in July 2008. Training money has always been limited for many CAIRE Center partners. CSA has been able to help many of these partners, but as training funds have become more limited this year they are no longer able to help. Training is quite vital to the continued growth and success of the CAIRE Center. Being able to learn new and innovative information is essential to practicing culturally competent best practices.

We are now requesting authorization to accept this grant for Calendar Year 2008.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board is asked to consider whether approval of this request supports the Board's priorities of a safe community, effective partnerships and efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.



Christine C. Applegate
Director

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEMO TO: SUZI SEIBERT
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM:  SHANNEN LOVE
CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2008

SUBJECT: FULLY EXECUTED CONTRACT

Enclosed for your record is one (1) original of the following fully executed contract:

- ◆ NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE to Accept a Program Support Grant effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

The above mentioned contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors with Action #2008-063 on January 29, 2008 Agenda #B-5.

If you have, any questions regarding this document please contact me at 558-1430.

Thank you.

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National Children's Alliance

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2008 Grantee Information & Agreement Form (GIAF)

This form is for National Children's Alliance (NCA) 2008 approved grant applicants. This is an official agreement between your agency and NCA acknowledging that Stanislaus County Community Services Agency accepts the funding awarded by NCA through a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice and will follow all requirements outlined in the Grant Handbook and Request for Proposals.

All future inquiries regarding your grant will be made to the appropriate designee at your agency. Please carefully consider who should be the appropriate programmatic and fiscal designee. The programmatic designee will receive all reporting materials and updates. All funding will be disbursed in the agency name only. These funds will not be disbursed to those affiliated with the agency including the programmatic or fiscal contact person listed on this agreement, consultants or multidisciplinary team members. Funding checks will be mailed to the address indicated on this form only. If this information changes at any time during the grant period, promptly notify National Children's Alliance in writing. **Please only mail the original (faxed copies will not be accepted) and make a copy for your files.**

Type of Grant Awarded:

Award Identification Number: MODE-CA-PS08

Primary Programmatic Grant Administrator

Name/Title: Christine Soeth/Manager

Agency: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency

Address: PO Box 42

City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95353

Phone: (209) 558-2353

Fax: (209) 558-2558

E-mail Address: soethch@stancounty.com

Fiscal Contact Information (Fill out only if different from above)

Name/Title: Diane Tollefson/Contracts Manager

Agency: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency

Address: PO Box 42

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E-mail Address: tollefs@stancounty.com

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the conditions outlined in the Request for Proposals required for the receipt of grant funding from National Children's Alliance. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to comply with the requirements outlined in the grant award letter and NCA Grant Guidelines. I understand the term of this grant is January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Authorized Agency Representative/Title:

PATRICE DIETRICH / INTERIM DIRECTOR

Signature:



Date:

2/5/08

If fiscal agent is different than the above signed, please complete this section.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the conditions outlined in the Request for Proposals required for the receipt of grant funding from National Children's Alliance. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to comply with the requirements outlined in the grant award letter. I understand the term of this grant is January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Fiscal Contact Name:

N/A

Signature:

Date:

Please sign and return to the address below by December 20, 2007:

**National Children's Alliance
Attention: Grants Management Department
516 C St. NE
Washington, DC 20002**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STANISLAUS COUNTY COUNSEL

BY



1/15/08