



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**Item Number: 1.21**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/18/2024

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Yolanda Beltran

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Tracey Belton

**SUBJECT:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON**

Approve contract with Shared Vision Consultants (SVC) for a three-year term to begin July 01, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, for a dollar amount not to exceed \$195,510.00, for consultation services in the development and implementation of both the California Children and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) 2024-2029 System Improvement Plan (SIP), and the San Benito County Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Comprehensive Prevention Plan approved by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) January 9, 2024, and authorize the Chair to sign said contract.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

**1. Family First Prevention Services (FFPS)**

The passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) focuses on prevention and early intervention approaches to end child maltreatment from occurring. The primary objective of FFPSA is to reduce entries into foster care and increase the number of children and youth who can remain safely at home with their families. WIC Section 16587(a) requires Title IV-E agencies electing to opt-into the FFPS program to submit a three-year local comprehensive prevention plan (CPP) developed in consultation with relevant entities, including county agencies, Indian tribes, local community representatives, caseworkers in addition to individuals and families who have lived experience with the child welfare

system.

- The components of a CPP include primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention and intervention strategies and services that support the ability of parents and families to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments for their children.
- Interventions and strategies must include culturally appropriate and responsive services that are tailored to meet the needs of local families who are disproportionately represented in the child welfare system.
- County funds are not utilized to pay for this. Subvented funding is used.

## **2. California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR)**

The California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) was designed to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system while holding county and state agencies accountable for the outcomes achieved. This statewide accountability system includes:

- A County Self-Assessment (CSA) is a comprehensive review of the child welfare and probation placement programs, from prevention and protection through permanency and aftercare. The CSA is completed every five years in coordination with local community partners. The CSA evaluates the effectiveness of current practice, programs, and resources across the continuum of child welfare and probation placement services in addition to identifying areas for targeted system improvement. Counties are encouraged to conduct focus groups, hold stakeholder forums, and administer satisfaction surveys as a means to fully engage stakeholders in the analysis of the system.
- A Peer Review (PR) provides qualitative information about programs by examining child welfare practices and policies that impact outcomes for children and families. The Peer Review also provides an opportunity for sharing successful efforts across counties. Peers from counties assisting with the review share information on best or promising practices used in their own county.
- The development of a five-year System Improvement Plan (SIP), which is the operational agreement between the CDSS and the county. The SIP identifies how programs and services will address priority needs within the child welfare services continuum.
- Realignment funds are used to pay for this.

For the C-CFSR, SVC will pull data, research outcomes, facilitate discussion, write, and edit all reports including the annual SIP Progress Reports and Apricot Reports for fiscal year 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27.

For FFPS, SVC will plan and facilitate meetings, conduct virtual process conferences, and communicate online with staff, management and community partners. They will assist with implementation of the Comprehensive Prevention Plan during fiscal year 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27 which will include program development, planning community outreach programs, developing RFPs, and implementing evidence-based practices.

The San Benito County Health & Human Services Agency recommends that this contract with SVC be

approved to assist in the goal of improving outcomes for children, families, and other community members by way of ongoing consultation services involving FFPS and C-CFSR.

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

Yes

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

\$180,375.00

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

New contract.

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

Yes

**BUDGETED:**

Yes

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

No

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Non-general Fund

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

No

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

221.802285.1000.619.222

**CURRENT FY COST:**

\$65,170.00

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve contract with Shared Vision Consultants (SVC) for the period of July 01, 2024 through June 30, 2027, in the amount not to exceed \$195,510.00 and authorize San Benito County Board of Supervisor Chair to sign said contract.

**BOARD ACTION RESULTS:**

Approved contract per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Shared Visions Consultants](#)

[Fully Executed Contract - Shared Visions Consultants](#)