



To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Sam McCoy, Director of Program and Administration

Date: September 23, 2021

Re: Recommendation to Extend Persimmony Software and Evaluation Data System Contract

Background

Since 2013, the Commission has used a web-based program management and database software developed by Persimmony International Inc. to track participant demographics, services, and outcomes as part of standard data collection, contract management, program monitoring and evaluation processes to complete state and local reporting requirements.

A competitive RFP process earlier this year selected a new data base vendor Social Solutions Global (SSG) for the Apricot 360 online database. The data base set-up was scheduled for June, 2021, with the system anticipated to be operational during Quarter 1 of FY 2021-22. Due to contracting delays with SSG, the new operating date is now expected to be at the end of Quarter 2.

In order to maintain an active client database and ensure the complete data migration to the new software system, the current system Persimmony would need to be maintained for an additional 4 months through February 28, 2022 at an additional cost of \$20,000.

Recommendation

Recommended action would extend the previously approved contract for Persimmony International, Inc. through February 28, 2022 and increase the contract to an amount not to exceed \$40,000.