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DATE: August 13, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Preminger, Director, Strategic & Intergovernmental Affairs

SUBJECT: Academic Support Services to African Ancestry and Other Students in Santa Clara County

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Agreement among Ujima Adult and Family Services Inc., Maranatha Christian Center, and Bible Way Christian Center relating to providing academic and support services to African Ancestry and other students, in an amount not to exceed \$252,000 for period September 24, 2019 through May 21, 2020, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.

CONTRACT HISTORY

On December 18, 2018 (Item No. 35), the Board approved delegation of authority to the County Executive to enter into a contract with Ujima Adult and Family Services Inc., Maranatha Christian Center, and Bible Way Christian Center relating to academic support services for African Ancestry and other students in the County. Although the delegation of authority ends October 31, 2019, the Office of the County Executive requests the Board to approve this agreement through May 21, 2022 so that services coincide with the academic year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no additional fiscal impact as a result of this recommended action. On December 18, 2018 (Item No. 35), the Board allocated \$252,000 to provide academic services to African Ancestry and other students in Santa Clara County.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

African Ancestry children in Santa Clara County disproportionately face significant risk factors that jeopardize their emotional well-being and their families' self-sufficiency and stability. These risk factors include systemic barriers and access to academic support resources that effect school engagement and educational success. The Administration recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the recommended actions to enable the County to serve the African Ancestry community and other children and youth with

educational and other supportive services that further the County's goals of improving social-emotional well-being and educational success for all children.

The recommended four-party agreement among the County, Ujima Adult, and Family Services Inc., (Ujima), Maranatha Christian Center (Maranatha), and Bible Way Christian Center (Bible Way) will permit timely disbursement of associated funds while providing culturally sensitive academic services to children and youth within Santa Clara County. It has been determined that Maranatha and Bible Way do not have the fiscal and administrative support structure to manage the program. Therefore, Ujima has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent on the agreement.

The program goals and outcomes are to improve the overall academic success and well-being of African Ancestry and other students by increasing access to support with homework completion, reading (fluency and comprehension), and other academic services, and to improve the overall academic success and well-being of all students. In addition, Maranatha and Bible Way will implement an outreach plan to target a larger African Ancestry student population at the school districts surrounding the centers. The County's funding would promote adequate resources that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for all African Ancestry and other children and families served.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on African Ancestry and other children and youth residing in the county by improving their social-emotional well-being and educational success.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

BACKGROUND

On December 18, 2018 (Item No. 35), the Board of Supervisors approved Delegation of Authority for the County Executive Office to negotiate a contract for academic support services for children and youth of African Ancestry in Santa Clara County.

Previously, the approval of the delegation allowed for the initial crafting of a unique four-party agreement among the County, Ujima, Maranatha, and Bible Way. The uniqueness of this contract required extensive partnering with Ujima, Maranatha, Bible Way, County Procurement, County Counsel, and the Office of the County Executive with the Office of Cultural Competency.

This collaborative effort has resulted in a thoughtful and comprehensive contract that has been crafted to serve the targeted population with educational support services to further the County's goals of improving social-emotional well-being and educational success for all children. Alignment of the contract to the 2019-2020 school year allows Maranatha and Bible Way to provide services over the span of the school year which will ensure continuity of

services.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommendation would prevent the delivery of academic and social services to high-need African Ancestry and other children in Santa Clara County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board will notify Gladys Cabagbag in the Office of the County Executive.

LINKS:

- Linked To: 94595 : 94595

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY20_Ujima,_Bible_Way,_Maranatha_Agreement(PDF)